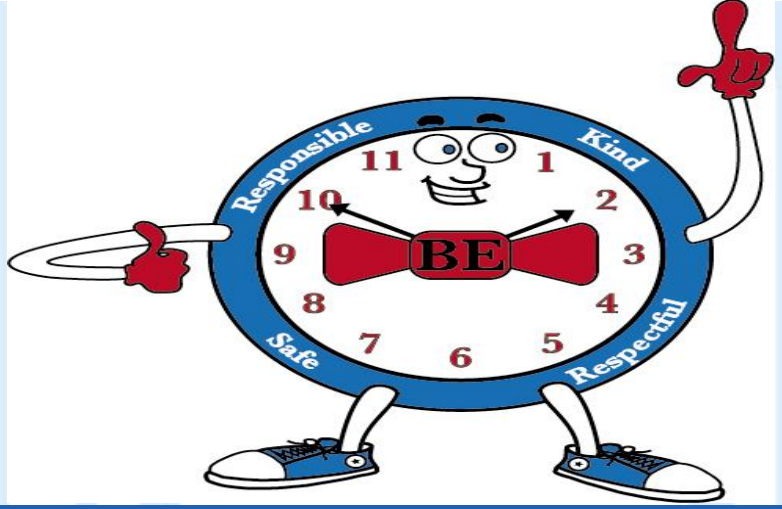
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Be Kind, Safe, Responsible, and Respectful

Welcome to Kindergarten!

January 29, 2026

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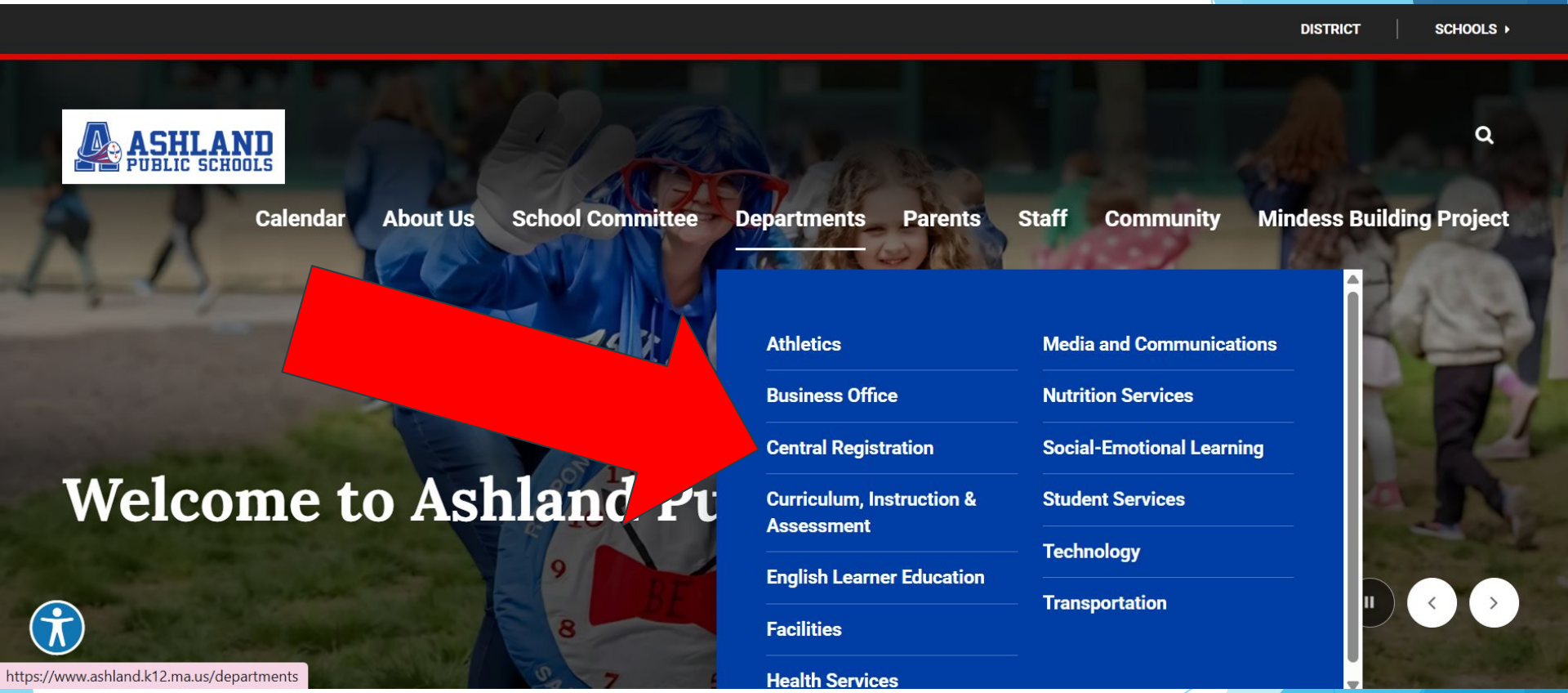
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Tonight's goals:

