Welcome to Kindergarten 2011-12

Kindergarten enrollment begins March 1, 2011.
Your child must be five years old on or before August 31, 2011 to enroll.
Register your child for kindergarten at your assigned school.

Take the following documents to your child’s elementary school office to enroll your child for kindergarten:

1. Certified copy of your child’s birth certificate
2. Fully completed Kindergarten Health Assessment Report
3. Immunization (shots) record from your child’s health care provider
4. Proof of residence showing name and address of parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian

Parents/guardians can help your kindergarteners get off to a good start:

- Make sure he or she gets plenty of sleep each night. (10 to 12 hours recommended)
- Provide a good breakfast either at home or ensure early arrival for a school breakfast.
- See that he or she arrives at school on time, but not before proper adult supervision is available.
- Read childhood stories aloud to your child regularly.
  Then, ask your child questions about the story such as what happened first, next, and at the end. Ask about the characters in the story. Are they real or make believe?
- Practice identifying letters in books, in stores, on signs, etc.
- Ask your child to tell stories as well.
- Encourage your child to count items and identify shapes.
- Provide opportunities for your child to cut and paste, draw and write.
- Encourage your child to skip, hop, and throw/catch balls.

How do I find my child’s school assignment?

Call 336-370-8303 to learn the name of your child’s school or go to www.gcsnc.com and click on the “School Locator.” Follow online directions.

How do I get a certified copy of my child’s birth certificate?

If your child was born in Guilford County, you may obtain a certified copy of your child’s birth certificate at the Register of Deeds office in Greensboro (336-641-7556) or High Point (336-845-7931). If your child was born in another county or state, you must contact the Register of Deeds there.

What can I use as proof of residency documents?

You may bring one of the following:
1. An original utility bill (light, water, natural gas) in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian.  *Telephone or cable television bills are not acceptable as proof of residency.*
2. Rental agreement in the name of the parent(s) or court appointed guardian/custodian
3. Official lease agreement in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian. 

Mortgage is not accepted as proof of residency.

OR - you may bring one of the following COMBINATIONS:

4. Driver's license (or State ID card from Department of Motor Vehicles) and voter registration card (obtain from the Board of Elections Office - not the Department of Motor Vehicles. DMV will not provide documentation of voter registration). These items must be in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian.

5. Driver's license (or State ID card) and car registration in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian.

6. Driver's license (or State ID card) and letter from employer verifying address of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian. Letter from employer must be on company letterhead.

7. Driver's license (or State ID card) or voter registration card and Medicaid card in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian/custodian.

Where do I get a Kindergarten Health Assessment Report?

This report is the form the health care provider fills out after examining your child and is required by state law. Forms are available at elementary schools, some pediatrician offices and at www.gcsnc.com.

Where do I get my child’s immunization records?

You can get a copy of this record from your child’s health care provider. Immunizations required by state law include:

1. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis (DTaP)** Five doses are required. If fourth dose is after the child’s fourth birthday, the fifth dose is not required.

2. **Inactivated Polio Vaccine or Oral Polio Vaccine (IPV or OPV)** Four doses are required. If third dose is on or after child’s fourth birthday, the fourth dose is not required.

3. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** Two doses are required, with first dose on or after the child’s first birthday.

4. **Hepatitis B** Three doses are required. This vaccine is required for all children born on or after July 1, 1994.

5. **Varicella** One dose is required. This vaccine is required for all children born on or after April 1, 2001.

With these documents, parents or court-appointed guardians/custodians may register children at their assigned schools.

Welcome!

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