



# It's Time to Register for Kindergarten!



## Helpful things to know as you register your child for kindergarten

### Kindergarten Eligibility

By North Carolina state law, registration in kindergarten is open to all children who turn 5 years old on or before August 31st.

### What School Will My Child Attend?

You can visit or call an elementary school close to your home and ask. Phone numbers are listed on this brochure.

You can also find out your school district by going online. Go to <http://gis.catawbacountync.gov/school/> and type in your home address.

### What Do I Need to Bring to Register My Child for Kindergarten?

The following items are typically required when you bring your child to register for kindergarten:

- Photo identification for parent/guardian
- 2 documents providing proof of residency (property deed, rental lease and/or utility bills are typically acceptable)
- Your child's certified birth certificate with seal (photocopies and hospital certificates are not acceptable)
- Your child's updated immunization records
- Medical information (completed health assessment form), signed by a physician or the health department, will be required when you register your child for kindergarten or on the first day of school. Your school will provide the form.

### What Skills will Help my Child Adjust Well to Kindergarten?

- Showing an interest in learning new things.
- Being willing to join in new activities.
- Showing consideration for the feelings of others.
- Being able to adjust when things don't go right.
- Expressing ideas and feelings clearly most of the time.
- Asking for help when they really need it.

### What Can Families do to Help Support Your Students?

- Prepare healthy foods and offer a balanced diet.
- Limit screen time on all screens. Five-year-olds should only have 1 hour of screen time a day.
- Give choices whenever appropriate. This supports decision-making skills and self-regulation.
- Read, talk, sing, write, play! See this website for suggestions: <https://catawbakids.com/ready-to-read>
- Provide plenty of reading material. Visit your local library often and read to your child daily.
- Provide writing tools and paper. Scribbling is OK at first; that's how the fingers get going!
- Encourage your child to play. Play is the child's work, and too much sitting still is just hard at this age! If encouraged to get the wiggles out with lots of moving now, sitting still later on in first grade is easier. Find ways to get plenty of exercise.
- Notice your child doing positive things and tell him/her you like what he/she is doing. "I like how you brushed your teeth and put the cap back on the toothpaste." When children hear in words what it is that you want them to do, they will be more likely to do it again.
- Support your child when disappointed, sad, or even angry. Talk about feelings and positive ways to work through feelings to feel better.
- Don't "give in" when your child is persistent about something you've said they can't or shouldn't do. Accepting "no" is very important for later learning.
- Call Children's Resource Center at 828-695-6565 and ask about our FREE Triple P Parent Education Program ... it's a wonderful resource for ALL parents!

For additional information call ...  
Children's Resource Center at 828-695-6565

Children's Resource Center can connect you with support and resource information, such as how to access before-school and after-school services, how to get your child immunized, and how to access parent support and education classes.



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## It's Time to Connect with my Elementary School!



### Catawba County Schools

Website: [www.catawbaschools.net](http://www.catawbaschools.net)

Central Office	828-464-8333
Balls Creek Elementary	828-464-4766
Banoak Elementary	704-462-2849
Blackburn Elementary	828-466-7065
Catawba Elementary	828-241-3131
Claremont Elementary	828-459-7921
Clyde Campbell Elementary	828-256-2769
Lyle Creek Elementary	828-466-7068
Maiden Elementary	828-428-8769
Mountain View Elementary	828-294-2020
Oxford Elementary	828-459-7220
St. Stephens Elementary	828-466-7067
Sherrills Ford Elementary	828-478-2662
Snow Creek Elementary	828-256-2335
Startown Elementary	828-464-1257
Tuttle Elementary	828-428-3080
Webb A. Murray Elementary	828-256-2196

### Hickory City Schools

Website: [www.hickoryschools.net](http://www.hickoryschools.net)

Central Office	828-322-2855
Jenkins Elementary	828-327-3491
Longview Elementary (3-5)	828-485-0975
Oakwood Elementary	828-322-1340
Southwest Primary (PreK-2)	828-324-8884
Viewmont Elementary	828-324-7049

### Newton-Conover City Schools

Website: [www.newton-conover.org](http://www.newton-conover.org)

Central Office	828-464-3191
Conover School	828-464-9532
North Newton Elementary	828-464-2631
Shuford Elementary	828-464-1973
South Newton Elementary	828-464-4061

## What to Expect with Kindergarten Screening



A typical kindergarten screening helps teachers and other school staff to get to know your child and to understand if any other assessments should be done.

There is NO pass or fail with a kindergarten screening!

Please look up your child's school and sign up to attend their special kindergarten registration events.



## 2026 Important Dates

Call your child's school for more information and to schedule appointments on these days

- Balls Creek – Parent Orientation 3/16; Screenings 4/28
- Banoak – Parent Orientation 4/23 (4pm); Screenings 6/2
- Blackburn – Parent Orientation 4/20; Screenings 5/27
- Catawba – Parent Orientation 3/16 (9-10am or 2-3pm); Screenings 5/5 (Makeup Date 5/27)
- Claremont – Parent Orientation 8/31 (5:30-6:30pm); Screenings 8/26 (6pm)
- Clyde Campbell – Parent Orientation and Screenings 3/12
- Jenkins – Beginners' Day 4/23 (5pm)
- Lyle Creek – Parent Orientation 6/1 (Open House); Screenings 6/1
- Maiden – Parent Orientation 4/23 (4-5pm or 6-7pm); Screenings 4/30 (1-4pm) and 5/4 (4-7pm)
- Mountain View – Parent Orientation 4/1 (8:45am or 12pm); Screenings 6/3
- North Newton – Screenings 5/27
- Oakwood – Beginners' Day 4/23 (4:30pm)
- Oxford – Parent Orientation 8/26 (6pm); Screenings 3/13
- Sherrills Ford – Parent Orientation 5/13; Screenings 4/22
- Shuford – Screenings 5/26
- Snow Creek – Parent Orientation 8/20; Screenings 3/12
- South Newton – Screenings 5/26
- Southwest – Beginners' Day 4/16 (9am or 6pm)
- St. Stephens – Parent Orientation and Screenings 5/27
- Startown – Parent Orientation 3/16; Screenings 3/16 (8am-5pm)
- Tuttle – Parent Orientation and Screenings 5/29
- Viewmont – Beginners' Day 4/30 (5:30pm)
- Webb A. Murray – Parent Orientation 3/24 (5:30pm); Screenings 6/2

