

Kindergarten Curriculum

The kindergarten curriculum encompasses:

- Tennessee State Standards
- Differentiated Instructional Practices
- Technology Integration and Application
- Student Engagement
- Real and Relevant Learning

The kindergarten curriculum provides a comprehensive instructional program that focuses on language arts, math, social studies, science, health, visual arts, music, physical education, and use of the library. To view all academic standards, visit <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/academic-standards>.

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A Parent's Guide for Getting Started

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Kindergarten is a Wonderful, New Adventure!

Starting kindergarten is an exciting adventure for children and families. It is a new opportunity for learning, developing friendships, building confidence, and independence.



You can help your child make a smooth transition to kindergarten by becoming informed. When you are informed, you are better able to tell your child what to expect, express confidence in your child, and provide calm reassurance. It is typical and normal for both children and parents to feel anxious about starting kindergarten.

The following is an easy guide which will provide you with key information that will help you and your child transition smoothly to kindergarten.

School Registration

You may register your child at your zoned school's office. Pre-registration usually takes place in May. Call your local school for pre-registration information or check the Rutherford County Schools website at www.rcschools.net.

Bring the following documents with you to registration:

- 1) Certified birth Certificate
- 2) Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization
- 3) Proof of Residency such as current utility bill (water, electric, gas) with the parent's name and address printed on it. If the family is new to the address, bring a copy of your contract or lease on a house or apartment.

Age

Tennessee law states that children entering kindergarten must be five years of age on or before August 15. Rutherford County Schools do not test for early entrance to kindergarten.



Immunizations

State law and Rutherford County Board of Education (RCBOE) policy 6.402 requires all students entering kindergarten to have a valid Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization to enroll or attend school. Students without the required immunization documentation (or exemption documentation) will not be able to start school.

Physical Examination

Students entering school for the first time must have a complete physical examination, RCBOE policy 6.402. The physical examination must be within one calendar year of starting school in Tennessee. If the students attended Pre-K in Rutherford County schools, a new physical exam is not required.

Countywide Phase-In Period

The first few days of the school year are used as a phase-in period for kindergarten students. During this time, students are screened on an individual basis, parents attend an orientation session, and the students attend school in small groups to become familiar with the school routines. Each school provides a calendar upon pre-registration to show days and times for phase-in activities. The first full day of school for kindergarten is indicated on the kindergarten calendar available at each school.