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News Release

TO: Media

FROM: Johnson County School System

RE: Head Start / Pre-K / Kindergarten Registration

DATE: March 5th, 2025

Johnson County Schools will be registering Head Start, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students for the 2025 - 2026 school year according to the following schedule:

Place	Date	Time
Doe Elementary	April 7 nd	9:00-10:00 am
Laurel Elementary	April 7 nd	1:00-2:00 pm
Roan Creek Elementary	April 8 th	1:00-2:30 pm
Mountain City Elementary	April 9 th	1:00-2:30 pm

If your child is 5 years old on or before August 15, 2025, you will register for Kindergarten.

How to register for Kindergarten

- Go to your child's zoned school on the date listed above.
- You will need to bring the following documents: a certified birth certificate (not mother's copy), a recent physical, and an up-to-date shot record – if you do not have all documents, you still need to register your child.
- If your child is currently enrolled in Head Start or Pre-K, you do not need to register your child for Kindergarten.

If you cannot attend on the date listed above, you can always register at your child's zoned school at any time. You may also register online at www.jocoed.net or call Jessie Laing at Central Office for additional information.

Open Enrollment Period

State law requires all children to attend the school they are zoned for. If you want your child to attend a school outside of your zone, you must pick up an application at Central Office beginning on June 2nd. All applications can be turned in beginning July 1st- July 31st; **applications will not be accepted before July 1st.**

On June 2nd, the application and the number of open seats for each grade will be posted on the Johnson County Schools website, www.jocoed.net. A reasonable number of seats must be reserved for families who move into that zone or who have a parent/guardian employed at the school. All other seats will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have any questions about open enrollment, call Angie Wills at 727-2640.



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If your child is 3 or 4 years old on or before August 15, 2025, you will register for Head Start / Pre-K.

How to register for Head Start and Pre-K

- If your child is currently enrolled in Head Start or Pre-K, you do not need to register your child again.
- Go to your child's zoned school on the date listed above.
- You will need to bring the following documents: a certified birth certificate (not mother's copy), a recent physical (with lead test if your child has been tested), an up-to-date shot record, proof of income, and proof of residency.

If you do not have all the documents, you will still need to register your child, however, they will be placed on a waitlist until we receive what is required.

If you cannot attend on the date listed above, you may also register online at www.jocoed.net, click on departments, and then Head Start to access the online application.

If you want your Head Start / Pre-K child to attend a different school other than their zoned school, those seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and only after the students zoned for that area are enrolled.

If you send your child to a school outside their zone, you are not automatically guaranteed a seat at the same school for Kindergarten. You will have to follow the Open Enrollment procedures listed above.

If you have any questions, please call Nikki Porter at 423-727-2640