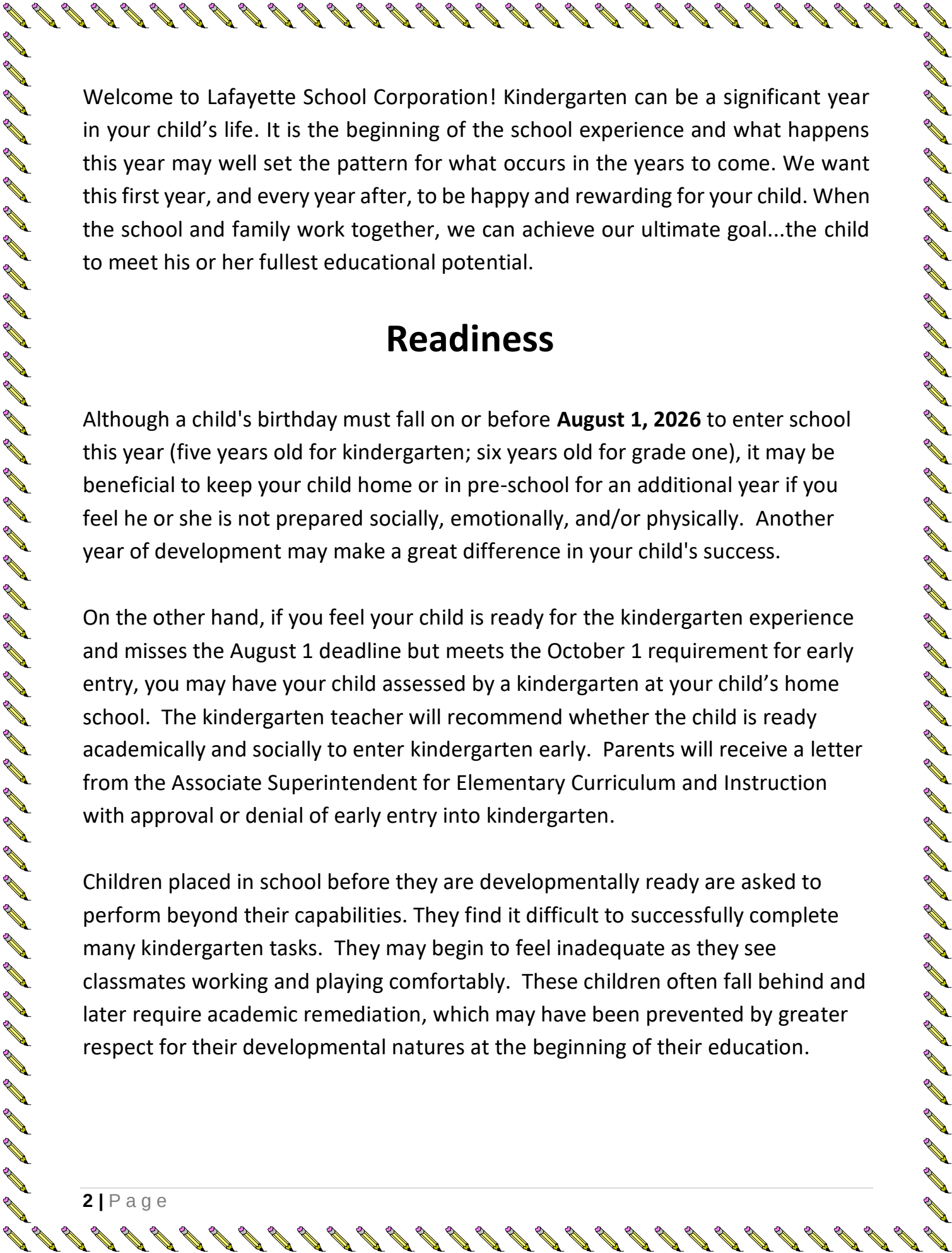


Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten



Lafayette School Corporation
2026-2027



Welcome to Lafayette School Corporation! Kindergarten can be a significant year in your child's life. It is the beginning of the school experience and what happens this year may well set the pattern for what occurs in the years to come. We want this first year, and every year after, to be happy and rewarding for your child. When the school and family work together, we can achieve our ultimate goal...the child to meet his or her fullest educational potential.

