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KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE

- 1. South Dakota State Law (13-28-2) states that, "any child who is five years old on the first day of September is eligible for enrollment in kindergarten during that school year..."
- 2. South Dakota State Law (13-28-7.1) requires any student entering school in this state shall, prior to admission, be required to present to school authorities certification that he or she has received adequate immunizations according to the recommendations of the State Department of Health.
- 3.The child's **certified birth certificate must be presented** so that a copy can be made for the school file

HEALTH INFORMATION

Children can get their booster shots once they turn four years old. We <u>strongly encourage</u> you to get the immunizations done early and turn in the immunization record on the day you register your child for kindergarten. This will give us time to review the immunization records and contact the parents if additional immunizations are needed. Your child will not be allowed to start school until he/she meets the South Dakota State Department of Health immunization requirements and the immunization record has been turned into the school.

Immunizations are available at the Brown County Health Department or at your own physician's office. The Brown County Health Department, 402 South Main Street, has requested that we give you the following information:

Parents are to call the Brown County Health Department, 626-2649, for appointments or for information. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parents should bring their child's immunization records and health insurance information with them to the Health Department.

You are <u>strongly encouraged</u> to make your appointment for immunizations EARLY. The Brown County Health Department and the physician's offices all become very busy during the summer months. <u>Do not</u> wait until August to schedule these!

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

The <u>Kindergarten Readiness Checklist</u> will be provided to parents in the spring. Parents who have doubts or further questions should visit with their neighborhood school principal.

REGISTRATION

The registration process for incoming kindergarten students begins in January at each elementary school. Parents are required to provide the school with the child's name, proof of residency, birth certificate, and immunization records to complete the registration process. Families can register online at https://www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us/o/district/page/student-registration--106. School assignments in the Aberdeen School District are made according to the residence of the parent/guardian or the school assigned through an open enrollment or

transfer request. Registration information is shared on the District's webpage, in addition to, local television and radio.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Families who have been granted a transfer request for the current school year need not apply next year unless there has been a change of address. However, if a family who has been granted a transfer request has a new kindergarten child entering school next year, they MUST turn in a transfer request for the kindergarten student. Just because a family was granted a request this year DOES NOT mean that their kindergarten student will automatically go to the requested school as the rest of the family. The District will do everything possible, however, to grant those requests.

<u>Monday, August 21, 2023</u> will be an Open House for all families. Students and parents are welcome to visit the school and drop off school supplies to their classroom.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 22</u>, <u>2023</u> will be Parent Orientation starting at 8:05 A.M. This orientation is for parents only and allows parents time to ask questions of the Kindergarten teachers.

Wednesday, August 23, Thursday, August 24, or Friday, August 25, 2023 will be your child's first day of attendance this fall. Small groups will be held from 8:00 – 3:00 PM. You will sign up for one of these days at the school during Parent Orientation. Students will eat lunch at school on their small group day. Your child will only attend one of the small group days on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

Monday, August 29, 2022 Kindergarten students begin all day, every day classes.

We look forward to seeing you!

CC Lee Elementary: 725-7500 Lincoln Elementary: 725-7200 May Overby Elementary: 725-7300 Mike Miller Elementary: 725-7800 O.M. Tiffany Elementary: 725-7400 Simmons Elementary: 725-7600

