

# Wake County Public Schools Kindergarten Registration Information

## When?

**If your child is five years old on or before October 16, 2008**, then they may register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration will begin **February 7, 2008**. To register your child for kindergarten, based on the parent or guardian's residence go to the school that you would be assigned. If you are unsure of the base school assignment, you may check on our webpage, [www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net) and click on the Parent Tab. You may also call the Office of Growth Management (850-1921) or a nearby school and ask them for assistance.



If, for whatever reason, you are unable to register your child during kindergarten registration in February, you may register at any point prior to the opening of school in August. However it is important that registration be completed as early as possible. Schools are staffed 12 months a year so there is no need to wait until August to register.

Newcomers moving to the area should register their child at their base school as early as possible after having proof of residence.

Children do not need to be present for registration.

## What do I need?

- ✓ **Proof of Residence** – Examples include a rental agreement, a housing contract, a current electric or gas bill. A driver's license will not be accepted.
  - ✓ **An official birth certificate** – Official birth certificates may be obtained from the county or state health department where the child was born. Copies will not be accepted.
  - ✓ **Immunization records** – Medical evidence of the following immunizations must be submitted:
    - **Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTP or DtaP) Vaccine** – 5 doses. If the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, the series is complete.
    - **Polio Vaccine** – 4 doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV). If the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, the series is complete. Two doses of inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) may be substituted for 2 doses of OPV.
    - **Measles Vaccine** – 2 doses received at least 30 days apart. One dose on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and a second dose before enrolling in school for the first time. (Commonly given as MMR.)
    - **Rubella Vaccine and Mumps Vaccine** – 1 dose of each on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. (Commonly given as MMR.)
    - **Haemophilus Influenza type b Vaccine (Hib)** – 1 dose at or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday or the complete series. Hib is not given if the child is 5 years or older.
    - **Hepatitis B Vaccine (HBV)** – 3 doses (children born on or after July 1, 1994.)  
**Note:** Some children may have received Tetramune Vaccine which includes the DTP and Hib vaccines.
    - **Varicella** – 1 dose on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (children born on or after April 1, 2001).
- Failure to meet these requirements, as set by the North Carolina Immunization Laws, requires the school principal to EXCLUDE a child from attendance unless the child is in the dose waiting period.**

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## Health Assessments

North Carolina law requires a kindergarten health assessment (physical examination) before a child can enter kindergarten. This health assessment shall be made no more than 12 months prior to the date of school entry. Proper forms are available at Wake County schools, the Wake County Department of Health, and area doctors' offices. An exam can be obtained at the health department if you have no physician or health insurance.



## General School Information

- **Meals** – Breakfast and lunch are provided each day in the cafeteria. Prices are determined by the Board of Education. Some children qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- **School Hours** – Vary. (See web site)
- **Transportation** – School bus transportation is provided for all students who live at least 1 ½ miles from the base school. You will be notified of bus stops prior to the beginning of school.
- **Progress Reports** – Kindergarten report cards are issued at the end of the first semester. Individual parent/guardian conferences are held at the end of the first nine weeks of each semester. Parent/guardian – teacher conferences may be held at other times of the year.

## Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to become knowledgeable about the kindergarten program and to become actively involved with their child's education. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer in the classroom and/or work with their children at home.

## Kindergarten

As your child enters kindergarten, it is a time of great excitement and anticipation for the entire family. The kindergarten year is one of the most important ones in your child's school experience: it is a time when attitudes toward school and learning are strongly influenced. Kindergarten in Wake County Public Schools provides a creative and stimulating environment where children can be excited about learning as they develop new skills.

The kindergarten classroom is organized around learning centers where children are able to work in small groups with their peers, teachers, and a variety of materials. Through direct experiences in these centers as well as teacher directed instruction, children develop skills in language and literacy, math, science, social studies, art, music, and physical education.

## Staggered Entry

Your child will attend only one full day during the first week of school so that teachers can conduct an initial assessment. The goal of the initial assessment is to promote student success through early identification of developmental needs and styles to provide an academically stimulating program to all kindergarten students. All kindergarten students will be assessed in five areas: language and literacy, math, social-emotional, fine motor, and gross motor development.

You will receive information from the school regarding your staggered entry day.

## Getting Ready for Kindergarten

- Schools will hold Kindergarten Open House sessions in the spring.
- Off to a Good Start sessions are scheduled around the county in January. Check Project Enlightenment for details.
- Questions? Call the Kindergarten Office (850-1854) or your base school.