



# CARY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

The staff of District 26 would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Cary School District 26. Your child is starting a new adventure; we hope the information in this letter will help to make this start a smooth one.

## Kindergarten Registration

To pre-register your child for kindergarten you will need to take the following steps:

1. Complete the kindergarten registration packet
2. Provide child's birth certificate
3. Provide proof of residency

No fees are collected at this time. Specific fee information and instructions will be mailed to you at a later date.

## Kindergarten Screening

It is the responsibility of all school districts to attempt to identify children who may be in need of special educational services. District 26 fulfills this responsibility through a two-stage screening process. The first stage begins with your completing the Kindergarten Registration Questionnaire. Over the next few weeks, the kindergarten screening staff will review the questionnaires and determine which children would benefit from further screening, which is stage two of the process. Stage two screening would involve a variety of activities done with your child to allow observation of his/her developmental levels. If this screening is recommended, parents of these children will be contacted to schedule appointments. The stage two screenings will take place in March.

## Physical Examination and Immunization Records

The State of Illinois requires that all children entering school for the first time must have a

- **Physical examination and show evidence of required immunizations.** The physical form has sections for both the health care provider and the parent/guardian to complete and sign.
- **Dental examination** by a licensed dentist
- **Eye examination** by an optometrist or licensed physician (**New**)

Please bring the completed forms to your child's school no later than **two weeks before the first day of school**. Incomplete forms will be returned to parents.

## School, Teacher and Session Assignments

You will be notified, by the end of June, of your child's school, teacher, and session assignments. To balance the kindergarten population, children may be assigned to any of the elementary schools. Children attending a different school for kindergarten will return to their home school for first grade.

## Transportation

If your child will be bused to kindergarten, transportation information will be provided prior to the start of the school year.

**\*Note:** Bus transportation is available to students living more than 1.5 miles from the school of attendance.

The Board of Education is required by State Law to transport all pupils who live more than 1 and ½ miles from their school. The bus routes are established according to the student's residence address only (not a babysitter's home or day care provider). If a student moves into another school attendance area during the school year and the student decides to finish the school year at their present school, it will be the parent's responsibility to transport the student as a result of the move from the original school attendance area. Students will ride their assigned bus and are to get on and off at their designated stop. Those students eligible for transportation may ride the bus within their residence area only.

## Kindergarten Orientation

District 26 is planning kindergarten orientation in August for you and your child. Additional information will be provided to you as that date approaches. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.