

Kindergarten Registration 2021—2022



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The cornerstone of a proudly diverse community

● OVERVIEW

“Kindergarten provides your child with an opportunity to learn and practice the essential social-emotional, problem-solving, and study skills that they will use throughout their schooling. The development of self-esteem is one of the important goals of kindergarten. Kindergarten sets the stage for the rest of their education.” (Scholastic Parent, What Makes a Good Kindergarten, 2021)

Norfolk Public Schools’ elementary staff is ready to help you navigate the registration process!

NOTE: Students entering kindergarten must turn 5 on or before September 30 of the year in which they are being enrolled.

● REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1

The first step in the registration process is to determine what school your child is zoned to attend by using the [Find My School](#) link on NPS Website. Once you have the school name, you will need to call the school for an appointment to begin the registration process. (**NOTE:** During Covid-19 Zoom appointments are also an option.) Kindergarten registration for students will be effective May 24, 2021—June 16, 2021. Registration hours will occur between 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Monday—Friday. You can find your school’s contact information by visiting npsk12.com and clicking on the “Our Schools” dropdown in the upper right hand corner. From there, click on the selected school to go to that school’s home page. Once there, select “Contact Us.”

Step 2

Next, download and complete the registration packet (you may also make arrangements to pick up a packet from your child’s zoned school), and begin gathering the following **required** documentation:

- Your proof of residence/address (*Mortgage statement, lease agreement, or current utility bill with your current address listed*)
- Your child’s original or certified birth certificate
- Your child’s physical examination report dated within 12 months of beginning kindergarten
- Most up-to-date immunization records (*Verified with the [Virginia School Entrance Health Form](#) or by a qualified health professional*)
- Expulsion Statement, if applicable
- Completed [registration packet](#)

Step 3

Completed registration packets and required documentation can be returned using one of the following options:

- In person during a scheduled appointment
- During a scheduled Zoom appointment (Parents/Guardians will need to show the required documentation via Zoom by holding it up in front of the camera. If there are any questions regarding the documents that are presented, the office manager may require that the document be submitted by e-mail, mail, or in person.)
- By e-mailing your child's zoned school with scanned attachments of the completed packet, required documentation, and a current picture of your child.

Once these documents are submitted, staff will complete your child's registration and welcome your family to the NPS family!

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY ENTRANCE

Students turning 5-years-old in October, November, or December may attend kindergarten on a space-available basis and under the following conditions:

- Able to demonstrate readiness
- Pay a tuition fee
- Follow entrance requirements

Parents interested in consideration for early entrance should submit a letter of request to:

Mr. Bruce Brady, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction
800 E. City Hall Avenue, Suite 1102
Norfolk, VA 23510

MISSION OF NPS

Welcome to Norfolk Public Schools! We are on a mission to ensure that all students maximize their academic potential, develop skills for lifelong learning and become successful contributors to a global society.

We believe Norfolk Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proudly diverse community with highly qualified teachers and staff dedicated to providing diverse teaching and learning opportunities for all students.

"Drive for Five Goals for Achieving Equity and Excellence for ALL"

We will...

- Work to improve students' academic performance and we will work to integrate social-emotional learning into daily instruction.
- Attract and retain highly qualified, effective teachers to teach our students.
- Commit to improving our aging infrastructure so that our students are educated in school buildings that are worthy of them.
- Be more purposeful and strategic in developing and sustaining effective partnerships with our families and other community stakeholders.
- Be more intentional in our efforts to foster a division-wide culture of caring.



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