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Kindergarten 2025-2026 Registration Information

Welcome to the Kindergarten Class of 2025! In order to register for kindergarten in September 2025, your child must turn five years old prior to September 1, 2025. This means that your child must be five years old on or before August 31, 2025.

To assist us with planning for the coming year, we ask that you complete a short online survey which can be found here to let us know your plans for your child's school registration. Providing this information now helps us to plan for staffing and support in your child's potential school for the upcoming school year. Even if you will not be registering your child to attend kindergarten in the Newton Public Schools or are unsure, information about your plans is incredibly helpful for our planning for the year ahead.

This year, we will hold a **New Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Information Night** virtual webinar for all families enrolling a student for the first time in the Newton Public Schools on **Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 6:30pm.** The session will include a general overview of the kindergarten registration and screening process, as well as other important topics that may be useful to new parents. Links to the webinar will be posted on our kindergarten registration page in late February.

Our online registration system will be open for kindergarten registration beginning March 1, 2025. While there is no deadline for registration of students in the Newton Public Schools, we are asking families to register your kindergarten-age child by March 21, 2025, so that we can plan staffing and programming for the year ahead.

Individual schools review all student registrations and will communicate with families about any additional information that is required. In the spring, each school will also host a gathering for caregivers and children to meet the school principal and teachers and have an opportunity to get to know each other. Information on kindergarten orientation dates will be sent directly from your assigned school at a later date.

For students living in a buffer zone, notification of school placements will be made as close to Friday, April 11, 2025 as possible, and parents/guardians will be notified in writing of that decision.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email registration@newton.k12.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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