

Kindergarten Registration Information

Any child who is five (5) years old on or before August 13, 2026, is eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the Southwest Local School District for the 2026-2027 school year. Registration details are listed below. If you have any questions about kindergarten registration, please contact Lisa Williams at district office (513-728-8401).

With the passing of House Bill 114, Ohio is standardizing its kindergarten cut-off date: children must now be 5 by the first day of instruction, a change from the previous system where districts chose between August 1 or September 30. Therefore, to register for Kindergarten, your child must be 5 on or before August 13th, 2026

- To begin the registration process, go to southwestschools.org, click on **New Student Registration**, and then click on **Kindergarten Registration**.
- A copy of the birth certificate, proof of residency, photo id for parent/guardian and any court/custody documents are all required for enrollment.
- You will receive a confirmation email **within 7 business days** indicating receipt and acceptance of your application, in accordance with Southwest Local School Board Policy. You do not need to contact us unless you have specific questions.

Ohio Department of Health, State Law, and the Southwest Local School District requires the following immunizations:

- *A series of 5 Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus (DtaP)
- *A series of 4 Polio
- *A series of 3 Hepatitis B
- *A series of 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- *A series of 2 Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Kindergarten Math Readiness Checklist

The checklist below has been developed to help you prepare your child for kindergarten. Working on these skills at home over the summer will help ensure that your child has a successful start to kindergarten.

- ☐ Count orally from 1 to 30.
- ☐ Write numerals to 10.
- ☐ Identify numerals to 10.
- ☐ Count a group of objects and tell how many.
- ☐ Show the correct amount of objects for a given number.
- ☐ Recognize shapes.
- ☐ Sort objects by size, shape, and color.
- ☐ Recognize and continue simple patterns.
- ☐ Identify the number before and after a given number.
- ☐ Identify colors.
- ☐ Compare sets of objects (more, less, same amount).

Kindergarten Reading Readiness Checklist

The checklist below has been developed to help you prepare your child for kindergarten. Working on these skills at home over the summer will help ensure that your child has a successful start to kindergarten.

- ☐ Recite the alphabet.
- ☐ Recognize and name capital and lowercase letters.
- ☐ Make the sound for each letter.
- ☐ Recognize rhyming words. (When given 2 words, tell if the words rhyme.)
- ☐ Produce rhyming words. (When given a word, your child can name a rhyming word.)
- ☐ Recognize the beginning sound in a word.
- ☐ Print first name with the first letter capitalized and the rest of the letters lowercase.
- ☐ Hold and open a book correctly and identify the front and back cover of the book.
- ☐ Follow print on a page from top to bottom and left to right.
- ☐ Listen while someone reads a story. Talk about the story after listening to it.
- ☐ State first and last name, birthday, address, and phone number.

Kindergarten Skills Readiness Checklist

The checklist below has been developed to help you prepare your child for kindergarten. Working on these skills at home over the summer will help ensure that your child has a successful start to kindergarten.

- ☐ State first and last name.
- ☐ State birthday.
- ☐ State phone number and address.
- ☐ Participate in a conversation by taking turns listening and speaking.
- ☐ Hold scissors correctly and cut on a straight line.
- ☐ Hold pencil, crayons, and markers correctly.
- ☐ Color a picture while attempting to stay in the lines (not scribbling).
- ☐ Use an appropriate amount of glue when using a glue bottle and a glue stick.
- ☐ Draw simple objects (house, tree, flower, etc.).
- ☐ Stand in a line and wait his or her turn.
- ☐ Zip, snap, and button own pants.
- ☐ Wash and dry hands.
- ☐ Put on backpack.
- ☐ Put on and zip, snap or button coat.

June Kindergarten Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Red Week: Look for things that are red.	Count to 10 out loud.	Practice saying the alphabet.	Practice writing your name with a crayon.	Find objects that start with these sounds: m, s, t.	Draw a picture of you.	Read at least one book to your child each night.
Yellow Week: Look for things that are yellow.	Write numbers 0-10.	Put magnetic letters in ABC order.	Practice writing your name with a pencil.	Find objects that start with these sounds: k, n, f.	Draw a picture of your family.	Decorate a box to store your writing materials.
Blue Week: Look for things that are blue.	Count out 10 pennies.	Play Memory and Go Fish with letter cards.	Practice writing your name with a marker.	Find objects that start with these sounds: g, r, d.	Draw a picture of your favorite animal.	Start a list of the books you read this summer.
Orange Week: Look for things that are orange.	Go on shape hunt. Name the shapes you find.	Make letters out of playdough.	Practice writing your name with sidewalk chalk.	Find objects that start with these sounds: i, c, j.	Draw a picture of you and a friend.	Create patterns using rainbow goldfish or M&Ms.



July Kindergarten Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Green Week: Look for things that are green.	Count to 20 out loud.	Make an alphabet book.	Write letters in a tray filled with dry rice.	Find objects that start with these sounds: o, h, l.	Cut out pictures from a coloring book.	Talk about sharing, taking turns, and solving problems.
Purple Week: Look for things that are purple.	Write numbers 0-20.	Find things that begin with the letter a, b, c, etc.	Write the letters of the alphabet with chalk.	Find objects that start with these sounds: e, v, z.	Cut out different shapes and make a picture..	Memorize your phone number and birthday.
Brown Week: Look for things that are brown.	Count out 20 pennies.	Sing the alphabet and point to each letter as you sing.	Write letters in shaving cream on a tray or plate.	Say a word, then say a word that rhymes with it.	Draw pictures that begin with a, b, c, etc.	Practice marching, skipping and hopping.
Black Week: Look for things that are black.	Look for shapes in a magazine. Name the shapes.	Do an alphabet puzzle.	Practice writing your first and last name.	Clap the syllables in the name of family members.	Draw a picture of your new school.	Bake cookies and count the number on each tray.

August

Here is a back-to-school checklist for you and your child:

- Shop for school supplies. Each kindergarten class has a unique school supply list which can be found at most local stores and on the school websites. Each kindergarten student will need a backpack that he/she can zip and unzip independently and wear on his/her back.
- Check your school's calendar and/or website for open house dates and times.
- Schedule your child's kindergarten assessments. These will take place prior to the first day of school. Contact your child's school with questions.
- Check your school's calendar and/or website for kindergarten orientation dates and times. This orientation is for parents and children to attend.
- The Harrison library has a large selection of books about kindergarten, going to school, riding the bus, making friends, etc. Reading books with your child is a great way to begin discussions and gives your child opportunities to ask questions about kindergarten!