



HINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

East Elementary School, Foster Elementary School, Plymouth River
Elementary School, South Elementary School

FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NEW STUDENT ENTERING GRADE ONE REGISTRATION MARCH 11 - MARCH 15, 2019

Hingham Public Schools kindergarten registration packets for the 2019-2020 school year will be available for pick-up at all four elementary schools from February 25th through March 8th during the school's office hours. The kindergarten registration forms will also be available online on the kindergarten website (<http://hinghamschools.com/kindergarten>). Families are asked to return the completed packet during the one-week period of March 11 - March 15, 2019. Any new students entering grade 1 of the Hingham Public Schools in September 2019 should register during this time as well.

The Massachusetts Board of Education has established that education is compulsory for students beginning with the September of the calendar year in which a student turns six. The maximum age of compulsory attendance is 16. It is the policy of the Hingham School Committee that a child entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before August 31 and 6 years old on or before August 31 to enter grade 1. Recognizing that it is generally in the best interest of a child and his/her classmates to maintain classes within a reasonable chronological and developmental range, the Hingham Public Schools expect parents to enroll their children in kindergarten for the first year they are eligible to attend. Any parent who has concerns about the readiness of his/her child is required to (1) schedule a meeting with the school principal to discuss the matter further, and (2) bring to the school's attention any special circumstances that support or document the parent concern.

In the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Schools or her/his designee, a child whose 6th birthday falls on September 1 through September 30, or a child who has moved to Hingham from a city or town with a minimum age requirement in effect that is subsequent to August 31, may be admitted to and begin grade 1 upon submission of documentation that she/he has successfully completed a public or private Kindergarten program during the prior year and demonstrated "readiness" for first grade.

Staffing decisions will be made using this enrollment data; parents of incoming kindergarten students and new grade 1 students are urged to register at this time to ensure that appropriate levels of staffing will be in place for September.

All parents will be invited to a Kindergarten Orientation Session to be held in early May at their district school. More information will be available upon enrollment. Parents of age eligible students who will not attend kindergarten in the Hingham Public Schools are urged to communicate this information to their local elementary school. Accurate enrollment figures are important in planning appropriate staffing and resources. Voluntary cooperation in this area is most appreciated.

Full-Day Tuition: The Hingham School Committee has set the tuition rate for full-day students at \$3,750. Families who register after March 29, 2019 will be charged an additional processing fee of \$150.



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DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 11 – 15, 2019

Please bring your completed registration packet to your designated school during the school's office hours.
Contact your school if you have any questions.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Please be sure to complete this checklist of necessary registration and enrollment forms and supplemental materials as you prepare for registration during March 11 - March 15, 2019:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Original Birth Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of residency (current utility bill, signed lease, signed rental contract, or executed purchase and sales agreement) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student Registration Form (Form A) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Home Language Survey (Form B) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kindergarten Session Registration and Tuition Agreement (Form C) and any applicable taxation documentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kindergarten Health Registration Form (Form D) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Report including updated immunization records and eye exam from physician* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Elementary Developmental History (Form E) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-School History Form (Form F) (<i>THIS FORM IS OPTIONAL</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Registration in FACTS Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Registration after March 29, 2019: \$150 additional processing fee (via check payable to: Hingham Public Schools) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full-Day Only: Kindergarten Tuition Deposit (\$375 - 10% of yearly tuition is due via check payable to: Hingham Public Schools). Deposit is required for each student, regardless of tuition status. |

* Note: If your child is scheduled to have an exam in the summer or fall of 2019, please submit last year's form and send the updated version after the child's next visit. **Immunizations must be up to date in order for your child to attend school.**

Questions about the registration process? Please contact the school administrative assistant at your assigned school or contact the HPS Central Office at 781-741-1500.