



Clark Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The time has come for the annual registration of children who are ready to begin school as kindergartners in September. Kindergarten is an exciting time. This time is filled with the exuberance of the young on the threshold of adventure and joyful friendship. The kindergarten experience is highlighted by the maturational growth of a child in the social setting of a good instructional program that seeks first and foremost to nurture the child's natural curiosity. The Clark Public Schools seek to promote healthy and happy early childhood years with a sensibly and professionally administered program of instruction. I invite you to become a part of our progressive system of education.

I. REGISTRATION

Who May Enroll: Children who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2020. Children currently enrolled in our special needs preschool programs do not need to register for kindergarten.

Information Required:

1. Birth Certificate (Original)
2. Completed Enrollment Form (Please use link below and then print form. If need be, computers are available for use at our Public Library.)
<https://genesis.genesisedu.com/clark/openReg>
3. Health History and Appraisal From Your Physician (Attached)
4. Student Health Examination From Your Physician (Attached)
5. Proofs of Residency - Three Required (Checklist Attached)

Under statute N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1, "Attendance at school is free of charge for all persons over five and under 20. You must be a bona fide resident domiciled in the district."

II. WHERE TO ENROLL

Clark Preschool Annex (in the Clark Municipal Building) at 430 Westfield Avenue

Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Last Names A to M

Friday, February 21, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Last Names N to Z

All students, regardless of whether or not they will be attending Frank K. Hehnly School or Valley Road School in September, will be registered at the Clark Preschool Annex. However, the below link will show you a map of which school your child is districted for and therefore will be attending.

<https://tinyurl.com/tajpcvg>

Please be sure to bring all of the information requested since these dates are for the collection of data necessary for school enrollment. The only forms from the above list that can be missing without the paperwork being considered non-complete on registration day are items three and four as a result of the dependency on the physician. However, these two forms must be submitted prior to the start of school in September. State laws require that students be domiciled within the local school district for a free public education. You may not use someone else's address to have your child attend school in this district. The Clark Board of Education strictly adheres to the resident student statutes. Below is a link to our virtual Parent University session on transitioning into kindergarten that you may find to be helpful as you ready your child for this new, exciting experience.

<https://goo.gl/fTxBmE>

Classroom visitations occur in late April/early May. At that time, the children will have the opportunity to visit and see kindergarten activities. If you have any questions about registration, please call our school offices:

Frank K. Hehnly School: 732-381-8100

Valley Road School: 732-388-7900

Thank you for your cooperation and very truly yours,

Edward Grande, Superintendent of Schools

