KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

KCSD

Kenton County School District | *It's about ALL kids*

WELCOME!

Team Kenton welcomes your child to Kindergarten. This is an exciting time as students begin their public education academic careers in the Kenton County School District. Our kindergarten staff is amazing and they will collaborate with parents to ensure a solid early childhood foundation that meets the needs of each and every student. We are committed to providing your child with a world-class education because in Kenton County it's about ALL kids.

Kindergarten Registration takes place at your local elementary school. Please check the Kenton County School District website, app, and follow us on X @theKCSD for more information on the dates and times of this event. It is important to make every effort to attend the registration sessions as each school has valuable materials that each family will receive in order to successfully start the year organized and prepared.

This handbook is a resource to aid in the transition to school. All stakeholders should have access to the Kenton County School District's goals and beliefs as we strive together to attain each goal for ALL kids. Additionally, your questions about transportation, health paperwork and kindergarten readiness are included. If you have any questions regarding this information please contact the school level principals or Central Office staff.



Honored to serve our kids,

Dr. Henry Webb,
Superintendent

MISSION AND VISION

Mission: The mission of the Kenton County School District is to provide a world-class education ensuring ALL students are transition ready and prepared for the 21st Century Economy.

District Goals:

- Transition Readiness Rate 100%
- Attendance 96.25%

CBAS Pillars:

- Student Learning and Progress
- Student Readiness
- Student, Family and Community Engagement
- World Class Staff
- Fiscal and Operational Systems
- Safety and Well-Being



Core Beliefs:

- It's About All KIDS
- It is our responsibility to ensure every child reaches their maximum learning potential
- All students deserve a safe, positive and supportive environment
- Every student should have an adult advocate in the school setting
- Students learn best when actively engaged in the learning process
- Maintaining high expectations leads to higher levels of student achievement
- All students are inspired to learn when provided rigorous, relevant, innovative and creative learning opportunities in a positive environment
- Recognition and acceptance of cultural, social, physical, and economic differences creates a healthy learning community
- Sharing and using results to inform our decisions about instruction, resources, and curriculum leads to higher levels of student achievement
- Students, educators, staff, families, business, and the community share in the responsibility for creating an environment in which all students can learn and succeed at high levels
- High Quality Public education is essential to our democracy and economic growth

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REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirements:
In order to enter The Kenton County School District Kindergarten Program, Kentucky law requires that your child must be 5 years of age on or before August 1.

Registration Documents:

- Original legal certificate of birth or other reliable proof of birth required by State Law 158.032.
- Driver's license (State/Federal issued identification card)
- Proof of residency; current utility bill, or lease agreement. Call secretary for other options
- Official custody documentation (if applicable)
- A completed enrollment sheet returned to the school office
- The district requests a Social Security number for each student as it is used for KEES Scholarship purposes.
- Additional forms throughout the year as required by district, state and federal policies and procedures.
- Up to date health information on KY forms as listed below:

Document	Deadline	Additional Information
Immunization Certificate	Upon enrollment	Must be current & valid with all immunizations up to date upon and throughout enrollment
Physical Exam	Preschool upon enrollment Others within 30 days of enrollment	Required for 1st entry to a Kentucky public school and for all children enrolling in 6th grade. May be completed up to one year prior to initial entry.
Vision Exam	January 1st of first year of enrollment for a 3, 4, 5, or 6 year old child.	Must be performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist
Dental Exam	January 1st of enrollment year in kindergarten for a 5 or 6 year old child.	May be completed by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Must be between Jan. 1 & Dec. 31 of the year the child enrolls in kindergarten

All forms may be obtained through the school office or downloaded from The Kenton County School District Web site at www.kenton.kyschools.us. Click on the Enrollment tab at the top of the page

TRANSPORTATION

Beginning Kindergarten is an exciting time for you and your child! For some, it may be the first time on a school bus. Children will be assigned a bus route and a stop near your home. Specific bus assignments will be made and communicated in August. General bus information will also be available during the Kindergarten Orientation scheduled at each school. Riding the school bus is a big step for Kindergarten students and, as a parent, you can help make your child's experience positive by:

- walking to the bus with your child until he or she knows his or her bus number and the safety rules.
- emphasizing the importance of appropriate behavior on the bus like sitting in the seat, using an inside voice, keeping hands and feet to self and save snacks for later.
- making sure an adult or responsible person is at the bus stop to meet the bus and welcome the child home.
- notifying the school whenever a change from the normal bus arrangements is necessary. This should be done by sending a written note to the school with an explanation of the change.

