

**Kindergarten enrollment begins April 1, 2020.**

**Your child must be five years old on or before August 31, 2020 to enroll.**

**Register your child for kindergarten online at your assigned school.**

Parents or court-appointed guardians must submit documents from <u>each</u> of the following categories to your child's elementary school in order to register your kindergarten student.	
<b>Birth certificate</b>	<b>Proof of residence (choose one)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child's certified birth certificate</li> </ul>	<p>All items below must be in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utility bill. The following are accepted:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>natural gas bill</li> <li>water bill</li> <li>electric bill</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lease agreement</li> <li>Driver's license (or state ID card from Department of Motor Vehicles) <u>and</u> voter registration card</li> <li>Driver's license (or state ID card) <u>and</u> car registration</li> <li>Driver's license (or state ID card) <u>and</u> letter from employer verifying address. Letter from employer must be on company letterhead.</li> <li>Driver's license (or state ID card) <u>or</u> voter registration card <u>and</u> Medicaid card</li> </ul>
<b>Health records (both required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal Form</li> <li>Immunizations (shots) record from your child's health care provider</li> </ul>	

**How do I find my child's school assignment?**

- Call 336-370-8303 to learn the name of your child's school.
- Use online tool at [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com) and click on "School Assignment Locator" under the Quick Links Section. Follow online directions.

**How do I obtain my health records?**

- The North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal Form is the form the health care provider fills out after examining your child and is required by state law. Forms are available at elementary schools and some pediatrician offices. You may also download it at [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com) and click on "Departments" and "Health Services and Nursing." The form is found in the "Health Assessment Requirements" section.
- You can get a copy of your child's immunization records from your child's health care provider. Immunizations required by state law include:
  - Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis (DtaP). Five doses required. If fourth dose is after the child's fourth birthday, fifth dose is not required.
  - Inactivated Polio Vaccine or Oral Polio Vaccine (IPV or OPV). Four doses required. The booster (4th) dose is required on or after the 4th birthday and before entering school for the first time.
  - Measles. Two doses, with first dose on or after child's first birthday.
  - Mumps. One dose on or after the child's first birthday.
  - Rubella. One dose on or after the child's first birthday.
  - Haemophilus Influenza Vaccine (Hib). One dose.
  - Hepatitis B. Three doses. This vaccine is required for all children born on or after July 1, 1994.
  - Varicella. Two doses administered at least 28 days apart. This vaccine is required for all children born on or after April 1, 2001. The second dose before entering school for the first time.

**How do I obtain a certified copy of my child's birth certificate?**

- Contact the Register of Deeds in the county or state where your child was born.
- Guilford County: Register of Deeds 336-641-7556

**What if my family is in transition?**

- If you are experiencing homelessness, your child has certain educational rights under federal legislation. Forms and information are available at each school or the Student Assignment Office (120 Franklin Boulevard, Greensboro, NC).
- A *Student in Transition Affidavit* must be completed for each child. For questions, contact the office of Homeless and Transitional Services at (336) 370-2329.

**How can I help my child get ready for kindergarten?**

- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night (10 to 12 hours recommended).
- Show interest in your child's play by talking about it or joining them. Ask questions and introduce some new ideas. For example, if your child is playing grocery store, use old food boxes and write the "price" of the food on the box. You can cut up paper to use for money and "buy" things at the store.
- Talk about feelings with your child. Talk about how people feel when things happen. For example, "Your grandfather is happy when you draw him a picture."
- Offer your child a variety of healthy foods and teach him to clean up small spills. Have your child help with mealtime routines.
- Try to leave enough time for your child to dress him/herself. Have your child practice with zippers and buttons.
- Encourage your child to try new challenges such as climbing, kicking, catching, and throwing.
- Talk with and listen to your preschooler by asking and answering questions. Introduce new words, when possible.
- Whatever language you speak at home, continue to use it at home and in our community. Learning two languages is good for a child's brain development!
- Try to read picture books every day. Read the words or make up your own story. Talk about the pictures and ask questions about the story. Re-read favorite stories.
- Ask your child to tell stories.
- Encourage your child's interests and curiosity. Get books from the library about things your child finds interesting such as sports, insects, super heroes, or flowers
- Count and measure things in your daily routines. Ask questions to encourage your child to count, compare, and predict. For example, "Let's count how many cars are parked on this street."
- Provide opportunities for your child to cut, paste, draw, and write.
- Practice identifying the following colors: red, yellow, green, purple, orange, blue, brown, and black.

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