Enrolling in Henry County Schools

Age Requirements - Georgia Department of Education 160-5-1-.28
Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 1. First-grade students must be 6 years old on or before September 1. A copy of the child's proof of age (birth certificate) must be supplied at the time of enrollment.

Proof of Residency Documentation - Henry County Schools Policy JBCA - Resident Students
To be eligible to enroll in Henry County Schools, students must reside with their natural parent(s), legal guardian(s), or responsible adult within the boundaries of Henry County. Students and their parent must be full-time Henry County residents for the entire period of enrollment of the child in the Henry County School System. Students who are 18 years of age may enroll themselves in school provided they present documentation that their residence is located within the attendance zone for the school. Proof of residence is required when a student initially enrolls in a Henry County school, whenever a change of residence occurs, or any time authorized school district personnel request proof of residency. School district personnel may request proof of residency multiple times and/or any time we determine, within our discretion, that it is warranted.

- One of the following: Property tax statement, Settlement statement, Closing Disclosure, Lease/Rental Agreement with Signatures **AND**
- One of the following: Gas, Electric, Water, Sanitation or Cable bill or letter of service dated within the last 60 days

Attendance Zone - Henry County Schools Policy JBCCA - Student Assignment to Schools
Students must attend school in the attendance zone where their parents/legal guardians reside. Students may not attend other schools in the system except with the permission of the Henry County Board of Education.

If you are uncertain about the correct attendance area for your neighborhood, please contact the Transportation Services Department at 770-957-2025 or visit the school system website at www.henry.k12.ga.us. Click here and enter your address information to view the school in your attendance zone.

Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition Examination – Georgia Department of Health – School Health
Any student, regardless of grade level, who has never been enrolled in a Georgia public school, must also provide certification of eye, ear and dental and nutrition examinations. Any child admitted to school without a certificate must present one within 30 calendar days. The form for this examination is DPH Form 3300. All DPH forms may be obtained at the Henry County Health Department, physician's, or dentist's office.

Guardianship
If a student resides with any person other than a natural parent, a certified copy of the court documents that establish legal guardianship will be required at the time of enrollment. A student may be enrolled for up to thirty (30) days while guardianship is pursued. A petition for temporary guardianship can be filed with the Henry County Probate Court (770-288- 7600).

Immunizations - Georgia Department of Health - School Vaccines
All students in grades K-12 must provide an immunization certificate, GA Form 3231 or a GA Form 2208 at the time of enrollment. This certificate may be obtained from the Henry County Health Department or from a physician. A student may be enrolled for up to thirty (30) days while proof of immunization obtained.

A child entering school in Georgia for the first time must be age-appropriately immunized according to the Summary of Georgia Immunization Requirements for Child Care & School Attendance. Immunizations required for Georgia school attendance are DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td; Hepatitis A and B; Hib (required for childcare and pre-k only); Polio; Measles, Mumps and Rubella (or MMR); and Varicella; PCV (required for childcare and Pre-k only), and Meningococcal (required for 7th and 11th grades).

Effective July 1, 2021, all students 16 years of age and older who are entering 11th grade must receive a booster dose of meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine, unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday.

For entrance into the sixth grade of Georgia schools, a child must have a total of two doses of measles and mumps vaccines administered and must be immunized for protection against Chicken Pox, also known as varicella.

Parents may be able to temporarily waive Georgia's immunization requirements for religious or medical reasons. Discuss these options with your child's healthcare provider.

Social Security Number - Henry County Schools Policy JBC(3) - Social Security Numbers
At the time of enrollment in Henry County Schools, parents are asked to provide voluntarily a copy of the child's Social Security Card. However, no student shall be denied enrollment in Henry County School District for declining to provide a Social Security Number or declining to apply for such a number. A parent/guardian may submit a Statement of Objection (Waiver) in lieu of a copy of the student's Social Security card. Failure to provide the Social Security Card or Statement of Objection (Waiver) will not bar or delay a child's enrollment in school; however, parents are strongly encouraged to read the uses of the Social Security number within the school system and make an educated decision as to whether to provide a Social Security Card. A list of the uses of the Social Security number and Statement of Objection (Waiver) can be obtained at the school. Please see local board policy JBC(3) for additional information.

Transfer Students – Henry County Schools Student & Parent Handbook and Georgia House Bill 268
Prior to admission, a transfer student shall provide a certified copy of his or her academic transcript and disciplinary record from the school previously attended. A student may be admitted conditionally if the name and address of the school last attended and authorization to release all academic and disciplinary records to the school is provided.

Please Note: Any student who is under suspension or expulsion in another school system and who desires enrollment in Henry County Schools must clear that suspension/expulsion before any consideration will be given to the student's request for approval to enroll. Please contact the Student Conduct Department for further information.