



Transition to Kindergarten Webinar FAQs

- **How do I register for kindergarten?**
 - Currently, DPS is not able to register in person at their school sites. If you are new to DPS and have not registered your child for kindergarten, please fill out the [Enrollment Notification Form](#) and they will send you a notification in July when the new online system is ready for you to register for kindergarten. <https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/105>
 - Enrollment Notification Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqzZsFOkRMlpxOvpGb3olCk6Vhgc8z4zC6A2m0HRJADABW-A/viewform>
- **What are the required documents for registration?**
 - Enrollment Packet
 - <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/4080>
 - Proof of Residence
 - Child's Birth Certificate
 - Child's Immunization Records
 - Kindergarten Health Assessment Form (must be completed within 30 days of enrollment)
 - <https://publichealth.nc.gov/wch/doc/aboutus/HAFForm2016Revised-062917.pdf>
- **Want to know more about kindergarten?**
 - Call the Office of Early Education at 919-560-3505
- **Who is eligible for kindergarten?**
 - Any child who will turn 5 by August 31st
- **Questions about the kindergarten early admission process?**
 - Call the Office of Advanced Academics at 919-560-2029
- **Questions about the different magnet programs available?**
 - Visit the magnet programs website or call 919-560-2603
- **Kindergarten Curriculum**
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/342>
 - Click here: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/k-12-standards-curriculum-and-instruction/standard-course-study>
- **Typical Kindergarten Classroom**
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/342>
- **Kindergarten Assessments**
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/342>
- **Do all elementary schools have ESL teachers?**
 - Each school has someone who serves them.
- **Academic Readiness**
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/341>
- **Breakfast and Lunch Information**
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/4643>
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/117>
- **DPS Transportation**



- Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=280>
 - Call 919-560-BUSS (2877) for more information
- **Which schools have Stepping Stones?**
 - Contact Forest View for most recent info: <https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/18>
 - Contact Y.E. Smith for most recent info: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Domain/36>
 - Contact Lakewood for most recent info: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Lakewood-Elementary>
 - **Where can I find information about dental or health screenings?**
 - Your child's pediatrician
 - Durham County Public Health- Call 919-560-7680
 - Lincoln Community Health Center- Call 919-956-4034
 - **How do I know where my child will attend?**
 - School Locator Tool: <http://maps.durhamnc.gov/address/?page=schools&addr=-1>
 - Call the Office of Student Assignment at 919-560-2059
 - **Who do I contact if I have submitted my application, but I have a change of address?**
 - Call the Office of Student Assignment at 919-560-2059
 - **If I am selected for a magnet school that is not in my district, will transportation be provided for me if I live across town?**
 - All elementary schools except for Sandy Ridge get district wide transportation.
 - **Does every elementary school have an EC classroom? If not, which schools do have an EC classroom?**
 - Each school is different and the EC classrooms are different depending on need. The parent can reach out to EC for specific schools that have a program that would meet their child's needs.
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/169>
 - **If I apply for kindergarten too late, is it possible that my child will not be able to attend school?**
 - You can apply for kindergarten at any time and your child can come to school.
 - **If the school in my district does not have an available slot for my child, what are my options?**
 - If your school is full, you will be assigned to another school with availability. Usually there is room at your base school.
 - **How do I apply for free or reduced lunch?**
 - Click here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/232>
 - Eligibility Criteria: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/press-releases/2019/07/12/eligibility-requirements-set-school-lunch-program>
 - **What will learning look like this fall? Will it be virtual or in-person?**
 - In terms of what the school year will look like, there is a Re-Entry Task force that has been created to determine what the process will look like. The task force is using state guidance from DPI and DCDEE.
 - Click here: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/Strong-Schools-NC-Public-Health-Toolkit.pdf>
 - **What if I don't read or write in Spanish or English, how can I read to my son or daughter?**
 - Online storytime is hosted by Durham County Library (<https://durhamcountylibrary.org/kidsteens/kids/online-storytime/>) and Storyline Online (<https://www.storylineonline.net/>)



- **Who should I contact if I have any medical concerns for my child?**
 - Contact the School Nurse at (919) 560-7712
 - Click here: <https://www.dcopublichealth.org/services/child-health/school-health-3628>
- **What do I do if my child needs medication administered at school?**
 - Complete the Parent Request and Provider Order Form for Medication Administration Form: <https://www.dpsnc.net/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=5781&dataid=29361&FileName=Parent-Request-for-Med-Admin.pdf>
- **What if I need help in translation or interpretation in other languages?**
 - Contact the Multilingual Resource Center at 919 560-2510
- **Is there a new families committee at all DPS schools?**
 - Not necessarily. You may contact the school directly to inquire. Durham PTA Council unites and builds capacity of all PTAs to work together to serve the educational needs of children in Durham, support the role of teachers and be a voice in partnership within the community.
 - Click here: <https://www.ptadurham.org/>
- **If my student participated in DPS PreK - have I completed the necessary paperwork, or is there more for me to do?**
 - No, you are all set.
- **What type of assistance does DPS offer in scheduling behavioral assessments?**
 - You may contact Leslie Greene at (919) 560-3933 or via email at leslie.greene@dpsnc.net.
- **Is Letterland an online program or just used in the classroom?**
 - Just used in the classroom.
- **For children who are Spanish speaking, are there teachers who help the children throughout the day?**
 - No, we do not have any Spanish speaking helpers but our teachers have resources they can use with students who speak Spanish.
- **English is not my first language in my family. My child does not speak it that well, but understands instructions. What kind of support will my child receive?**
 - There is no ESL support in preschool, but each school does have someone who speaks Spanish that can help if needed.
- **Which elementary schools offer dual language programs?**
 - Lakewood
 - Southwest
- **What is my role as a parent/caregiver?**
 - Please review DPfC's Transition to Kindergarten Packet (attached)
 - Build relationships with your child's teacher and other parents
 - Ask what is best to do at home to support students rather than make assumptions.
 - Assess what you need to know before starting Kindergarten- Are you getting the info you need to start smoothly?