

Register February 26 for next year's 4-year-old students, kindergarteners & new first graders

Who – 4-year-old Pre-K, kindergarteners and new first graders

- ◆ Each Pre-K student for the 4-year-old Pre-K program must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019.
- ◆ Each kindergarten student must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2019.
- ◆ Each first-grade student must be six years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2019.

Remember, if your child is enrolled in kindergarten now and will attend first grade at the same school, it is NOT necessary for you to register the child.

When & where for next year's four-year-old program

- ◆ 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-6 p.m., February 26
- ◆ at **Brooklyn Springs, Buford, Clinton, Erwin, Heath Springs, Kershaw and North elementary schools and Southside Early Childhood Center.**

When & where for next year's kindergarteners and new first-graders

- ◆ 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-6 p.m. February 26
- ◆ at the **elementary school your child will attend next year.**

Questions about your attendance area? Call 285-6009

- ◆ Questions about your attendance area should be directed to the Safety and Transportation Office at 285-6009.

What you need to bring

⊛ **Your child's legal birth certificate** – Bring your child's legal birth certificate

Your child **won't be allowed to register** without long form birth certificate.

- You can get a S.C. long form birth certificate 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the nearby regional offices in Rock Hill (803) 909-7300, Winnsboro (803) 635-6481 or Chesterfield (843) 623-2117.
- The search fee is \$12, and the request must be made by a parent named on the birth certificate or a legal guardian. Please make sure to have a government or employer picture I.D. with you.
- To request a copy by mail, print the application form at <http://www.scdhec.gov/vitalrecords/birthcertificates>. Standard processing time is 2-4 weeks for a \$12 non-refundable fee. Expedited service is \$17.

⊛ **Your child's S.C. certificate of immunization** – Bring your child's immunization certificate

Your child **won't be allowed to register** without this document.

- Your child's immunization certificate must show immunization against **diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, mumps, Rubeola (measles), Rubella, chicken pox, Hepatitis B, HIB and pneumococcal.**

⊛ **Two acceptable forms of proof of residency**

- **Mandatory** – copy of a tax receipt for real property or rental lease
- **AND** a second proof of residency, which could be a power, gas or water bill with a service address matching your residence address.

⊛ **You do NOT need to bring your child to registration.**

If you have other questions

- ◆ **Questions on 4-year-old programs** – call Ms. Shirnetha Stinson at 283-3915.
- ◆ **Most questions on kindergarten & first-grade registration** – school where you plan to register your child.
- ◆ **Other questions** – please call Linda Blackwell at 286-6972 or 1-800-277-LCSD.

Immunizations available

- ◆ Schedule an appointment by calling 1-855-472-3432.

About the first week in 4K & Kindergarten

- **You are not required** to prepare your child, however there is a list of things on the back to help your child prepare for school.
- **During the first few weeks of school**, your child will be asked to identify letters, numbers, colors, his/her name and other skills.
- **The teacher will use** this information as a guide for lesson preparation.

Preparing your child for school

The list below can help to guide you as you prepare your child for school. These things can be accomplished through everyday routines or by fun activities with your child. Keep in mind that children grow and develop at different rates.

- ◆ Read to your child every day.
- ◆ As you read, focus on
 - how to hold the book,
 - how to turn a page,
 - having children notice the pictures and talking about them,
 - having children retell the story as they flip through the pages,
 - having children “write” their thoughts about the book. Scribbling is writing.
- ◆ Read books about starting school.
- ◆ Talk enthusiastically with your child about starting school.
- ◆ Be positive and excited as you describe all the important things he/she will learn from his/her teacher—how to read, how to count and how to measure and weigh things.
- ◆ Talk about and practice before-and-after-school routines.
- ◆ Young children love to hear, sing and say nursery rhymes and songs. Counting rhymes and songs can be both enjoyable for children and introduce them to basic math concepts, such as number names and number sequences.
- ◆ Check out <https://www2.ed.gov/parents> for simple math and counting activities for Pre-kindergarten-Grade 5.

- ◆ Having your child help with household chores can allow children to learn
 - new words,
 - how to listen and follow directions,
 - how to count and
 - how to sort. It can also help children improve their physical coordination and learn responsibility.
- ◆ Make sure your child is eating a balanced diet and getting plenty of rest.
- ◆ When the first day of school arrives, be patient with your child.
 - Many young children are overwhelmed at first because they haven’t had much experience in dealing with new situations.
 - They may not like school immediately.
 - Your child may cry or cling to you when you say goodbye each morning, but with support from you and his/her teacher, this can change rapidly.
 - As your child leaves home for his/her first day of school, let them know how proud you are of them.

Check out the websites below for more in-depth information and helpful suggestions on preparing your child for school.

- ◆ <https://www2.ed.gov/parents>
- ◆ <https://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/instruction/early-learning-literacy/transkinder.pdf>
- ◆ <https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/early-learning-and-literacy/family-learning-and-resources/>
- ◆ https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/math/part_pg5.html
- ◆ <https://www2.ed.gov/parents/earlychild/ready/preschool/preschool.pdf>