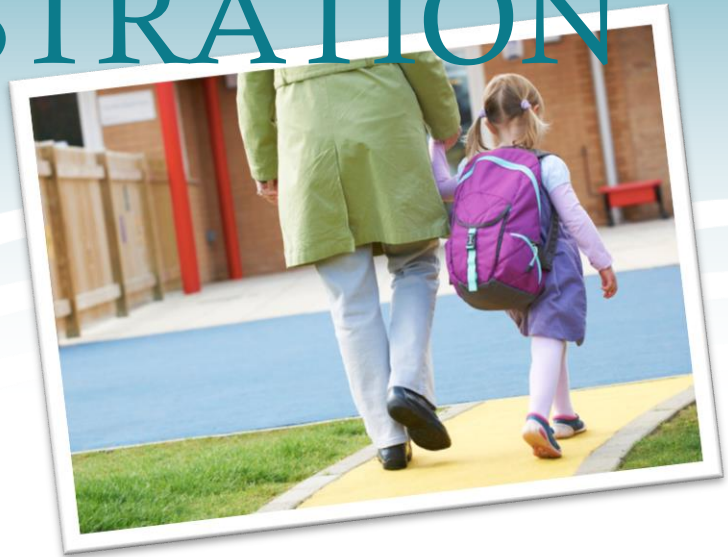


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F O R F A M I L I E S

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



## The Basics

### Is my child old enough?

- Your child must turn 5 on or before August 31, 2021, to enroll in a North Carolina public school.

### What documents do I need to register my child for kindergarten?

- Proof of age (certified birth certificate)
- Court order of guardianship (if child is living with someone other than parent)
- Immunization record and NC Health Assessment Transmittal form
- Proof of residency (two documents)

### Where do I register my child for Kindergarten?

- Check your local school district's website or call for information

## Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

A child's first school experience is a monumental occasion for both the family and the child. One may wonder, "Is my child ready for school?" and, "Is the school ready for my child?"

The Office of Early Learning has published [\*The Let's Get Ready! Guide\*](#). This resource is designed for families and caregivers to actively support a child's continued developmental growth by providing information and strategies within five areas of development and learning (Approaches to Play and Learning, Emotional and Social Development, Health and Physical Development, Language and Communication Development, and Cognitive Development). The five areas of development guide in the understanding of what children know and can demonstrate within the age range from birth to five years.

## Set a "Getting Ready for K" Timeline!

February - April

April - June

June - August

Add the registration date to your calendar.

Enjoy learning at home together (cooking together, nursery rhymes, books and songs).

Complete medical requirements and paperwork.

Increase the number of choices you give your child (clothes, books, playmates).

Talk with your child about differences between preschool and what a day will be like in kindergarten.

Practice bedtime and morning routines.



## COVID-19 and Options.... In- Person or Remote?

Due to COVID-19, there may be options for your child's education. Many parents, caregivers, and guardians will have some difficult decisions to make about their child's education as the school year begins. If you are faced with these choices and need to weigh the risks and benefits of available educational options, the CDC has designed a tool to help. The tool will guide you as you consider all factors involved to make the best choice of instructional format for your child.

[CDC Back to School Decision Making Checklist linked here.](#)



### Questions to Consider Asking at Registration:

- My child is 5, he missed pre-k due to COVID, is there anything special I need to know?
- My child is 6, he missed kindergarten due to COVID, can he go to 1<sup>st</sup> grade?
- When can we visit the school, see the classroom and meet the teacher?
- How does the lunch program work?
- How can I sign my child up for the bus?
- What will my child's daily schedule be?

### What is the NC ELI?

The NC ELI is the North Carolina Early Learning Inventory, a formative assessment process that is designed for all kindergarten teachers in NC to use with students as they enter their first year of school-aged instruction. It is an observation-based tool intended to be used in natural learning environments where developmentally appropriate learning activities are taking place. It focuses on the growth and development of the whole child in order to provide the teacher with a comprehensive view of what the child can do. The NC ELI is required by law to be completed for each student in the state of NC according to the North Carolina State Board of Education Policy KNEC-017. Teachers are expected to use the information gained from the process to guide their planning and provide targeted learning opportunities for children.



[NC ELI for Families](#)

