CENTRAL REGISTRATION



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Welcome to the Mankato Area Public Schools!

As a parent or guardian of a student in our schools, you are our most important and valued partner in the work of our school district. "Assuring learning excellence and readiness for a changing world" is the mission statement that drives our work every day, and we are thrilled to have you join us on this exciting journey.

Our records indicate you have an incoming kindergartner to Mankato Area Public Schools starting in September 2021. We are enclosing a checklist of items that need to be completed for Kindergarten Registration.

Registration will be held January 11 to February 12, 2021

Due to COVID-19, the Central Registration office remains closed to the public. As a result, please either email, fax or mail copies of all required documents.

Email - <u>centralregistration@isd77.org</u> Fax - 507-387-2618 Mail - Mankato Area Public Schools Attn: Central Registration 10 Civic Center Plaza Mankato, MN 56001

Early childhood screening is required for entrance into kindergarten. All incoming kindergartners must be screened before they start kindergarten. This is a FREE service that supports your child's readiness for kindergarten. If your child has not yet been screened, please call 507-387-2125 to schedule an appointment.

If you are not planning to enroll your child in kindergarten in the Mankato Area Public Schools this fall, please call the Central Registration office at 507-387-2125 or email <u>centralregistration@isd77.org</u> to give us that information so you can be removed from our enrollment list.

Kindergarten Roundup - Please visit our website the last week of March for information regarding Kindergarten Roundup plans for this year. If the pandemic requires a different plan, we will communicate those through the website as well.

The kindergarten year is most important because it is the beginning of your child's formal education. We look forward to working with you so your child's kindergarten experience is fun, productive and filled with rich learning experiences. We are committed to safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environments that reflect our core values of integrity, respect, excellence, adaptability, responsibility, engagement and collaboration.

Our school staff looks forward to meeting you and your student and making kindergarten a great experience for your family.

Sincerely,

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Paul Peterson Superintendent



Kindergarten Registration Checklist

Central Registration Office 10 Civic Center Plaza Mankato, MN 507.387.2125

Checklist items are to be completed for Kindergarten registration.

Currently the Central Registration office is closed to the public. Please either email scanned copies of the birth certificate and immunization records to <u>centralregistration@isd77.org</u> or fax them to 507-387-2618 or you can mail copies to the address above.

Kindergarten Entrance Requirements:

- Online Registration can be done at home. For the online options, please see page 2 of this document (turn over). Please note: Registration process needs to be completed on a computer, laptop or tablet.
 PHONES do not work correctly with this process.
- □ Immunizations Please provide the most current documentation of required Immunizations. Please see the letter from Mankato Area Schools Health Services.
- Official State Issued Birth Certificate. The State of Minnesota requires parents to provide a copy of a legal Birth Certificate at the time of Kindergarten Registration. Please send a <u>copy</u> of the birth certificate. We do not accept the Hospital Certificate (the one with the footprints) as it is not a legal document. If you do not own a Birth Certificate and your child was born in MN, you can get a legal birth certificate at the Government Center in Mankato located <u>410 S 5th St</u>. Parents/Guardians need to bring an ID to the Government Center and the cost is \$26. If your child was born in another state, contact the county courthouse in the state your child was born.
- Early Childhood Screening is to be completed prior to the start of the Kindergarten year and through the age of 5 years old. Appointments are only available through early May 2021 and are not offered during the summer. To make an appointment, please call the Central Registration at 507-387-2125 to schedule an appointment with our office. If your child has already had a screening in the Mankato School district, we have those records and you do not need to schedule an appointment or supply screening records.
- □ **Transportation Forms** if your address is eligible for bus transportation, a form will be emailed to you once your online registration is uploaded. To determine if your address is eligible for busing or to determine the assigned school please go to <u>www.isd77.org</u>. In the Search bar, search for Bus Transportation, then click "Determine Eligibility for Busing".

We are excited to welcome you to the Mankato Area Public Schools and assist you with your Kindergarten Registration!

Online Options

Online Option 1: Parent Portal (if you have an account with your older children in our district)

This option only applies if you have a child currently enrolled in our district **AND you have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal account.

Step 1: Log into the parent portal

https://mankatomn.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/mankato.jsp

Step 2: Select the **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** link

Step 3: Follow the instructions to complete registration forms for your kindergarten student.

**If you need assistance logging into your account, please email our Infinite Campus Support team at *ICSupport@isd77.org*

Online Option 2: Web

This option applies if you have a valid email address and **Do Not have a Parent Portal Account.

Step 1: Enter the following web address into your web browser

<u>https://mankatomn.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLogin/mankato</u> Step 2: A link will be sent from a "Do Not Reply" email. Click on the link and the registration application will start.

Our registration process is only available online and it is connected to our database which prompts notifications to specific departments depending on your answers (health concerns, Special Ed, English Learner and parent release forms).

If a computer or laptop is not available to you, please consider using the Public Library computers or if you have a student in the district their Chromebook will also work. This process is **NOT phone friendly.**

• Due to COVID-19, our office is closed to the public. Central Registration can schedule a phone appointment to complete the online registration over the phone with you. Please allow 20-30 minutes for the appointment. Phone appointments can be made by calling 507-387-2125. Once our office is open to the public again, we have computers available to use. Please refer to our website for updates if our office has opened up to the public (www.isd77.org) click Enroll to get to the Central Registration home page.



TO: Parents or Guardians

FROM: Mankato Area Schools Health Service

RE: REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN

We welcome your child to kindergarten and look forward to working with you to promote your child's health throughout his/her school years.

The Minnesota School Immunization Law requires that your child have documentation of certain immunizations on file with the school district **before** your child can start kindergarten in the fall. Documentation of the following immunizations will be required:

- DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis): 5 doses (5th shot not needed if 4th was after 4th birthday. Final dose of DTaP must be after 4th birthday.)
- Polio: 4 doses (4th shot not needed if 3rd was after 4th birthday. Final dose of polio must be after 4th birthday.)
- MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella): 2 doses given after 1st birthday.
- Hepatitis B: a series of 3 immunizations given over a six-month period.
- Varicella (chickenpox): 2 doses given after 1st birthday OR documentation of disease history (including the month/year) signed by health care provider.

Your child will not be allowed to start school next fall until documentation of your child's required immunizations is on file in the Mankato Area School Health Services. It is your responsibility to make sure complete immunization records are on file prior to the first day of school.

If your child will not be receiving any of these immunizations for **medical reasons**, documentation from your healthcare provider is required. If you **conscientiously object**, a notarized statement is required.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mankato Area Schools Health Services