TRACK STAR

The Kenton County School District utilizes the TrackStar parent portal so you can track the location of your child's bus. Visit kcsd.parentportal.trackstar.app and enter the username 'kcsdtrans'. Enter your child's bus number, and a map will appear showing the bus location. The map refreshes every 30 seconds.



CURRICULUM

Kenton County School District kindergarten students experience a wide variety of activities designed to develop verbal and written expression. Our curriculum is based on the Kentucky Core Academic Standards. The curriculum emphasizes the importance of foundational skills in phonics, comprehension, writing, listening, speaking, number sense, number computation, social studies, and science. Students are also offered classes in such areas as: computer, art, music, physical education, and library.

SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM VISITS

Parents are always welcome to contact the teacher, counselor and principal with questions or concerns on school matters. For both the safety of students and the continuity of the instructional process, it is necessary to call and make an appointment to meet with a teacher. Please do not be offended when walk-in meetings cannot be accommodated. Visitors to the school must report to the office for permission to gain access to the building. All buildings are single-entry facilities for the security of all students.

ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance is essential if your child is to experience consistency and continuity in the instructional program. When your child is absent, please call the school before the start of classes. When your child is late or absent, a note is required under Board attendance policies.





SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Each school seeks parent participation on PTA and School Based Decision Making Councils (SBDM). Ask how you can become involved in one or both!

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

It is helpful when coats, hats and other personal belongings are marked with the child's name. Any money sent to school should be put in an envelope and marked with the student's and teacher's name. Please indicate the purpose for which the money is sent.





SUPPLIES

Each classroom will make a supplies list available to parents before the start of the school year.

MEDICATIONS

Medications should be brought to school by the parent in the original pharmacy container. Only the school nurse or designee may administer medications to a child while at school. All medications, prescription and over-the-counter, require a "Medication Authorization Form" signed by the physician and the parent to be on file with the school nurse before the medications can be administered.

GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Make the first day of school a successful one

School will be an exciting experience, but it is difficult to be away from home and may be a little scary for your child. Here are some ways you can make the first days and weeks happy ones:

- Focus on the positive. Talk openly about your child's feelings.
- Remind your child of the visit you took to the school.
- Make your child feel secure by driving the bus route your child will take to school.
- Establish a routine. For a week before school, practice getting up at the new time and getting ready for school.

Your child should:

- Know his name, address and phone number.
- Be able to put on his shoes and get his coat and boots on and off.
- Be able to use the bathroom and wash his hands.
- Know how to cooperate with other children through sharing and taking turns.

Help your child understand the concept of time

Young children often have trouble with the concept of time. Your child may not know what "a few hours" means. Here are some ideas to help your child learn about time spent in school:



- Draw a clock. Talk about what your child does at various times each day and color in the time spent on each activity.
- Draw another clock. Fill in the hours that will be spent in school.
- In another color, show any time that will be spent in child care before or after school.
- Have your child color in the days of the week at school on a calendar.

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Some ways you can help your child do better in school is by working on language skills. Experts agree that language is the key to learning. Here are some ways you can help your child develop language skills:

- Talk about and describe objects you see and familiar items in your home. Try to spend 30 minutes a day talking with and listening to your child.
- Help your child recognize familiar letters and words such as his name and attempt to write them.
- Read aloud to your child every day. Your reading time doesn't have to be long — 10 or 15 minutes each day is fine, but it is important that reading is a regular part of your day.

Starting school is a big step for your child and your whole family. It's a wonderful and exciting experience that will launch your child on his or her educational journey!

To a child, there is nothing as exciting, or as much fun, as learning something new. Here are some fun things you can do with your child to prepare for kindergarten:



- Look for shapes. You might say, "I see a blue square. Can you find it?" Your child can ask you to find the next item.
- Cook together or build simple structures. Basic math skills can be taught through measuring ingredients or materials.
- Give your child opportunities to finger paint, color, draw, and cut and paste.
- Identify rhyming words.
- Play board games and talk about what's happening as you play.



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