

Octorara Area School District

Kindergarten Registration

2009-2010 School Year

FACT SHEET

Contact for Kindergarten Registration: If you have not received a kindergarten packet (needed for registration) by the first week in April, please contact the Octorara Primary Learning Center Office at 610-593-8350.

Website: www.octorara.k12.pa.us

Registration Dates: Monday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location of Registration: Octorara Primary Learning Center, 87 Highland Rd., Atglen, PA 19310-1644

Age Requirement: Students must be five years old on or before September 1, 2009 in order to register for Kindergarten

*Documents that are **REQUIRED** to be presented the day of registration. See the website or call for a full list of the documents:*

- Proof of residency (i.e. lease/agreement of sale, driver's license, vehicle registration, Post Office change of address, bill/receipts showing new address, welfare card, or any information that has new address listed)
- Child's birth certificate
- Immunization record, recent physical examination form, completed health history and consent form

The Pennsylvania State Health Law requires each child entering school for the first time to have the following immunizations before school begins:

- Diphtheria and Tetanus: 4 or more properly spaced doses of DTP, DtaP, Td or DT, or any combination of the 3, with one dose being administered on or after the child's fourth birthday
- Polio: 3 or more properly spaced doses of polio vaccine (IPV or OPV)
- Measles: 2 doses of live attenuated measles vaccine
- Rubella: 2 doses of live attenuated rubella
- Mumps: 2 doses of attenuated mumps vaccine
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses
- Varicella Chicken Pox Vaccine

The immunization requirements are a condition of attendance at any public, private, or parochial school in Pennsylvania. Parents will be expected to produce evidence of the immunizations.

What to expect when you and your child go to Kindergarten Registration: When you register, the following individuals will be there to review your records and answer any questions you may have: principal, nurse, and transportation personnel. You will also have a chance to sign your child up for the kindergarten screening that takes place in May. This screening is needed to help us determine the readiness of your child. All registrations will take place in the main lobby. It will not be necessary to bring your child to school at this time.

An Incoming Kindergarten New Parent Workshop is scheduled for mid-May and is advertised during registration times. Following the district's screening, the scores are used to determine children who will be invited to the district's Summer Kindergarten Outreach Program – a 3-week August kick-start program designed to strengthen skills and to better prepare the children for kindergarten responsibilities and demands.