



It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

Registration for new students or students entering public school kindergarten in August 2014 is currently being held in all Howard County public elementary schools at times determined by individual schools.

Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland. State law requires that children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2014 must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2014. Children entering first grade in the fall of 2014 must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2014. For information about exceptions to this law (e.g. waiver, early admission) visit www.hcpss/schools/kindergarten.

Parents or guardians are to register students at the school currently serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Parents may check the "School Locator" on the school system web site, www.hcpss.org, or call the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 for information on which school serves their neighborhood.

The parent or guardian must present the following information at the time of registration:

- The child's evidence of birth
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a lease, a deed and a utility bill
- Photo ID of the parent/guardian
- Proof of custody

Driver's licenses and voter registration cards will not be accepted as proof of residence. State law prohibits a child from attending school for even one day unless proof of immunization has been provided. Immunization and health forms are available at each elementary school.

Families who require interpreter services can contact the Office of International Student Services at 410-313-1525 or 410-313-7102 for registration assistance.