- Ease your anxiety about kindergarten
- Learn about the registration process
- What is kindergarten screening?
- Kindergarten readiness skills
- Answer frequently asked questions


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Age Requirements and Eligibility

For the 2026-2027 school year, children must be five years old by August 31, 2026 to be eligible for Kindergarten, and six years old by August 31, 2026 for first grade. **No exceptions to these age requirements can be made.**

Registration Timeline

Kindergarten registration for the fall kicks off in January. Here are some reasons you should enroll your child as early as possible:

- Help the District plan class sizes for the upcoming school year.
- Coordinate any services your child may need in advance.
- Avoid the last-minute summer rush.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Incoming Parent Information Night	Thursday, January 29	6:30–7:15 p.m.	Warren School 73 Fruit St. Ashland, MA 01721
Kindergarten Registration	Saturday, January 31*	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Warren School 73 Fruit St. Ashland, MA 01721
Individual Kindergarten Registration Appointments	Beginning Monday, February 2	Monday-Friday By appointment only	Central Office 87 W Union St. Ashland, MA 01721

atement • Notarized Residency Affidavit	*ys with the name and address clearly stated.*	

- Student's original birth certificate (with a raised seal)
- Child's current physical and immunization record
  - Must be signed by a physician
  - Must be up-to-date information, even if it will expire before September. You will be asked to update our copy of the medical information after your child's next physical.

Screenings

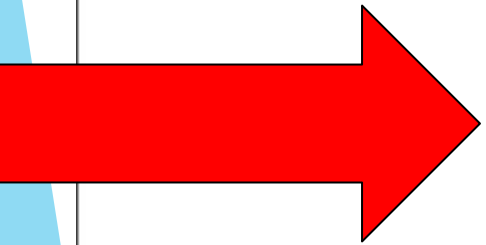
In addition to completing your child's registration, you will sign up for kindergarten screening. Kindergarten screenings will take place during May. Students who speak languages other than English may also need an English screening at that time.

Required Forms

If you meet our age and residency requirements (or can provide a Residency Affidavit or meet the McKinney-Vento eligibility guidelines), you may begin the new student registration process.

Download and complete the registration packet. Save and rename the file with your student's first and last name, then email it to the Central Registrar at **registration@ashland.k12.ma.us**. Please **do not** scan or send copies of your birth certificate or any other confidential documents via email.

If you have any questions about our process or requirements, please check out the frequently asked questions about student registration section.



- **Kindergarten Registration Packet - English**
- **Pacote de inscrição para o jardim de infância - português**
- **Paquete de inscripción para el jardín de infancia - español**

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

There are 9 more pages for you to complete

Step One: Download the Registration Packet from the Website
Visit the Ashland Public Schools website, under Kindergarten Registration
Download, Complete, and Sign the Registration Packet
https://www.ashland.k12.ma.us/departments/central-registration

Step Two: Gather Required Documents:

- ☐ Proof of **age** (original birth certificate, passport, or adoption/guardian documentation)
- ☐ Proof of **residency** (Mortgage, Fully executed, signed Lease, Real Estate Tax Bill)
- ☐ Proof of **occupancy** (Eversource Bill, Eversource Service Letter, other utility bills)
  https://www.ashland.k12.ma.us/departments/central-registration/new-students
- ☐ Up to Date **immunization** records
- ☐ A complete **physical exam** completed within 12 months prior to the first day of school
- ☐ Parent/guardian **photo ID** (Driver's License, Passport)
- ☐ Guardianship papers or legal custody agreements, **if applicable**
- ☐ Official **transcripts** for all middle and high school students (helps with accurate class placement)
- ☐ **English Learner (EL) records**, **WIDA ACCESS** scores, or EL documentation
- ☐ **IEP** or **504** Accommodation Plan

