

FREQUENTLY
ASKED

QUESTIONS

Kindergarten Registration (2022-2023)

3k-4k-5k

Cherokee County School District
Preschool Program
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Q- How old does my child have to be to enroll in kindergarten?

A- Your child must turn 3 on or before September 1 to pre-register for 3K.

Your child must turn 4 on or before September 1 to pre-register for 4k.

Your child must turn 5 on or before September 1 to pre-register for 5K.

Q- Where do I go to pre-register my child for kindergarten?

A- The district conducts pre-registration for kindergarten at a designated location and time each year. An informational flyer, detailing the dates, time and location of preschool pre- registration is available on our web site for the upcoming school year. Parents are encouraged to **PRE-REGISTER their child BEFORE** school starts. For the School Year 2022-2023, pre-registration is scheduled the week of 2/28/22 through 3/3/22.

Q- When does school start for Kindergarten?

A- 3K, 4K & 5K starts school at the same time as all other schools in the district.

Q- Is there a Virtual (online) option for school attendance for 4K kindergarten?

A- No, all 4K kindergarten classes are in-person instruction.

Q- If my child will be enrolling in 3K, what school will they be attending?

A- The district offers 3K preschool at B D Lee Elementary School only. Your child will be attending B D Lee for 3K.

Q- Will my child in 3K be able to ride the bus to/from school?

A- No, parents must provide transportation to and from school.

Q- Will my child in 4K be able to ride the bus to/from school?

A- Only if they attend their "home" school. If parents decide to send their child to a different school, the parent must provide transportation all year.

Q- If my child is currently attending 4k in a district school; do I have to register my child during the week of Preschool Registration?

A- No, but you will need to complete the "5K Registration Update" form at your child's current school by the deadline. This helps the district plan for the upcoming year and to know if your child will be returning to their current school.

Q-Will my child automatically get in 4k Kindergarten?

A- No, children selected for 4K must demonstrate academic or developmental needs and/or risk factors including low family income and low parent education level. However, your child will be placed on a waiting list if the 4K program becomes full.

Q- What is “School Choice”? Is “School Choice” an option for kindergarten?

A- Students are assigned to a “home” school, based on the address where their custodial parent/guardian resides. Parents may request a transfer to a school of choice within the district. Parents must provide transportation if their child attends a school outside of their assigned attendance area. Requests for school choice for the following year should be made in writing annually during the month of February. Requests should be made to the principal of the receiving school. School Choice approval is at the discretion of the receiving principal. **School Choice is NOT an option for 3k or 4k children.**

Q- Does my child need a physical exam before starting kindergarten?

A- Yes, we strongly encourage a well-check/physical exam before school enrollment. The district will provide the Preschool/Kindergarten Entry: “Health History & Physical Exam” form to you to take to your child’s doctor to complete.

Q- I just moved to this area and my child does not have a doctor-What do I need to do?

A- You can call 864.206.2249 and we will help you to locate a doctor for your child.

Q- What paperwork and/or documents do I need to register my child for kindergarten?

A- You will need to bring with you to registration the following:

- (2) Proofs of residency - This can be either an electric, water, gas or cable bill with property address on bill and/or lease.
 - Proof of Age- This must be a valid birth certificate.
 - Proof of Income for the Family- This can be either current pay stub, W-2 or tax document and/or a Medicaid card, if you have one.
 - Current SC Certificate of Immunization- This is a “shot” record. Your child’s shots **must** be up to date.
 - Copy of Medicaid Card, if applicable
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Q- My child does not have a valid immunization (shot) record-what do I need to do?

A- Take the record that you have to your child’s doctor and let your child’s doctor determine if your child is missing any shots. Your child’s doctor will administer any missing shots and then provide you with an updated & current immunization record. You can also contact the Cherokee Co Health Department at 864.487.2705 to schedule an appointment.

Q- Can my child start school without an immunization (shot) record?

A- No, a child cannot enroll to any school or child development program without a valid SC Certificate of Immunization or a medical, religious, or special exemption. For details, contact the Cherokee Co Health Department or your child’s doctor.

Q- What if I do not have a birth certificate for my child- how can I get a copy of my child’s birth certificate?

A- You can obtain a valid, certified birth certificate for your child through SC Vital Records. For more information on how to obtain a birth certificate, visit this website at <https://scdhec.gov/vital-records/birth-certificates#1> or call 1.803.898.3630.

Q- Can I register a child if I am not the parent but have legal custody of the child?

A- Yes, you can register the child but you need to bring a copy of the court- issued custody document to pre-school registration. The district requires court documentation as a safety measure for the child.

Q- Can I register my child online for kindergarten? What if I haven’t registered my child for kindergarten and the district has to close due to COVID?

A- No, at this time the district does not provide online registration for kindergarten. The district will provide registration information on our website and in the news media for any school closure or changes in preschool registration process.
