

Transition to Kindergarten for Children with IEPs – Information Sheet for Parents/Guardians

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Transitioning from Preschool Programs to Kindergarten

We know that transitioning from Preschool Programs to Kindergarten involves significant change and may be a very stressful time for Parents/Guardians and their child with an IEP. What can you expect during this time?

- Preschool program providers will be preparing for a transition Individual Education Program (IEP) meeting that will take place in the spring prior to the school year the child will be attending Kindergarten.
 - Preschool program providers will schedule this meeting with you.
 - Your attendance and contribution at this meeting is very important.
 - Special Education and related services will be discussed.
 - An Individual Education Program (IEP) will be completed outlining special education and related services when your child starts Kindergarten.

How can I be an active member of the transition IEP team meeting to determine the best kindergarten experience for my child?

Be prepared to provide/share:

- ✓ Input about your child's learning style.
- ✓ Examples of your child's level of independence in the home.
- ✓ Supports and structures you have in place outside of school.
- ✓ Your child's strengths and areas of concern.
- ✓ Medical information that is important to your child's well-being.
- ✓ Questions you have about the process.

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- ❖ Parents/Guardians will register their child for Kindergarten at their assigned base school starting in January prior to the school year the child will be attending Kindergarten.
 - Information on registration for Kindergarten can be found on the Wake County Public School System website at <http://www.wcpss.net/Page/71> or contact WCPSS Student Assignment at (919) 431- 7333.
 - Information on your child's base school can be found on the WCPSS website at <http://www.wcpss.net/Page/49> or contact WCPSS Student Assignment at (919) 431 – 7333.
 - Information on WCPSS Student Assignment Timelines and Deadlines can be found on <http://www.wcpss.net/Page/49> or contact WCPSS Student Assignment at (919) 431 – 7333.
 - All students who pre-register for Kindergarten can participate in the WCPSS school application process which includes calendar options, Magnet schools, etc. If your child requires a specialized regional special education program as defined by their IEP, Special Education Services will assign your child to that program and notify you by mail of the assignment following the transition meeting. For more information you may contact Special Education Services at facc@wcpss.net or (919) 431 – 7334.



Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten: A Checklist for Parents/Guardians and Families

Registration: You have registered your child at his/her base school and completed all of the necessary paperwork.

Health: Receives medical and dental care and has had all the necessary immunizations or immunization information required for school attendance.

School Visit: Take your child to visit the school prior to the beginning of school. Try to arrange a tour of the school building or check if one will be given at kindergarten registration.

Need more information or if you have questions?

Special Education Services

Family & Community Connections

Email: facc@wcpss.net

Phone: 919-431-7334