

Farmingdale Public School 49 Academy Street Farmingdale, NJ 07727 www.farmingdaleschool.com 732-938-9611

Registration FAQs

- 1. My student already attends Farmingdale School. Do I have to re-register? Most students do not have to re-register. Re-enrollment for current Kindergarten through 7th grade students is automatic, unless the main office has been advised by the parent of an upcoming transfer. Separate forms are sent to preschoolers who wish to continue to the second year of preschool or advance to Kindergarten. Only students new to Farmingdale need to register through the OnCourse portal.
- 2. I don't have all of my pieces of paperwork. Can I still come to the paperwork drop off on March 27?

Yes! Please still select a slot on the <u>SignUpGenius</u> for March 27 and bring in what you have. You can then call to make an appointment to drop off the remaining paperwork as you receive it. If you have missed the March 27 dropoff day, please contact the office to make an appointment to bring in your paperwork.

3. My child's annual physical is after the paperwork drop off day. How should I proceed with the Universal Child Health Record?

Prior to the first day of school, all students entering school are required to provide documentation (Universal Child Health Record) of a physical examination signed and stamped by the child's healthcare provider with a current immunization record attached. This must be the original paper signed/stamped by the physician (i.e., not emailed). The physical examination must be dated within 365 days of the child's first day of school to be accepted for registration. If your child's annual physical is after paperwork dropoff day, please bring the current immunization record and the completed Health Questionnaire. When your child has the doctor appointment, please have the physician complete the Universal Health Record and provide an updated immunization record, then call the school to make an appointment to drop them off.

4. I am unable to attend paperwork dropoff day. Is there an alternative date?

Thursday, March 27, 2025 is the only designated day for paperwork dropoff for the 2025-26 school year. If you are unable to attend this date, please contact the office to make other arrangements.

5. Can I bring a photocopy of my child's birth certificate?

No, unfortunately, the birth certificate must be the original with the raised seal. To order a US birth certificate, contact the vital records office in the state where the child was born. You can also order a copy online or by mail.

6. I just moved in and don't have a utility bill yet.

Please ask one of your utility providers to provide a pro-forma invoice that shows your name, address, and intended start date of service.

7. We live with my parents so I don't have the residency in my name. How do I proceed with providing residency documents?

Your parent is considered the landlord and will need to provide a letter stating that you and your child(ren) are living there. This letter needs to be notarized by a notary public (available in most banks). We will then need the two forms of residency as outlined on the <u>proof of residency</u> document proving they own the property: one item from section A in addition to the notarized letter, and one item from section B. These items may also be in the landlord's name.

8. What are the advantages of registering early?

Registering early allows time to get proper supplies, maximize time to work on summer assignment (if any) due on the first day of classes, receive all summer notifications regarding the upcoming school year, prepare personalization within the classroom space, allow the teacher/principal/nurse to review any special educational or health needs, avoid the last minute scramble of getting all of the paperwork submitted and processed which could delay the child's first day of school, get any records from the previous school, etc. Early registration is always better than late registration.

9. Can I register over the summer?

Preschool seats may fill up but yes, if there are seats available, you can still register over the summer. New students going into grades Kindergarten through 8th grade can also be registered over the summer.

10. My child and I do not live in Farmingdale but my parents do, and they watch my child every day. Can we register my child in Farmingdale School? Possibly for K-8, if you are willing to pay tuition and only if certain parameters are met. See <u>District Policy 5111.1 - ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT STUDENT TUITION</u>. Preschoolers must reside in Farmingdale in order to attend - there is no availability to attend preschool on a tuition basis.

11. We anticipate a move out of Farmingdale. How do I proceed?

Notify the main office as soon as possible, and then notify your new district to determine which school the child will attend. Provide your new address as well as the new school and district to the Farmingdale main office to facilitate the transfer of records. If you are moving out of state, a form will need to be signed by the parent in order to transfer the records. The main office will prepare this form for you to come in and sign.

12. We anticipate a move into Farmingdale but we haven't closed yet. How do I proceed?

Per <u>District Policy 5111 - ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT STUDENTS</u>, a nonresident student whose parent or guardian anticipates school district residency and has entered a contract to buy, build, or rent a residence in this school district may be enrolled with payment of a tuition rate approved by the Executive County Superintendent for a period of time not greater than eight weeks prior to the anticipated date of residency. In this case, please contact the school for more information.

- 13. Are current 3-year-old preschoolers guaranteed a seat in the 4-year-old program? In the event of an oversubscription of the program, a lottery is conducted. Students registering for the 4-year-old preschool program (who will be attending Kindergarten the following school year) are prioritized over students entering the 3-year-old program.
- 14. When will I know if I got accepted into the preschool program or if there has to be a lottery to determine seats?

We will notify families by mid-April of their enrollment status.

15. Does my child need to be potty-trained to attend the preschool program? No, being potty-trained is not a requirement for preschool.

16. Do you mix 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds together or is there a class for each? There are two preschool classrooms, and each has a mix of 3- and 4-year-olds.

17. Do you honor classmate or teacher requests for preschool?

While we can't guarantee we can honor the request, we do take them into consideration and allow them if possible, so feel free to make the request.

18. Does the school provide Before or After Care?

No, we do not offer Before or After Care at this time.

19. Does the school provide transportation/busing?

No, Farmingdale is a walking district. Students may walk or ride their bike to school (with documented parent permission) or be dropped off by car following the procedure for the only designated dropoff area.

20. My child is a current student but some information has changed since last year. When can I update my information in OnCourse?

You can notify the main office at any time of the year when changes occur to your student's information, and we can make the change. Also, Annual Registration takes place in late summer or early September, and is required of all student families to update/confirm the information we have on file for your child. Annual Registration must be completed or report cards will not print, and this opens the OnCourse portal for yourself and your student, which will remain locked until completed. Annual Registration in OnCourse is different than New Student registration, though some fields are the same.

21. Do you provide a preschool or Kindergarten orientation for students?

Yes, we do a half-hour Munchkin Meet just before school starts so the preschoolers and Kindergarteners can meet their teachers and classmates and become familiar with their classroom. Information will be sent to families toward the end of summer.