

Newton Public Schools



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Newton Public Schools Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year

Children who will be 5-years-old on or before August 31, 2015, are eligible to enter kindergarten in the Newton Public Schools in September 2015. All Newton elementary schools will hold parent information nights, followed on a separate date for registration of students. Parents who are new to Newton or who have not received any notice regarding parent information nights or registration for kindergarten should contact their neighborhood school. Those residents unsure of their neighborhood school may check the City of Newton website at <http://apps.newtonma.gov/residential-services> or call the Assistant Superintendent's Office at 617-559-6105.

At registration, a screening, required by Massachusetts Chapter 766 State Law, is given to each child who will be entering kindergarten. This screening is not used to determine if a child is ready for kindergarten. It is used only as a tool to provide local schools with information concerning any special learning needs a child might have before entering school.

By law, if a language in addition to or other than English is spoken at home, a teacher from the English Language Learners (ELL) Program will assess your child's English language proficiency during the kindergarten screening. This information will allow us to better support your child in school. If you need an interpreter, please inform the school before your scheduled appointment.

Buffer Zone: Parents/guardians of students residing in a buffer zone must request either one of the designated elementary schools in the zone. A buffer zone is a defined area for which individual addresses may be assigned to one of the two elementary schools. The requests will be granted based on space availability. Students in these zones do not have a designated home school until such time as they are assigned to a school. Parents/guardians of students residing in a buffer zone must submit their requests for a preferred school to Cynthia Paris Jeffries, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, 100 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02460. Buffer Zone Request forms can be found on our webpage in the "Families" section.

2015
Kindergarten Parent Information
and Registration Dates

Please contact your neighborhood elementary school to confirm dates/times and to make an appointment for registration.

School	Parent Information	Kindergarten Registration
Angier 617-559-9300	February 5	March 2, 4 & 6
Bowen 617-559-9330	March 26	April 13, 14 & 16
Burr 617-559-9360	January 26	March 5 & 12
Cabot 617-559-9400	February 26	March 13 & 17
Countryside 617-559-9450	March 5	April 7
Franklin 617-559-9500	February 11	March 31
Horace Mann 617-559-9510	February 5	March 4 & 6
Lincoln-Eliot 617-559-9540	February 10	March 6, 13 & 27
Mason-Rice 617-559-9570	February 12	March 17 & 18
Memorial-Spaulding 617-559-9600	February 3	February 24 & March 3
Peirce 617-559-9630	February 12	March 3 & 10
Underwood 617-559-9660	March 5	March 9, 11 & 13
Ward 617-559-6450	March 3	March 16 & April 6
Williams 617-559-6480	February 3	March 2, 11, & 16
Zervas 617-559-6750	February 4	March 13