



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS – LILLIAN M. JACOBS SCHOOL

It is with pleasure that we present this Kindergarten Registration Booklet to you. We hope it will begin to answer some of the questions that arise as you register your child for Kindergarten. Additional information regarding the Hull Kindergarten Program will be provided as the year progresses and your child nears the first day of school. It is our goal that all children in Hull receive a high quality education appropriate to their needs. We look forward to meeting you and your child as he/she begins his/her educational journey in the Hull Public Schools.

WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN ALL ABOUT?

Kindergarten is a happy, active place, rich in opportunities and a variety of experiences that will guide and help children:

- Become familiar with a group setting
- Develop self-control, independence and responsibility
- Develop an interest and joy in learning
- Develop a feeling of self-expression and creativity
- To be kind and courteous
- To respect the rights, properties and diversity of others
- To be curious about the world around them

OUR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

- Classrooms are designed to support learning through play with meaningful instruction in all content areas including social-emotional learning, music, art, physical education, and technology.
- Teachers implement the Massachusetts State Curriculum Standards that include reading, writing, math, science and social studies, and that foster all areas of child development: cognitive, social, emotional and physical.
- Assessments are administered to understand the child's learning and development. A written report card is provided to families three times a year, with formal conferences twice a year.
- Children have access to school-based resources to address health and social-emotional or interpersonal needs (school nurse, occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech therapist, school psychologist, and school adjustment counselor).

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL

It is important that we work together to build a strong home-school partnership to make this a positive educational experience for your child. Some suggestions to make this happen are:

- READ to your child!
- Develop listening skills. Give directions to follow and be sure they are being followed.
- Give your child some responsibilities in the home, no matter how small.
- Have a reasonable bedtime hour and hold to that schedule.
- Help your child to learn how to dress himself/herself (including tying shoes, putting on and taking off boots, and zipping a jacket).
- Prepare for this new experience by discussing school in a positive manner.
- Attend transitional activities to ease any fear or apprehension.
- Teach the good health habits of caring for a cold and covering the mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Keep your child at home when ill (sore throat, diarrhea, skin rash, earache, swollen glands, or fever) to eliminate the spread of diseases.

ENTRANCE AGE

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years old as of the first day of school.

REGISTRATION

Registration for kindergarten is now open. Registration packets are available online at <https://www.hullpublicschools.org/elementary-school/kindergarten/pages/kindergarten-registration> or through the school office, which is open for registration M-F 9:00am-2:00pm. Please call 781-925-4400 x1136 or email kabatuno@town.hull.ma.us for more information.

The following materials are required for registration:

- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Proof of Residency (see next page for details)
- ✓ Documentation of Recent Physical Exam *including* Immunization Record, Lead Paint Screening, and Vision Screening (details below)

When registering your child, the following forms must be submitted:

- ✓ Hull Public Schools Registration Form
- ✓ Home Language Survey
- ✓ Early Childhood Education Experience Survey

These forms are available at the Jacobs School or can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.hullpublicschools.org/elementary-school/kindergarten>.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

In order to enroll your child in Kindergarten, we are mandated by Massachusetts State Law to have documentation of the following requirements:

- ✓ Immunizations
- ✓ Screenings:
 - Lead
 - Vision, dated within one year prior to entrance or 30 days after entrance
 - Physical, dated within the year prior to entrance

Only those students with documented medical contraindications or documented religious beliefs are exempt from the immunization requirement. Please feel free to contact Ms. Kathe Keegan, RN, our school nurse at 781-925-4400 x1144 with any questions regarding these requirements or any medical concerns.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Before any student attends the Hull Public Schools, the student's parent or legal guardian must prove legal residence in the Town of Hull. Families whose primary residence is outside the Town of Hull are not eligible to attend the Hull Public Schools.

If you own the property, we require:

- Copy of most recent tax bill and/or recent mortgage payment.
- Copy of most recent utility bill (cable, electric, landline phone, water bill, sewer bill, etc.).
- Fully signed and executed Purchase and Sale Agreement, provided occupancy date occurs within 30 days of enrollment.
- Proof of identification of parent/guardian (valid MA Driver's License or valid photo ID card, valid Passport or other government issued photo).

If you lease/rent, we require:

- Copy of most recent utility bill in your name (cable, electric, landline phone, etc.).
- Fully signed and executed lease and/or rental agreement (must be executed by both parties).
- Proof of identification of parent/guardian (valid MA Driver's License or valid photo ID card, valid Passport or other government issued photo).

If you are living with a friend or relative, we require:

- Notarized letter from the property owner stating the child is currently living at a Hull address with a copy of the property owner's most recent property tax bill.
- Copy of most recent car insurance bill, cell phone bill or credit card bill in your name, mailed to you at the Hull address within the past 45 days.
- Proof of identification of parent/guardian (valid MA Driver's License or valid photo ID card, valid Passport or other government issued photo).

The Hull Public Schools Residency Policy does not apply to students experiencing homelessness:

Please contact our district's McKinney Vento Liaison, Kristen Ryan, Director of Student Services, for assistance regarding the enrollment process for homeless students. She can be reached at kyryan@town.hull.ma.us or 781-925-4400 x1121.

Without proper proof of residency, the student will not be allowed to enroll in the Hull Public Schools.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is provided. Each kindergartner will be assigned to a bus and given a bus tag to be attached to his/her backpack.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

You will be notified to which classroom your child is assigned in August. We do not accept requests for specific teachers.

SCREENING

In accordance with state regulations, a developmental screening is conducted to determine potential academic needs. Incoming students are assessed by Kindergarten teachers, speech therapists, occupational and physical therapists for services and classroom placement. Screenings will take place on May 22 and June 5 (Wednesdays). Upon registration parents will be given a screening appointment for one of these dates.

PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CHECKLIST

Parents/caregivers will receive a preschool/child care checklist form to give to their preschool or childcare provider to complete. The form provides information that assists our staff when making class placements. The completed form should be returned to Katy Rae Abatuno by May 13, 2024, at:

- *Mail:* Lillian M. Jacobs School, 18 Harborview Road, Hull, MA 02045
- *Fax:* 781-925-2938
- *Email:* kabatuno@town.hull.ma.us