



2026-2027

# Kindergarten

Information & Registration Guide



Iredell - Statesville Schools

# Welcome to Kindergarten

Dear Parents of a Future Iredell-Statesville Schools Graduate:

What an exciting time for you and your child! Beginning Kindergarten marks the start of a wonderful 13-year journey filled with growth, discovery, and opportunity. During this time, your child will learn to read, write, think critically, create, collaborate, and build lifelong friendships.

I would like to personally welcome you to the Iredell-Statesville Schools family. My name is Diana Jones, and I am the Chief Academic Officer. In this role, I work alongside our elementary principals, teachers, and staff to ensure every child receives a high-quality, engaging, and supportive education. Our goal is to help your child reach their full potential while fostering a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

As both an educator and a parent, I understand how important these early years are. Kindergarten is a special time when children develop confidence, curiosity, and independence. We are committed to creating a positive and joyful school experience where your child feels safe, valued, and excited to learn each day.

We want enrolling your child in Kindergarten to be a smooth and welcoming process. Each elementary school has a dedicated Data Manager and staff who will guide you every step of the way. You may enroll during your school's Kindergarten Registration event or at a time that works best for your family. Our schools look forward to welcoming you and partnering with you in your child's success.

I am truly excited to meet our newest future graduates and watch the incredible accomplishments they will achieve in the years ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need support. We are here for you and your child.

Warm regards,  
Diana Jones  
Chief Elementary Academic Officer  
Iredell-Statesville Schools



# Future I-SS Graduate!

## What to Expect...

We welcome you to check out any of our elementary schools. Each school will be hosting a Kindergarten Registration where parents and guardians may learn more about the school, ask any questions, take a tour, and register their student for Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year. To register your child for Kindergarten, simply visit the front office or attend Kindergarten Registration and our school staff will be happy to help you with this process. Be sure to bring your student's birth certificate and a proof of address.

## Kindergarten Eligibility

Children who reach their fifth birthday on or before August 31, 2026 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year.

## Finding Your Attendance Area School

Not sure which school is in your attendance area? Parents can find information about their attendance zone, visit <https://www.issnc.org/about/school-attendance-zones>.

## Immunization Requirements

North Carolina law currently requires all students attending school to obtain the following immunizations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DPT, DPAT, or DT)
- Polio (IPV, OPV)
- Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)
- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella

For more information about the minimum required doses, please visit [issnc.org/kindergarten](https://www.issnc.org/kindergarten).

A copy of the child's immunizations must be submitted.



## Kindergarten Registration Checklist

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Address
- Completed K-5 Registration Form
- Completion of Early Childhood Screening
- Immunization/Health Forms

# A Day in the Life: Kindergarten Edition

Our district staff recently shadowed a Kindergarten student through his day at school. Ty Rector, who was a kindergarten student at Troutman Elementary School, shared these thoughts on his day of Kindergarten.

“I love my school, we’re always learning something. Everyday we unpack, we put our backpacks in our cubbies. Then we say the Pledge of Allegiance,” explained Ty.

Each classroom uses the Letterland curriculum to help students grow a knowledge of the alphabet and how the letters can be used. Ty is a true believer that Letterland can help him read.

Ty exclaimed, “Letterland helps me know all my letters and sounds so I can read!”

Who says learning is not fun? Our teachers use a variety of methods to teach skills in Reading, Writing, Science, and Mathematics.

“My teacher makes math fun and is always there to help,” Ty added.

Students also enjoy recess, reading time and a variety

of different enhancements each day.

Ty has enjoyed making friends and exploring different activities. “I get to play with my friends at recess and I like to read with my partner,” he explained. “Everyday we get to do different things. My favorite is music.” Students in our schools are always greeted by our caring employees. Ty especially likes the friendly cafeteria workers.

“The Lunch ladies are always smiling,” stated Ty.

Kindergarten is such a fun time to grow and learn. Ty thinks so and we can’t wait for you to experience it yourself.

“Kindergarten is so fun. I can’t wait to come back tomorrow,” concluded Ty.

For more information about Kindergarten in Iredell-Statesville Schools, visit your neighborhood school or the district website. To view the video of Ty’s day, scan the QR code or visit [www.issnc.org/kindergarten!](http://www.issnc.org/kindergarten!)



See you soon!

## Kindergarten means

Making New Friends

Learning New Ideas

Reading New Books

Solving New Problems

Playing New Games

Reaching New Goals

Making New Mistakes

and having fun the whole way through!



