

Beverly Public Schools
Kindergarten Registration
2018-2019
Frequently Asked Questions

**** What documents must I bring with me to kindergarten registration?***

Parents and/or guardians must present an **original** birth certificate (may be obtained at City or Town Hall where child was born), 2 forms of proof of residency in Beverly (this must be documentation tied to the address, for example; Deed, lease, real estate tax bill, mortgage statement along with a recent telephone, gas or electric bill); a notarized letter from the owner if you are residing with someone else, along with their 2 forms of proof of residency as listed above, and the following completed forms from this packet:

- Student Data Form
- Home Language Survey
- Health Questionnaire
- Kindergarten Program Preference (Full or Half day)
- Immunization / Proof of Physical Exam Record
- Scholarship Form (only if applying for financial assistance)

****Your child must be 5 years of age on or before August 31st, 2018. There are no exceptions to this date.***

****What are the medical requirements for my child to attend public kindergarten?***

The Massachusetts Department of Health requires that all children entering school must have:

- five (5) doses of DTaP
- four (4) doses of Polio Vaccine
**These two requirements are waived if the child received their fourth dose of DTaP or third dose of polio vaccine on or after their fourth birthday.
- two (2) doses of MMR
- three (3) doses of Hepatitis B
- two (2) doses of Varicella, unless the child has a physician-certified reliable history of chicken pox disease.

No student will be permitted to attend on the 1st day of school without:

- proof of necessary immunizations,
- proof of lead screening,
- a completed "Massachusetts School Health Record," documenting a physical examination
- (Including an eye exam) completed within six (6) months before entry into school.

In the case of children with summer birthdays, please forward these completed materials before August 31st, 2018 to the McKeown Building at 70 Balch Street. **Again, please keep in mind that no student will be allowed to attend on the first day of school without a complete health record.**

Free regular physical examinations, including immunizations and lead screenings, are available at the Well Baby Clinic (Lydia Pinkham Clinic), which is located at 250 Derby Street in Salem, near Pickering Wharf. The clinic hours are Tuesday and Thursday, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. (physicals are done on Thursdays) No appointment is necessary. If a lead screening is required a referral will be made at the time of the physical. For more information, please call **(978) 744-3288**.

Please contact Teryl Bubar at 978-921-6100 ext. 22202 or tbubar@beverlyschools.org with questions regarding medical requirements for Kindergarten Registration.

Health questions during the school year can be referred to the nurse at your child's school:

Ayers Ryal Side Elementary School: Ann Poeske at 978-921-6116

Centerville Elementary School: Joyce Prior at 978-921-6120

Cove Elementary School: Kati Tobbyne at 978-921-6121

Hannah Elementary School: Lisa Carey at 978-921-6126

North Beverly Elementary School: Anne Wessel at 978-921-6130

****What steps does this school district take to screen incoming students to determine if they might require educational assistance?***

The Massachusetts Department of Education requires school Entry Screening in recognition of the fact that, if a child is in need of some educational assistance, the earlier that assistance is offered, the greater the benefit to the child. Screening in Beverly will take place at local elementary schools in the spring of 2018.

Screening is not a test. Rather, screening briefly samples a child's functioning in areas such as receptive and expressive language, fine and gross motor skills, auditory and visual functioning, memory, an awareness of the world and the ability to follow directions. A team of educators made up of special education staff, counselors, related services providers, and classroom teachers conducts this program, followed by a team review of each child's performance. In those situations in which additional information is needed, parents are contacted and further evaluation is discussed. However, no child is refused entry to kindergarten on the basis of this screening. Screening is available for those kindergarten students who will enroll in private schools, as well as being required for admission to public school. Parents of private or parochial kindergarten children may request that the results of the screening program be shared with the school which that child is attending.

****If you have a question regarding the elementary school that you are districted to attend, please refer to the street grid on our website: www.beverlyschools.org.***

****If you have further questions, you may contact Lisa Manning by email at lmannings@beverlyschools.org or contact by telephone at 978-921-6100 ext. 21731. Someone will get back to you within 48 hours.***

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

All educational and non-academic programs, activities and employment opportunities at Beverly Public Schools are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, age and/or, disability, and any other class or characteristic protected by law.