Readiness

Although a child's birthday must fall on or before **August 1, 2026** to enter school this year (five years old for kindergarten; six years old for grade one), it may be beneficial to keep your child home or in pre-school for an additional year if you feel he or she is not prepared socially, emotionally, and/or physically. Another year of development may make a great difference in your child's success.

On the other hand, if you feel your child is ready for the kindergarten experience and misses the August 1 deadline but meets the October 1 requirement for early entry, you may have your child assessed by a kindergarten at your child's home school. The kindergarten teacher will recommend whether the child is ready academically and socially to enter kindergarten early. Parents will receive a letter from the Associate Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction with approval or denial of early entry into kindergarten.

Children placed in school before they are developmentally ready are asked to perform beyond their capabilities. They find it difficult to successfully complete many kindergarten tasks. They may begin to feel inadequate as they see classmates working and playing comfortably. These children often fall behind and later require academic remediation, which may have been prevented by greater respect for their developmental natures at the beginning of their education.

Enrollment Information

It is necessary for you to register your child at the designated time in July. This registration procedure includes the completion of the pre-registration process (i.e.: Kindergarten Round Up), immunization records, kindergarten screening test, payment of book rental fees, etc.

Registration dates and times will be on the LSC website and on social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter.

School closings, delayed starts, and early dismissals due to inclement weather are also publicly announced. Considering signing up for Power School messages to be informed of these announcements. Please be sure to communicate with your child what he/she should do in the case of early dismissal.

Remember: If your child is participating in an after-school child care program and will not be using the LSC transportation, please provide your child's teacher a written note on the first day of school. The note should indicate the program your child will be participating in and your intent to pick up your child.

Birth Certificates

A birth certificate, or passport if born out of the country, is required to verify the child's age. Please be advised, though, that the hospital certificate of birth does not provide legal verification of age.

A birth certificate for persons born in Lafayette, Indiana, may be obtained from:

Tippecanoe County Health Department
1950 S. 18th Street
Lafayette, IN 47905
Telephone: 765-423-9221

It is suggested that you contact the Health Department for information on how to obtain a copy of a birth certificate.

To obtain a birth certificate for a child born in another Indiana city or town, it is suggested you contact the health department in the county where the child was born. The Tippecanoe County Health Department can provide you with the telephone number of all the county health departments in the state of Indiana.

For an out-of-state birth certificate, you may call the Tippecanoe County Health Department at the number above for information on the procedures to follow.

Health Services

The following Health Services forms must be submitted for any student enrolling in LSC schools:

Immunization Records: Your child's immunization record is due in the office at the time of registration. The State of Indiana Code 20-8.1-7-10.19c)(1) requires that no student begin school without an immunization record on file at the school. All immunizations must have been given at the proper intervals and at the minimum age required by the CDC schedule of immunizations. The following list is a general guideline of required immunizations. Please check with your physician's office or your local county health department if you have questions.

DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis): 5 doses

IPV (inactivated Polio vaccine): 4 doses

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): 2 doses

Varicella (chickenpox): 2 doses beginning after age 1 or a doctor's statement that your child had the disease

