



In Kindergarten, students learn important academic and social skills including how to read, write, and solve problems.



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Registration

Information

2026-2027



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Under Maryland law, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026 to enter Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.



Is my child eligible for Kindergarten?

Kindergarten attendance is mandatory for all children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2026.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) not intending to register an appropriately aged child for Kindergarten must obtain a waiver from the St. Mary's County Public Schools Department of Student Services. It is not necessary for children enrolled in Prekindergarten in the public schools to register again.



What does the Kindergarten program look like in St. Mary's County Public Schools?

Kindergarten is a full day program available in each elementary school. Kindergarten curriculum information is available at <https://www.smcps.org/offices/curriculum-instruction> by selecting Mathematics-Elementary or English Language Arts-Elementary.



Where can I register my child?

You may register at the school serving your residential area. Information regarding which school serves your residential area is provided by the Department of Capital Planning at <https://www.smcps.org/offices/supporting-services/capital-planning> or call 301-475-4256, Option 6.

What do I need to bring when I register my child?

To promote smooth registration, please bring the following required information:

- ◆ Proof of Date of Birth
- ◆ Immunization Record
- ◆ Proof of Residence
- ◆ Court orders, notarized statements, or other legally binding documents concerning custody when legal custody of a minor child is involved.

A physical examination for entering school is also required by Maryland law. The Maryland Schools Record of Physical Examination form and the Immunization Certification form may be obtained from all local physicians, the Naval Medical Clinic Patuxent River, and school offices.

