

Things You Need To Do... before your child starts school

Know the name of your child's principal and the name of his/her teacher or teachers.

Investigate becoming a school volunteer, or learn how you could help with P.T.A. functions and school events.

Note where and when your child will meet the bus. Your school can give you this information and what time he/she will be picked up and dropped off.

Do find out about school rules and bus rules, procedures for bringing money to school, extra clothing, and emergency situations.

Encourage your child and talk about school in a positive way. Answer any questions your child has about school in a reassuring manner, reminding him/her that there are friendly people at school to help him/her.

Read to your child every day.

Save and post the school calendar and contact information for the school/teacher.



The Kindergarten Year Is... a time of transition

This year your child will:

- develop independence and responsibility
- enhance motor skills
- be encouraged to think creatively and to solve problems
- learn to cooperate with others, listen, and follow directions

A good early childhood environment is active and filled with busy sounds of children working and learning.

Kindergarten students learn through their experiences. The classroom environment in kindergarten provides a variety of learning activities for students. There are opportunities for group and independent work, hands-on materials and tools to encourage problem-solving and thinking skills, and lots of books and print to encourage and support strong literacy skills.

Kindergarten looks fun because it is! Working in an environment that meets their learning needs helps them to be successful in school.



When You Have Questions... feel free to call or visit the school

Teachers will send home samples of your child's class work, newsletters, and information about meetings and conferences. If you have any questions about your child's school, or about his/her work, please call the school and make an appointment with your child's teacher. All parents are asked to come for a conference at the end of the first report period and pick up their child's report card and at other times as needed.

If you are unsure which school your child is supposed to attend, please call the

TIMS OFFICE (Transportation Information Management System)

318-6120	819-3120	218-4120
or	or	or
318-6185	819-3185	218-4185

For more information, call the school your child will be attending or call the Director of Elementary Education at 318-6059.



Kindergarten...

Here We Come!



Welcome to Kindergarten... we're glad you're here!

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Randolph County Board of Education and staff, we welcome you to our school family of parents, teachers, and students. We are extremely proud of the teachers and staff that will be serving your child. They encourage and welcome your support and involvement in your child's education. They encourage and welcome your support and involvement in your child's education. Plan now to be ready and willing to work with your child, your child's teacher and other personnel to make school a rich and positive learning experience.

It is our hope that the Kindergarten orientation session will help prepare you and your child for the beginning of an exciting 13-year journey through the public schools.

Thank you for being a part of this first school experience for your child. In the months and years ahead, I urge you to become actively involved in your child's school. The entire school staff is ready to assist you whenever the need arises.



My wish for you is that your child will be happy and successful during all the school years ahead, and that the future will hold a life that is rich and rewarding for all the days to come.

Respectfully,
Donald E. Andrews
Superintendent
Randolph County Schools

To Register Your Child...

he or she must be five years old on or before **August 31**.

You must register your child at the school in your attendance district.

Please provide the following:

- Verification of Residence (valid North Carolina Driver's License and a utility bill both showing the current address)
- Birth Certificate (or other proof of birth approved by the Director of Student Services)
- Immunization Record (shot records available from your pediatrician or county health department)
- Kindergarten Health Assessment Report (forms are available at elementary schools or the county health department). Call your pediatrician or the county health department to make an appointment for your child's health screening.

Randolph County Health Department

Asheboro

Kindergarten Physicals, call 318-6255
Immunizations, call 318-6258

Archdale

Kindergarten Physicals, call 819-3255
Immunizations, call 819-3258

Liberty

Kindergarten Physicals, call 218-4255
Immunizations, call 218-4258



Health & Shot Records...

are required by state law

State law requires that children entering Kindergarten have a completed Health Assessment Form and a certified record of his or her immunizations (shots) on file with the school. Both of these may be completed at your child's pediatrician's office, or you may take your child to clinics offered by the county health department.

You can begin the kindergarten registration process even if you do not have the Health Assessment Form and immunization records completed. You must have these documents completed and returned to the school within 30 calendar days after the first day of school. If a completed health assessment and up to date immunization record are not received by the school within 30 calendar days of your child's first day, North Carolina Law requires that your child be suspended from school until **both records** are provided to the school.

These immunizations and vaccines are required:

DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) Five doses. If the fourth dose is after the child's fourth birthday, then the fifth dose is not required.

POLIO VACCINE (OPV/IPV) Four doses. If the third dose is after the child's fourth birthday, then the fourth dose is not required.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Two doses given at least 30 days apart. First dose on or after the child's first birthday. Second dose before K-1 entry.

Hib (Haemophilus Influenza Vaccine) Three-four doses. At least one dose on or after 15 months, but before age five. Not required after age five.

Hep-B (Hepatitis B Vaccine) Three doses required if born after July 1, 1994. Available to any child age 18 or under.

Varicella One dose given after the child's first birthday for all children born after April 1, 2001.
**Second dose recommended prior to school entry.

Series of Hep-A recommended for anyone over the age of 1 to age 18.

How To Help Your Child...

get off to a good start

You can help your child by:

- Making sure he/she goes to bed at a regular time each night and gets plenty of sleep.
- Providing a good breakfast.
- Waking your child in plenty of time so he/she does not have to feel rushed and is alert when school starts.
- Being ready and on time at the bus stop.
- Seeing that he/she arrives at school on time.
- Helping him/her dress in comfortable clothing with shoes suitable for running and playing.
- Practicing good habits and manners.
- Establishing a routine to read with your child and to help him/her complete their homework.

Some Basic Things Your Child Should Know

- His/her name
- Recognize name in print
- Parents' or guardians' names
- Recognize eight basic colors
- Bus number
- How to cut with scissors
- How to follow simple directions
- Good bathroom habits
- How to share and take turns
- How to take care of his/her things (coat, book, etc.)
- Use pencil and crayons to write and draw