Hepatitis B: 3 doses

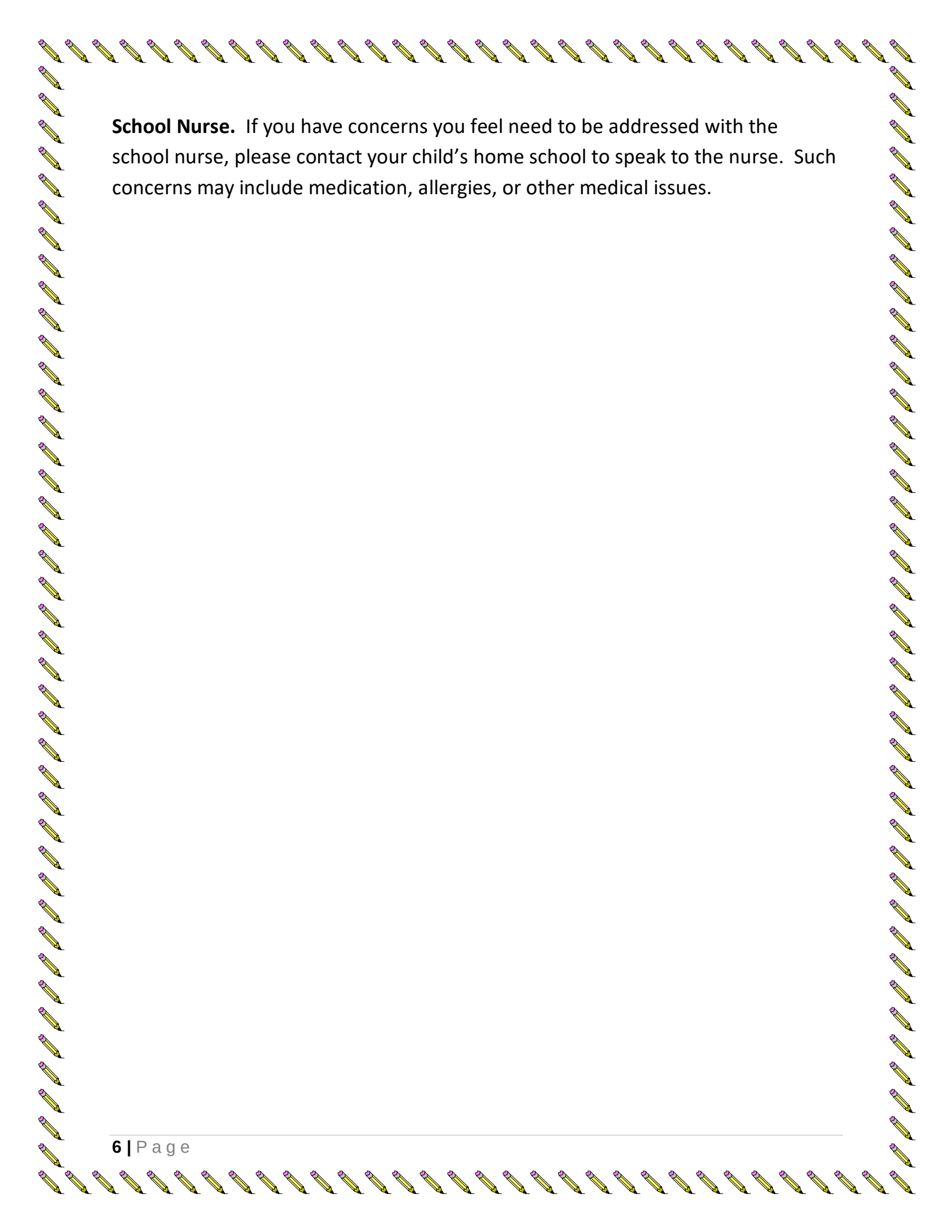
Hepatitis A: 2 doses

**Annual influenza and Covid-19 are recommended*

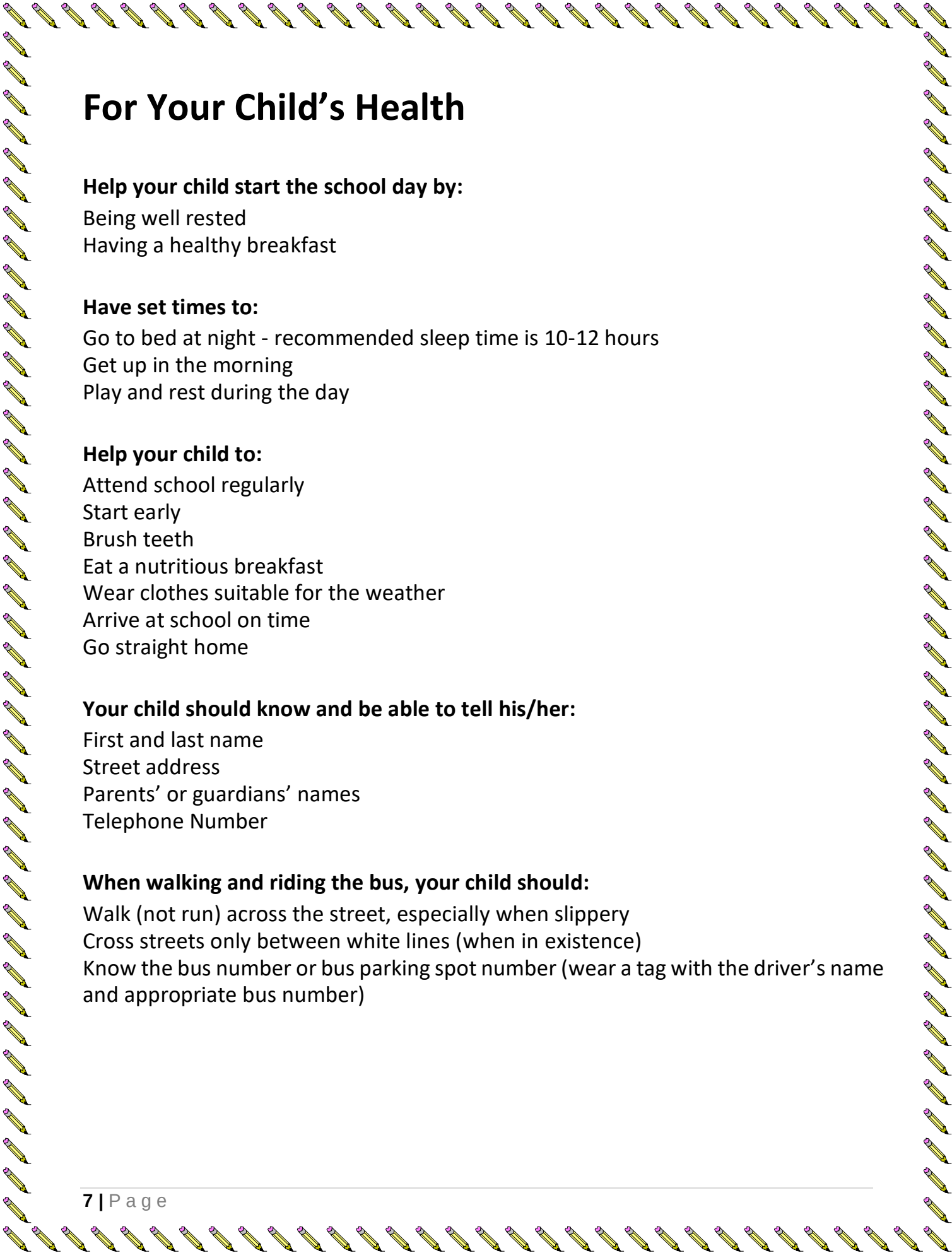
Physical Examination: A physical examination by your physician is recommended, although not required. If your child has a physical, the form is due in the school office by the first day of school.

Dental Examination. We strongly recommend that your child have a dental examination before beginning school.

Vision Examination. We strongly recommend that your child have an eye examination before beginning school. Poor vision will hinder a child's learning.



School Nurse. If you have concerns you feel need to be addressed with the school nurse, please contact your child's home school to speak to the nurse. Such concerns may include medication, allergies, or other medical issues.



