CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Kindergarten Registration Information for 2026-2027

Kindergarten Registration will open on Monday, January 26, 2026

Please read the *entire page* before starting online pre-registration. You must have all the required documents with you for the in-person appointment. As per the Board of Education policy, please note the following:

- Children entering Kindergarten must be five (5) years of age on or before **October 1, 2026**, in order to register;
- Proof of most current immunizations must be provided before your child starts school;
- The child must have a physical exam by a qualified healthcare professional within one year of starting school. Please submit the exam results to the school using the Universal Health Records Form.

Registration Steps

Step 1: Before you begin, please gather the required documentation for registration. All documents must be originals, and the main office will make a copy of these documents for your child's permanent student file at your in-person appointment. The required documents are:

- ☐ Original birth certificate with a raised seal showing that the child is five (5) years old on or before October 1st.
- ☐ Parent/Guardian Photo I.D.
- ☐ Please provide a copy of your child's immunization record, signed by a physician. This copy will be kept as part of their permanent health record and cannot be returned. Immunization dates must include month, day, and year. **New Jersey requires the following immunizations for school entry:**
  - ☐ Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus (DTaP): At least 4 doses (with one on or after their 4th birthday) OR any 5 doses.
  - ☐ Polio: At least 3 doses (with one on or after their 4th birthday) OR any 4 doses.
  - ☐ Varicella (Chickenpox): 1 dose on or after their 1st birthday, OR a physician's or parent's statement of previous chickenpox disease.
  - ☐ Hepatitis B: 3 doses.

- ☐ Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR): 2 doses (first dose on or after their 1st birthday, and the second dose at least one month later).
  - ☐ ***Note:** The Antibody Titer Law (Holly's Law, NJSA 26:2N-8-11), passed on January 14, 2004, requires the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) to accept serologic evidence of protective immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella in lieu of the second ACIP recommended measles, mumps and rubella vaccine.*

☐ Two (2) Proofs of Residency, i.e., Mortgage Statement, Certificate of Occupancy, Homeowner's Insurance, Tax Bill, Signed and dated Lease, Deed, Gas or Electric bill- NOT A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

☐ Universal Child Health Record **(*Note: The Universal Health Record will need to be completed by your child's physician.)** **LINK TO FORM**

☐ Updated Medical History Form: **LINK TO FORM** **(*Note: This paper form is to be completed by parent/guardian)**

Step 2: Complete Required Online Pre-Registration Form

- The pre-registration form must be completed for each student online in PowerSchool. Once the form is submitted in PowerSchool, you will receive an automated message that explains how to create your PowerSchool login. Once you have created a PowerSchool login, there will be eight (8) additional registration forms that will need to be completed. *Please note that all required forms must be completed in PowerSchool in order to gain access to your child's schedule and grades. The eight (8) additional registration forms to be completed in PowerSchool are:
  - 1. Student Demographics
  - 2. Student Address
  - 3. Student Contacts
  - 4. Health Assessment Record
  - 5. Home Language Survey
  - 6. Health Authorizations
  - 7. Permissions/Agreements
  - 8. Acknowledgement of Completion
- After you complete the online pre-registration, you will receive a phone call to schedule an in-person appointment to complete the registration process.
- **CLICK HERE** to complete the online pre-registration form in PowerSchool. This form will open in PowerSchool on **Monday, January 26, 2026**.

Step 3: Go to in-person appointment with the required documentation to complete registration.

- At your in-person appointment, you will have the opportunity to meet with our school nurse, Mrs. Katarzyna (Kat) Getto and our administrative assistant, Ms. Melissa Sant to review all of the required documentation and ensure its completion. Once all documentation has been reviewed and marked complete, the registration process will be completed.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please feel free to contact us:

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- **Mrs. Michele Tarnofsky, Principal:** michele.tarnofsky@chester-nj.org
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- **Mrs. Katarzyna Getto, School Nurse:** katarzyna.getto@chester-nj.org
- ***For PowerSchool Questions, please contact Ms. Dana Augello:** dana.augello@chester-nj.org