# Student Registration Frequently Asked Questions

# WE WILL BE MOVING INTO THE DISTRICT. WHEN CAN WE REGISTER OUR STUDENTS?

Typically, students are registered when families move into the district. However, with the following documentation, your students can be registered up to 90 days prior to residing in the Webster Central School District (CSD). Once you move into your new home, provide your school with final proof of residency.

- If you are renting, obtain a letter from your landlord or complex, on letterhead, stating your name, new address, and anticipated move-in date.
- If you are purchasing a home, obtain a letter from your attorney, on letterhead, stating your name, new address, and anticipated closing date.
- If you are sharing a home long term, complete the Shared Housing packet before your registration appointment. Notary services are free and available at Webster CSD Administrative Offices, town halls, and banks.
- If you are building a home, request that your builder complete and submit the Builder's Certification Form.

## **HOW IS SCHOOL PLACEMENT DETERMINED?**

Registration is based on residency. Webster CSD students attend the school assigned to their home address. Use the <u>School Locator Tool</u> for placement information.

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#### WE USE DAY CARE. WHICH SCHOOL WILL OUR STUDENTS ATTEND?

For students in grades K-8 who attend day care:

- If your students attend a **commercial** day care, they will attend the school assigned to **your** address.
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## **HOW LONG BEFORE MY STUDENT CAN START SCHOOL (Mid-year transfer)?**

Transferring students from one district to another requires time. Placement of students receiving Special Education or English as a New Language (ENL) services require additional time. To reduce the amount of time needed to transfer your students, register as early as possible and supply all required documents when registering your children.

# WHEN WILL I HEAR FROM THE NEW SCHOOL (Spring/Summer registration for the new school year)?

**Elementary:** Teacher placement letters and supply lists are mailed mid-August. All elementary schools will offer an opportunity to tour the building with your student late in August.

**Secondary:** A current report card (plus transcript for high school students) is *required* for schedule development. Typically, these documents are sent by the previous school district at the end of June or during the summer. You can quicken this process if you provide all required registration materials and academic information when registering your children.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT

## KINDERGARTEN

#### 25-26 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

#### WHEN CAN OUR CHILD ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

Per New York State, children 5 years old on or before December 1 are eligible to attend kindergarten. Use our <u>School Age Calculator</u> to determine if your child is eligible. Attendance at kindergarten is <u>not</u> compulsory. If you believe your child is not ready, you are able to wait until the following year to register your child in a school.

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#### HOW LONG WILL OUR CHILD BE IN SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Webster CSD only offers full-day programming (6.5 hours), approximately 7:50 AM-2:20 PM. Check with your building to determine specific start and end times.

## CAN OUR CHILD BE REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN BEFORE HIS/HER 5-YEAR-OLD MEDICAL APPOINTMENT?

Kindergarten registrations will be accepted without proof of the required immunizations or physical. However, in compliance with New York State's strict medical requirements for school attendance, your child will not be able to start school in September until the building nurse receives all required paperwork. More information about the requirements and exceptions can be found on the Health Office webpage.

# HOW DO WE REGISTER OUR CHILD TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN AT A PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL OR CHARTER SCHOOL?

On the registration page, follow the steps in the box labeled "Private, Parochial and Charter School Registration". Please note, proof of residency is required even if you previously provided it for older children attending school.

Please contact the Student Registration Office with any additional questions: 585-216-0029