



DUNELAND SCHOOL CORPORATION

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Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

What is Kindergarten Sign Up?

Kindergarten Sign Up, also referred to as Kindergarten pre registration or previously known as round-up, is the opportunity for parents and/or guardians to register their child for kindergarten. Kindergarten Sign Up also helps the schools to know how many kindergarten students to expect.

When is Kindergarten Sign Up?

Kindergarten Sign Up will be held on March 3, 2021, from 9:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. at each of the elementary schools within the Duneland School Corporation. Families may also continue to register after March 3, 2021, by going online or contacting the school office.

What are the requirements for admission to kindergarten?

A child must be five years old on or before August 1.

Are there any exceptions for a child who is not five by August 1?

Yes. Indiana Code 20-33-2-7 continues to require a student to be at least five years of age on August 1 of the school year to participate in a Kindergarten program at a school corporation. Likewise, the Duneland School Corporation (DSC) Policy 5112 requires that a child entering kindergarten must be five (5) years of age on or before August 1, 2021, to qualify for entrance to kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. DSC's Policy 5112 permits a parent or legal guardian to request a waiver of the August 1 date if the child's fifth birthday falls on or between August 2 and September 30 2021. Students must successfully meet all of the provisions for early entrance as established by the Duneland School Corporation.

For further details about early entrance requirements, please refer to the tab on Duneland's website marked: [Request for kindergarten early entrance](#)

How do I find out what school my child should attend?

If you are unsure which elementary school your child should attend, you may contact transportation (219) 983-3615. By providing your address, transportation personnel will inform you of your child's school. You may also visit [Welcome to Duneland-Building Locations-Attendance Boundaries](#) to find your child's school.

Bailly Elementary	800 S. 5th Street Chesterton, IN 46304 Phone: 219-983-3670
Brummitt Elementary	2500 Indian Boundary Road Chesterton, IN 46304 Phone: 219-983-3660
Jackson Elementary	811 N. 400 E. Valparaiso, IN 46383 Phone: 219-983-3680
Liberty Elementary	50-1 W. 900 North Chesterton, IN 46304 Phone: 219-983-3650
Yost Elementary	100 W. Beam Street Porter, IN 46304 Phone: 219-983-3640

What happens at Kindergarten Sign Up?

- Parents and/or Guardians will provide school personnel a copy of your child's birth certificate, show proof of residency, provide your child's immunization record, and complete enrollment forms. [Forms](#) or at each elementary school. They may be completed at Sign Up or prior to Sign Up.
- Parents/Guardians will also schedule an **appointment** for your child to complete a readiness assessment (*if you did not already do so prior to attending Kdg Sign Up*)
- For additional information please refer to [Kdg Sign Up](#) tab

What should I bring to Sign Up?

- Copy of the child's birth certificate
- Copy of the child's immunization record
- Proof of residency
 - Current mortgage statement or lease agreement **OR**
 - Two of the following **with the current address on it** paycheck stub, current utility bill, current bank statement, vehicle registration, EOB from health insurance, etc.(proof must be current).
- Any custody or guardianship paperwork, if applicable

What should I do if I live with a Duneland resident and I do not own or rent the home?

You will need a letter from the homeowner stating you and your student(s) reside at their home. You will also need the homeowners proof of residency (see list above). In addition, a piece of mail (e.g. bank or wage statement, phone bill, car registration, Dept. of Children and Family Services) addressed to yourself with the current address.

Should I bring my child to Kindergarten Sign Up?

While you are welcome to do so, your child is not required to attend Kindergarten Sign Up with you. Your child will get a chance to visit his/her school during his/her scheduled assessment time. Please don't forget to register your child for their assessments (*refer to Step 4 on the [Kdg Sign Up](#) tab*).

What kind of assessments will my child take?

Each child will be assessed using a kindergarten readiness assessment. These assessments will be administered by a certified professional at each child's school. The assessment lasts about 20-30 minutes. Unfortunately, parents will not sit with their child during the assessment. Assessments are described below:

- **Kindergarten Sign Up Assessments**

- **Brigance Early Childhood Screen III:** The screening tool evaluates the key predictors of school success by addressing the domains of Physical Development, Language Development, Academic Skills/Cognitive Development, and Self-help and Social-Emotional Skills.
- **Minnesota Executive Functioning System (MEFS):** Screens a child's neuro-cognitive skills needed for successful learning and performance in school, at work, and in life. They include cognitive flexibility, working memory, and inhibitory control.

How can I help my child prepare for the readiness assessment?

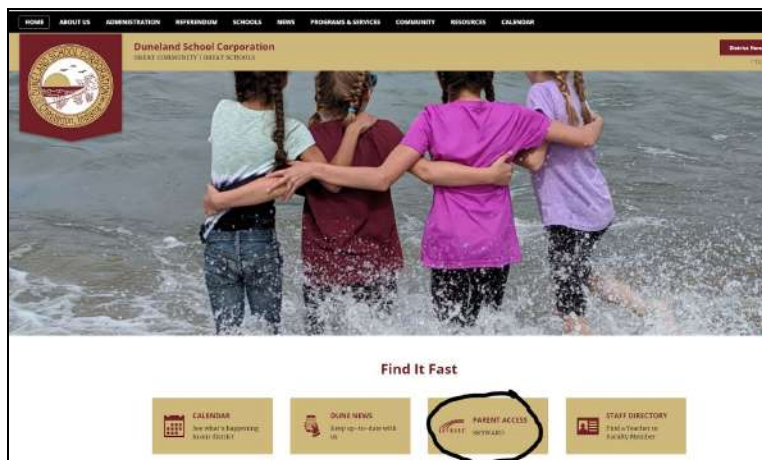
The readiness assessment checks your child's knowledge of the alphabet, colors, number sense, and his/her address. The best way to prepare your child is to share with them that he/she will be talking with a teacher about school and the teacher will ask some questions. Lessening the anxiety some children experience is the best preparation for the assessment.

Is there an opportunity to tour my child's school before school starts?

Yes. All elementary schools will offer a Kindergarten Kick Off and a Back-to-School Open House prior to school starting in August 2021. Please check the Kindergarten page on DSC's website in July.

When will I be notified of the name of my child's kindergarten teacher for 2021-2022?

Teacher names will be available on DSC's online student information system called Skyward. You can find your child's teacher by accessing Skyward Parent Access via the Duneland School Corporation website typically the Friday before the start of the school year.



What if I can't make it to the bus stop in time for my child when he/she gets off the bus? In order to keep your student safe, the bus driver will take your child back to his/her school.

Additionally, for the safety of our students, Kindergarten students will only be dropped off if a parent or guardian is in visible sight.