For Your Child's Health

Help your child start the school day by:

Being well rested
Having a healthy breakfast

Have set times to:

Go to bed at night - recommended sleep time is 10-12 hours
Get up in the morning
Play and rest during the day

Help your child to:

Attend school regularly
Start early
Brush teeth
Eat a nutritious breakfast
Wear clothes suitable for the weather
Arrive at school on time
Go straight home

Your child should know and be able to tell his/her:

First and last name
Street address
Parents' or guardians' names
Telephone Number

When walking and riding the bus, your child should:

Walk (not run) across the street, especially when slippery
Cross streets only between white lines (when in existence)
Know the bus number or bus parking spot number (wear a tag with the driver's name and appropriate bus number)

At school, your child will learn about safety from:

Classroom teachers
Fire drills
Safety lessons
Playground supervision
School bus driver

Before the first day: Walk to school or to the bus stop several times with your child so he/she will know the route to take. Let him/her try it alone.

On the first day: If you go with your child, leave him/her cheerfully at the main lobby.

Let's work together...

Our goals are the same, and neither of us working alone can do the whole job.

One of the most important things you can do to aid in your child's academic achievement is to **READ TO YOUR CHILD**. You are encouraged to do so on a daily basis!



Please refer to the Lafayette School Corporation website to view the academic year calendars.

[Traditional Academic Calendar](#)

[Oakland Elementary](#)

[Vinton Elementary](#)

Lafayette School Corporation Kindergarten Program Frequently Asked Questions

At what age may my child enroll for kindergarten?

Indiana law requires a child be five years of age on or before August 1, in order to be eligible for entrance into Kindergarten in August of 2026. An official birth certificate, from the county health office, is requested at the time of registration in order to verify the student's birth date.

I attended Kindergarten Registration/Round Up. Do I need to attend Fall Registration too?

Yes, please do! Many of our students move over the summer and as a result our K-4 enrollment fluctuates from school to school. Therefore, all LSC students, including kindergarten students who participated in spring registration should be registered again in the fall. At fall registration you will not need to complete new forms, but you may have other school paperwork to complete. You will need to confirm your child will be attending, check your information for changes, and pay book rental. Dates for fall registration will be announced later.

What is the first day of kindergarten for my child?

The first day of school for Kindergarten students on a traditional calendar will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Oakland Elementary's first day is Thursday, July 30, 2026. Vinton Elementary's first day is Monday, August 3, 2026.

What supplies should my child bring to school?

School supply lists vary from school to school. Check with your school secretary for a list. Supply lists will also be available at our local stores.

When will I conference with the teacher about my child's learning?

If parents want to discuss a child's progress, they are asked to schedule a conference outside of school hours when the teacher can be free to talk to them. Parents may also choose to set up a phone conference with the teacher. Your child's teacher has e-mail, and this is a great way to communicate. Parents are always welcome to visit their child's classroom; however, they are asked to arrange the visit with the school office.

How should I send money to school for activities, field trips, etc.?

When sending money or checks with a child, please place the money or check in an envelope with the child's name, teacher's name, amount of money, and what the money is for, plainly written on the front of the envelope.

What options are there for before and after school daycare?