Step Three: Kindergarten Registration Day Saturday, January 31, 2026- 9 am-12 pm

- ☐ Bring the complete registration packet
- ☐ Bring all required documentation with you
- ☐ One custodial parent or a legal guardian must be present during registration

Need help? Contact Colleen Brewer, District Registrar, 508-532-4005
registration@ashland.k12.ma.us

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Registration:

at Warren School, 73 Fruit Street:
Saturday, January 31, 2026
from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m
after this date, by appointment Registrar's Office in the Ashland Middle School, 87 West Union Street

Beginning February 2, 2026

by appointment

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Link to Registration Appointment

Required Registration Documents

Proof of Residency	Proof of Occupancy	Proof of Identification
One of the following required: • Recent mortgage payment • Property tax bill • Fully signed and executed lease and/or rental agreement the names of the children listed on the document • HUD lease or another public housing lease (Section 8) • HUD settlement statement • Notarized Residency Affidavit	One of the following required: • Cable/satellite TV bill • Electric bill • Gas bill • Water bill • Home/renter's insurance • Excise tax bill • Home phone bill (not cell) ** All bills must be dated within the past 45 days with the name and address clearly stated.*	One valid photo identification from the following list is required: • Driver's License • State ID card • Passport • Military ID • Other government-issued photo ID

- Student's original birth certificate (with a raised seal)
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QR code to Ashland Public Schools registration page





Kindergarten Screening

SPEED DIAL-4

*Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning

4th edition

*Language Screening if needed

Why do we screen all incoming kindergarten students?

- Your child visits their new school
- Valuable information for teachers
- School staff meet the children
- Supports selecting class groups
- State Mandated

When and where does screening take place?

Incoming Kindergarten Screening will take place in the Warren School on:

Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday, May 28

You will schedule your time during your registration.



A Kindergarten Teacher's Hopes

Our kindergarten team hopes children will be able to complete the following when they enter Kindergarten…

(not all will and we still teach these skills)

Readiness skills:

Follow 2-3 step directions

Be able to pack and unpack (lunchboxes, backpacks)

Be able to open and close containers (water bottles, snack containers, thermoses)

Dress themselves including buttoning and

zipping

Be able to bathroom by themselves including wiping and washing hands

Readiness skills:

Practice with scissors/cutting

Have experience playing board games

(including taking turns, being able to win or lose–good sportsmanship, counting 1:1)

Practice with turn taking

Practice with listening

Be able to share with peers

Readiness skills:

Have experiences with and be able to sit and listen to stories

Recognize letters

Recognize numbers and be able to count up to at least 10

Be able to use manners: please, thank you, excuse me

Practice being patient!

Frequently Asked Questions:

How can I provide information regarding placement?

What does a typical day look like at Warren?

Can I volunteer?

Should my 5 year old take the bus?

How does arrival/dismissal work?

Can my twins be in the same class?

Curriculum Night is an opportunity to learn about the curriculum taught, and see the classroom

Extended Day Options:

EDP- Before and After School Programming

Tayler Bodio – Director

CHAMPIONS

MetroWest YMCA

Many other local child care services

Local Child Care Providers

Busing or transportation is provided to each program in the town of Ashland

Ashland Extended Day Program (EDP)

Director: Tayler Bodio
(508) 532-8060
tbodio@ashland.k12.ma.us

Our goal is to offer unique enrichment opportunities to students in kindergarten through grade 6. We aim to give students the opportunity to explore activities they may not be able to at home or during their school day.

Morning Programs
Warren EDP – Grades K-2

Afterschool Programs
Pittaway EDP – Kindergarten
Warren EDP – Grades 1 & 2
Mindess EDP – Grades 3 – 6

Some of our yearly enrichment programs include:





-Daily snack including a healthy and a packaged option

-Daily outdoor recess, weather permitting

-Daily free choice in the classroom and structured gym and project time

For more information, please visit our website. This can be found on the APS site under the parents tab.

Kindergarten EDP is held at the Pittaway School. Attendance is taken at the Warren School at dismissal by an EDP teacher and an aide. The teacher puts the kindergarten students on the bus, and they ride down the hill to the Pittaway School. Another EDP teacher takes them off the bus and takes attendance a second time. EDP for 1st and 2nd graders is held at the Warren School. EDP for grades 3 through 6 is held at the Mindess School.

Join an online community!

Our PTO has already started an online group for you!

A group has been started on Facebook. You can search for class of 2039- ashland ma

Parent page for Class of 2039 link

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