# Fun Things We Will Learn in Kindergarten

Here are some of the key learning targets your child will meet by the end of kindergarten:

## Math

### NUMBERS AND OPERATIONS

- Reads and writes numerals 0-31
- Counts 20 objects
- Counts by rote to 50 by 1s
- Count backward from 20 to 1
- Uses objects and draws pictures to find sums and differences of number between 0 and 10
- Understands the basic concept of addition and subtraction

### ALGEBRA

- Recognizes patterns in everyday solutions
- Identifies and labels a repeating pattern (ABA, ABC, ABB, etc.)
- Continues, creates and represents a variety of patterns

### GEOMETRY AND MEASUREMENT

- Names basic two-dimensional shapes (triangle, square, rectangle, circle, diamond, oval)
- Names basic three-dimensional shapes (cube, cone, cylinder, sphere)
- Sorts and classifies according to shape, size and color
- Compares and orders objects by length, size or position
- Uses appropriate vocabulary such as same, lighter, longer, above, between and next to

## Reading

### DEMONSTRATES CONCEPTS OF PRINT

- Shows correct page orientation
- Follows print left to right, word by word, top to bottom
- Finds first and last word in sentence

### NAMES ALPHABET LETTERS

- Names each upper and lowercase letter when shown in random order

### KNOWS LETTER SOUNDS

- Orally produces 52 letter sounds when shown the alphabet in random order

### HEARS/SAYS SOUNDS IN WORDS

- Recognizes and produces the sound heard at the beginning of a word
- Blends sounds to say words
- Produces sounds representing the beginning, middle and end of spoken words

### IDENTIFIES/PRODUCES RHYMING WORDS

- Identifies rhyming words
- Produces rhyming words

### READS HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

- Reads 20-40 high frequency words by the end of the year

### ACTIVELY ENGAGES IN GROUP READING ACTIVITIES

- Ask and answers questions about key details in a text
- Retells familiar stories
- Recognizes common types of text (fiction, nonfiction, poems)
- Compares and contrast familiar stories
- Relates stories and non-fiction to personal experiences

### READS BEGINNING LEVEL TEXTS

- With prompting and support, reads simple books

## Science

### DEMONSTRATES UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE CONCEPTS

- Makes predictions and observations
- Begins using the engineering design process

## Writing

### PRINTS LETTERS TO COPY WORDS

- Prints name legibly
- Forms recognizable letters

### USES LETTERS TO SOUND OUT AND WRITE WORDS

- With guidance and support, uses phonetic spelling to sound out and write words

### **Celeste Henkel Elementary**

Phone: 704.873.7333  
1503 Old Mountain Road  
Statesville, NC 28677  
<http://celeste.issnc.org>

### **Central Elementary**

Phone: 704.876.0746  
4083 Wilkesboro Road  
Statesville, NC 28625  
<http://central.issnc.org>

### **Cloverleaf Elementary**

Phone: 704.978.2110  
300 James Farm Road  
Statesville, NC 28625  
<http://cloverleaf.issnc.org>

### **Coddle Creek Elementary**

Phone: 704.439.4077  
141 Frank's Crossing Loop  
 Mooresville, NC 28115  
<http://coddlecreek.issnc.org>

### **Cool Spring Elementary**

Phone: 704.873.4949  
1969 Mocksville Highway  
Cleveland, NC 27013  
<http://coolspring.issnc.org>

### **East Iredell Elementary**

Phone: 704.872.9541  
400 East Elementary Road  
Statesville, NC 28677  
<http://eastelementary.issnc.org>

### **Harmony Elementary**

Phone: 704.546.2644  
139 Harmony School Road  
Harmony, NC 28634  
<http://harmony.issnc.org>

### **Lake Norman Elementary**

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 Mooresville, NC 28117  
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### **Lakeshore Elementary**

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### **N.B. Mills Elementary**

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Statesville, NC 28677  
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### **Scotts Elementary**

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### **Sharon Elementary**

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880 Sharon School Road  
Statesville, NC 28677  
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### **Shepherd Elementary**

Phone: 704.664.2582  
1748 Charlotte Highway  
 Mooresville, NC 28115  
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### **Third Creek Elementary**

Phone: 704.873.3002  
361 East Barkley Road  
Statesville, NC 28677  
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### **Troutman Elementary**

Phone: 704.528.4526  
220 South Main Street  
 Troutman, NC 28166  
<http://troutmanelementary.issnc.org>

### **Union Grove Elementary**

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 Union Grove, NC 28689  
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### **Woodland Heights Elementary**

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**Prime Time for Kids**  
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# Elementary Schools & District Contacts

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