

# Countdown to Kindergarten: Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. When can I register my child for kindergarten?

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year officially begins on Feb. 1, 2018.

While parents are able to register their students for kindergarten at any time during the year, we encourage you to enroll your child as soon as possible to ensure you receive all important communication from your child's school.

## 2. How do I know what school my child should attend?

Please use the Edulog School Assignment Finder on the UCPS website to identify which school your child will attend. If you encounter any problems while using Edulog, or are unable to find the school to which your student is assigned, please call the School Performance Office at 704-296-1006 or 704-296-0825.

## 3. Are there any eligibility requirements?

Children who will be five years old on or before Aug. 31, 2018 are eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten.

## 4. How do I enroll my child in kindergarten?

Open houses will be held at every elementary school in January and February 2018, where you will have an opportunity to enroll your student on-site. If you are unable to attend an open house session, you may visit the school your child will attend to complete kindergarten registration.

## 5. What do I need to bring with me to registration?

You will need to bring the following information:

- Your child's birth certificate to verify he or she will be five years old on or before Aug. 31. Birth certificates can be obtained from county officials in the county where your student was born.
- A certified copy of your child's immunization record that includes a doctor's signature or a clinic's stamp as proof the vaccines were given. Please visit the UCPS website for a complete list of immunizations required by law before your student's first day of school.
- Two documents that provide proof of residence. Please visit the UCPS website for a complete list of approved documents.

Before the first day of school, you will also need to provide your school with a completed Kindergarten Health Assessment Report. The form must be signed by a doctor and include all of the information requested on the form.

## 6. Is UCPS redistricting schools?

In 2017, the Union County Board of Education organized a Student Realignment Citizens Advisory Committee to provide input/feedback as the Board conducts research for a potential Student Realignment Plan. The committee will present their final recommendations to the Board of Education in February 2018. The Board of Education is expected to take action by March 2018.

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## **7. How will the potential realignment affect kindergarten registration?**

Parents of children who will attend kindergarten during the 2018-19 school year are encouraged to register their students for kindergarten at the current assigned school. Once decisions are made about realignment, staff will work with schools to properly transfer information for students. Parents will not have to re-register if the assignment changes for kindergarten students.

## **8. What academic options are available for UCPS kindergarten students?**

UCPS elementary schools have many competitive academic offerings that provide a unique and well-rounded educational experience for students, ranging from language immersion programs to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives.

By combining powerful instructional strategies with digital resources, students are challenged to uncover and engage in opportunities that focus on problem solving, making real world connections and working collaboratively. Families are encouraged to visit the EmpowerED Family Portal on the UCPS website to view resources that are available to students.

## **9. Is transportation provided to kindergarten students?**

Yes, transportation is available for all UCPS students. Please contact the school your student will attend for more information about transportation.

## **10. Does UCPS provide an after-school program for students?**

Yes, parents have the option of enrolling their student in one of the 27 five-star After School Programs that are conveniently located at UCPS elementary schools. Please visit the UCPS website to learn more about the After School Program.

## **11. Where can I find more information about kindergarten curriculum as well as goals and objectives for UCPS kindergarten students?**

The UCPS Goals and Objectives handbook for students in kindergarten through second grade, which is available on the UCPS website, outlines the goals and objectives for students. You can also view the UCPS Kindergarten Registration booklet for more information about how to prepare your child for reading, writing and math.

## **12. What support services are available for students with disabilities?**

Our Exceptional Children's Program provides special education and related services for eligible children with disabilities and are designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

Once determined eligible by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team, the students' needs are addressed through the development of an individualized education program which may address cognitive, educational, physical, behavioral, communication, motor and adaptive needs of the student.

Please visit the UCPS website for more information about the Exceptional Children's Program.