



# Kindergarten

CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 509J



## How do I know which school my child will attend?

If you are not sure about which school attendance area you live in, please call the school district office, 757-5811. School district policy allows parents to request the school they would like their children to attend. Parents of students on transfer are responsible for transportation to and from school unless space is available on a district bus that travels an appropriate route. If you plan to register your child at a school outside the attendance area, request a student transfer form when you register your child for kindergarten.



## What do I need to bring to kindergarten registration?

To complete the registration forms, you should bring:

- A copy of your child's complete immunization record, including information about when your child received the following required immunizations:
  - ◆ 5 doses of DTP vaccine
  - ◆ 4 doses of polio vaccine
  - ◆ 1 dose of MMR vaccine at or after 15 months of age
  - ◆ 1 dose of Hib vaccine required between 15 months and before five years of age
  - ◆ Second dose of measles containing vaccine
  - ◆ Hepatitis B series (3 doses)
  - ◆ Chicken pox vaccine or disease history
- Names and phone numbers of three friends or relatives to be called in an emergency if you can't be reached
- Name and phone number of your family physician
- Proof of birth date: birth certificate, hospital certificate or passport
- Students eligible for kindergarten next year must be five years old on or before September 1
- Your child's social security number. Applications for social security numbers are available at the Corvallis Post Office.



## What kindergarten program options are available?

The State of Oregon provides funding for a free-half-time kindergarten program, which is available at all Corvallis Schools. In addition, we also provide a supplemental enrichment program that adds five half days of time each week. This fee-based option, available in most of our schools, provides more time for children whose parents feel they are ready for an all-day experience.



## How will my child get to school?

Children who live close to school may walk or be transported by parents. Those who live one mile from the building (unless some hazard exists, such as a busy highway) may ride the bus that takes all elementary students to and from school in the morning and afternoon.



## What supplies will my child need for kindergarten?

Supply lists vary from school to school. Check with your school. Remember school offices are closed from the end of June until mid-August. District-wide lists published in the Gazette-Times or posted in stores may not reflect the specific needs of your child's classroom. Most kindergarten teachers send a letter home in August that includes supply information. There are donations of school supplies, including backpacks, available at each school for low income families; you can get information about this program from the office at your child's school.



### **What is the schedule for kindergarten children in September?**

Schedules vary from school to school. You will receive a letter in late August informing you about your child's starting date and time. Some schools do a "staggered start" and/or home visits during the first few school days in September.



### **What services are available for children with special needs?**

Services available in the kindergarten program may vary from those offered in pre-kindergarten programs. If you have any questions, or if you believe your child will need special services, contact your building secretary this spring.



### **How do I know if my child is eligible for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch?**

Breakfast and lunch are offered at all elementary schools. Morning and all day kindergarten students may purchase breakfast, and all day kindergarten students may purchase lunch. Free and reduced-price breakfasts and lunches are available for low-income families meeting federal guidelines. Application forms are available in your school's office.

Snacks in kindergarten are provided or paid for by parents. Contact your child's teacher if paying for or providing snacks would create a hardship for your family.



### **Medical and Immunization Information**

Oregon law requires that children in kindergarten be adequately immunized against diphtheria tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, hepatitis B, and rubella. On registration day parents must bring a child's immunization records to school. School staff will then advise you about needed immunizations. Most kindergartners will need to receive a booster dose of diphtheria/tetanus vaccine and polio vaccine to meet the requirements of the law. Those who have not had one dose of measles/mumps/rubella vaccine will need one dose.

To be ready for school, make plans now to have your child immunized. Please do one of the following:

1. Make an appointment now with your family physician.
2. Make an appointment with the Benton County Health Department at **766-6835**. Vaccine costs range based on income level. No one is denied service if unable to pay. All county residents use Health Department services regardless of income level.

Plan now to comply with Oregon's School Immunization Law. Call for appointments with your doctor or the Health Department. If you have questions about immunization requirements call your child's school or the Health Department.

You also are urged to get a physical examination for your child. The Pupil Medical Record form is available at the school. Since clinics and doctors' offices are very busy during the late summer, you are encouraged to get physical examinations and immunizations early in the year.

Information concerning physicals and immunizations is available at:

Benton County Health Department  
530 NW 27th Street  
Corvallis, Oregon 97330  
Phone: **766-6835**

**If you have any unanswered questions or concerns after you attend your school's orientation, check with your building principal. They are happy to answer your questions.**