



## Kindergarten Registration Frequently Asked Questions

### Where do I register my child for Kindergarten?

Register your child in your home school district. If you are unsure which school district you live in, call our Director of Transportation at 828.697.4739. Schools are listed at the end of this document.

### What are the Kindergarten admission requirements?

A child who enrolls at any time during the first 120 days of a school year is entitled to initial entry into the public schools if:

- The child has reached the age of 5 on or before August 31 of that school year; or
- The child did not reach the age of 5 on or before August 31 of that school year, but has attended school during that school year in another state in accordance with the rules of that state before the child became a resident of North Carolina.

### Can my child attend Kindergarten this year if s/he reaches the age of 5 in September?

According to North Carolina law, your child must reach the age of five on or before August 31. The only exception to this other than that mentioned above is if a parent/ guardian obtains early admission status for the child (Board Policy #4100). Call and speak to the principal of the school in your district for more details on early admission or go to <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/elementary-education/kindergarten-registration/>

### What information will I need to provide to enroll my child?

- *Official Birth Certificate:* The preferred evidence of birth is a certified copy of the birth certificate. (Contact the school regarding other acceptable verification documentation.) A certified copy may be obtained at the register of deeds office in the city of birth or go to <http://www.vitalchek.com/?clicked=1>.
- *Proof of Residence:* A utility bill with a physical address. If you are renting or staying on property as a migrant worker, you will need to complete a form E, "Landlord Verification Statement" stating that you reside at that address. This statement **does not** need to be notarized, but the landlord must sign the form. This form may be printed from <https://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/administrative-services/admission-affidavits/>, or obtained from a school. If you do not have proof of residence due to homelessness, please contact the Homeless Education Link Project (HELP) program at (828) 388-0266 or (828) 388-0294.

The following required documents are desired at registration and required by the beginning of school:

- *Immunization Record*
- *Physical Examination* (within 12 months prior to the beginning of school)

### My child is mature for his/her age. Can s/he test for early enrollment?

There are early admission criteria available to identify accelerated learners. However, not all students who reach the age of five before August 31 will meet the early admission qualifications.

As part of the early admission criteria, testing is required to identify accelerated learners. This testing must be administered by an agency outside of the school system and there is a fee involved. Per HCPS Board Policy #4100: Age Requirements for Initial Entry.

### I have a child with special needs. What services does HCPS provide for my child?

HCPS provides a number of services to provide your child with the best education possible. Go to the following Web page for information about our Exceptional Children's Program: <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/exceptional-children/>.

### **How do I prepare my special needs child for Kindergarten?**

See the following link for parent information: <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/exceptional-children/parents-community/>.

### **My child will attend a Title I school. What does this mean?**

Title I is a federal program that provides funding to school systems to provide personnel and other resources to help all students achieve. The Title I law is very clear that all schools must set high expectations for all students. All children are expected to develop the same knowledge, skills, and level of achievement.

### **My child has severe allergies (or asthma). Who do I contact about this?**

The school nurse assigned to your child's school and your child's teacher are the people you should notify if your child has any medical concerns.

### **What assistance does HCPS provide to students who need to learn English as a second language?**

HCPS provides information and assistance for English language learners and their families. Contact the school in your district for more information.

### **Where do I register?**

Register at your home district school (even if you want to attend a different Henderson County School):

#### **Atkinson Elementary**

2510 Old Kanuga Road, Hendersonville, NC 28739  
(828) 697-4755

#### **Bruce Drysdale Elementary**

834 N. Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792  
(828) 697-5568

#### **Clear Creek Elementary**

737 N. Clear Creek Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792  
(828) 697-4760

#### **Dana Elementary**

690 Ridge Road, Dana, NC 28724  
(828) 685-7743

#### **Edneyville Elementary**

2875 Pace Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792  
(828) 685-7600

#### **Etowah Elementary**

320 Etowah School Road, Etowah, NC 28729  
(828) 891-6560

#### **Fletcher Elementary**

500 Howard Gap Road, Fletcher, NC 28732  
(828) 684-0580

#### **Glenn C. Marlow Elementary**

1985 Butler Bridge Road, Mills River, NC 28759  
(828) 654-3225

#### **Hendersonville Elementary**

1039 Randall Circle, Hendersonville, NC 28791  
(828) 697-4752

#### **Hillandale Elementary**

40 Preston Lane, East Flat Rock, NC 28726  
(828) 697-4782

#### **Mills River Elementary**

94 School House Road, Mills River, NC 28759

(828) 891-6563

**Sugarloaf Elementary**

2270 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792

(828) 697-4600

**Upward Elementary**

45 Education Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731

(828) 697-4764