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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I want to take a moment to thank you for allowing us to serve you and your student during this school year. The Division of Early Childhood Education staff have been working diligently to ensure you have the necessary information to assist you and your student as they transition to kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please see the enclosed information to help you prepare as your student takes the next steps in their educational journey. Please talk with your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding kindergarten.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terra A Baker
Director of Early Childhood Education



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Enrollment Options for CCS Pre-K Students Transitioning to Kindergarten

If Your Student Currently Attends Pre-K:

You do NOT need to re-enroll for Kindergarten. **All** students will automatically be enrolled in their home school by address for Kindergarten. **This includes students who are currently enrolled in a lottery school.** Your home school is based on your home address. If you have moved during the school year, please make sure that you update the address via the Annual Update in your Parent Portal. If you are not sure of your home school you may locate it on the Columbus City School district's school locator here: <https://www.ccsok.us/Page/6288>.

If Your Student Currently Attends Pre-K and You Want Them to Attend a School That is NOT their Home School by Address:

You can complete a lottery application for a DIFFERENT school through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Applications can be completed online during the lottery application time frame period (February 3 - March 31, 2025).

If you need your access code to set up a Parent Portal account, you can send a picture ID and your student's name and date of birth to parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us.

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Families must complete the 2025-2026 [Online Registration](#) to begin the enrollment process instead of making an appointment to complete enrollment in person at Central Enrollment.

January 3, 2025

Online Registration Opens for K-12

February 3- March 31

Elementary School Lottery Applications
Accepted in the Parent Portal

February 6

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Elementary School Fair

More details: www.ccschool.us/schoolchoice

Kindergarten Enrollment Appointments are NOT required

Enrollment appointments will NO LONGER BE REQUIRED, but are available as an option for families who would like assistance.

For Latchkey Enrollment check the Early Childhood Education website under “Latchkey Program”

<https://www.ccschool.us/Latchkey>

Contact the FACTLine at 614-221-3228 or FACTLine@columbus.k12.oh.us



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Kindergarten Immunization Information

Kindergarten is right around the corner! Ohio law requires all students to have at minimum the immunizations listed below to attend school. If your student is enrolled in a CCS preschool and needs updated immunizations you will receive an immunization referral later this spring. You can also check their most recent shot record against the chart below.

If you have any questions or need help obtaining health care, please contact the ECE nurse at ECENURSES@columbus.k12.oh.us or fax an updated immunization record to 614-365-8745.

VACCINES	IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
DTaP/DT Tdap/Td Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis	<p>K-12: Four (4) or more doses of DTaP or DT, or any combination. If all four doses were given before the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is not required.</p> <p>Grades 7-12: One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after 10th birthday.</p>
POLIO	<p>K-12: Three (3) or more doses of IPV. FINAL dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday regardless of the number of previous doses. Only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts towards the U.S. vaccine requirements. Doses of OPV administered before 4/1/16 should be counted (Unless specifically noted as administered during a campaign) and doses after 4/1/16 should not be counted.</p>
MMR	<p>K-12: Two (2) doses of MMR. Dose one (1) must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after dose one (1). *To be counted, MMR and Varicella must be given on same day or at least 28 days apart, with no grace period.</p>
HEP B Hepatitis B	<p>K-12: Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose), must not be administered before age 24 weeks.</p>
Varicella (Chickenpox)	<p>K-12: Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. Dose one (1) must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose one (1); however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.</p>
MCV4 Meningococcal	<p>Grade 7: One (1) dose of Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W and Y) must be given prior to entry, on or after the 10th birthday.</p> <p>Grade 12: Two (2) doses of MCV4. Second dose on or after age 16 years, with a minimum interval of eight weeks between doses. If 1st dose was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a 2nd dose is not required.</p>

Reference: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov> – See Immunizations. If vaccines were not given at proper intervals additional doses may be needed to meet requirements. A 4 day grace period applies to all ages and interval minimums except 28-day intervals.

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CCS Kindergarten Enrollment Resources

Transportation

- Bus schedules will be mailed and should arrive in August.
- For additional information, call Transportation (614)365-5074 or FACTLine at (614)221-3228.

English as a Second Language

In order to ensure that all potential LEP students are identified and offered ESL services, the Columbus City Schools requires that any student who:

- Was born outside of the United States, in a country where English is not the primary language **OR**
- Has one or both parents who were born outside of the United States, in a country where English is not the primary language **OR**
- First learned to speak a language other than English **OR**
- Speaks a language other than English at home
- If the student qualifies for any of the above 4 criteria, the student will be given the Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener (OELPS) to assure student academic success. A parent notification letter with the student's result will be provided.
- For additional questions or concerns please call the ESL Office at (614)365-8802.

Gifted and Talented

- Gifted Identification Process: Students in K-8 will be screened in reading and math 2-3 times per year. Notification of new gifted identification will occur in November, February, and May.
- Students in grade 2 take the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test and students in grade 5 take the Cognitive Abilities Test in November to screen for superior cognitive ability.
- Students who meet the qualifying score on the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test and Cognitive Abilities Test will also be screened for creative thinking. Scores are usually sent home by schools in February or March.
- For more information, please call the Gifted and Talented Division at (614) 365-6626.

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