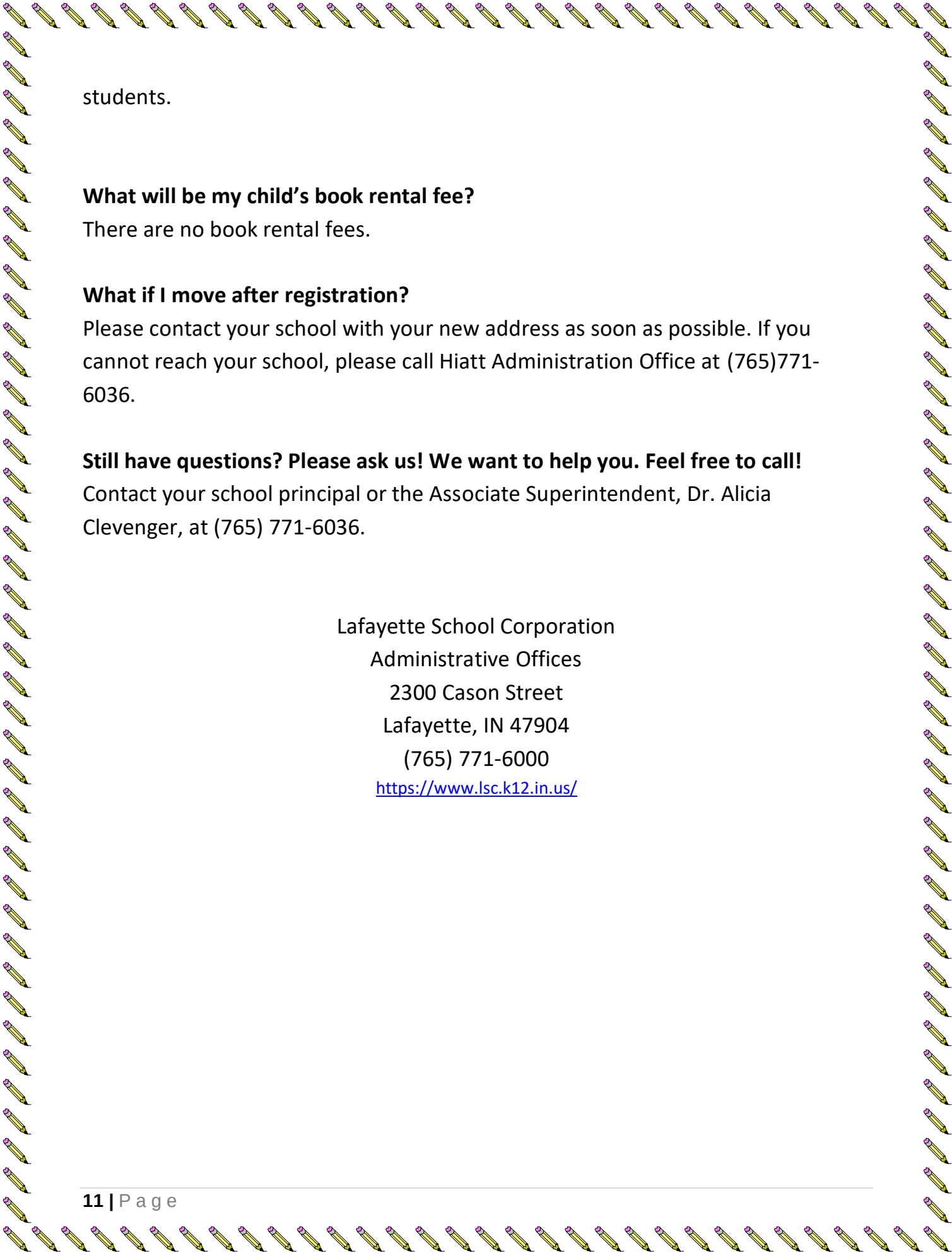
Each school has different before and after school daycare options. The school will be able to provide this information to you.

Can I volunteer in my child's classroom or school?

All schools need and welcome parent volunteers. You can expect the parent/teacher organization at your school to send home a brochure about volunteer opportunities. You may also get a note from the teacher asking for assistance. The school newsletter will keep you updated on school wide activities in which volunteers are needed such as a Parent Math Night, Chili Supper, or Talent Show. Volunteering in your child's school will benefit both your child and his/her school. To sign up to volunteer online, go to <https://bib.com/SECUREVOLUNTEER/LAFAYETTE-SCHOOL-CORPORATION/>. All volunteers must complete and pass a background check.

May my child eat breakfast at school?

The LSC Food Service program provides breakfast for students at all elementary schools. The hours for serving vary from 7:45-8:15. Breakfast is free for all



students.

What will be my child's book rental fee?

There are no book rental fees.

What if I move after registration?

Please contact your school with your new address as soon as possible. If you cannot reach your school, please call Hiatt Administration Office at (765)771-6036.

Still have questions? Please ask us! We want to help you. Feel free to call!

Contact your school principal or the Associate Superintendent, Dr. Alicia Clevenger, at (765) 771-6036.

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