



## **Haverhill Public Schools**

### **Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **How old does my child need to be to start Kindergarten?**

A child must turn five on or before August 31, 2019 to attend kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

#### **How do I register my child for Kindergarten?**

Kindergarten registration appointments can be requested by calling 978-420-1951. In order to complete registration, you will need proof of residency, a birth certificate, completed immunizations, and a medical history for your child. A detailed list of items that you need to bring to your registration appointment, including documentation for proof of residency, can be found at [www.haverhill-ps.org/registration](http://www.haverhill-ps.org/registration).

#### **How do I know which school my child will attend? Can I request/choose a certain school?**

Your child will be assigned to a school; Haverhill Public Schools does not offer open enrollment. Assignments for students who are registered by April 15, 2019, will be mailed to parents/guardians on or about May 15, 2019.

#### **Is Kindergarten free?**

Kindergarten is full day and is free for all students attending Haverhill Public Schools.

#### **When is the first day of school for my child?**

The first day of school for Kindergarten students is one week after the opening of school for grades 1-12. Kindergarten students typically start school on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

#### **What hours will my child go to school?**

Your child's schedule will depend on the school to which he/she is assigned. School hours are either 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. or 9:00 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. You will receive this information once your child has been placed in a building.

#### **Can my child take a bus? What number bus? What is the bus schedule and where is the bus stop?**

All kindergarten students living at least one mile from their assigned school are eligible to be bused to and from school. Safety considerations are also used to determine additional eligibility for busing. Information on bus stops and schedules will be available at [www.haverhill-ps.org/transportation/](http://www.haverhill-ps.org/transportation/) in August.

#### **I have an older child already in school. Will my kindergarten student be able to attend the same school?**

While we attempt to place siblings in the same school, this may not be possible. Different schools house different grades and programs, so a particular building may not have the grades or programs to be able to accommodate siblings.

#### **When is the open house for my child's school?**

School open houses are held in late August and you will receive information directly from your child's school over the summer.

#### **I received notification that my child needs a screening appointment for Kindergarten. What is this for?**

Kindergarten screening is done to assess the level at which your child is functioning academically, socially, and emotionally. It is intended to allow us to balance needs in the classroom with the need for additional services.