

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Registration

To be enrolled in a public school, Texas law requires that a child must have reached the age of four for Prekindergarten and five for Kindergarten on or before September 1 of the current year.

When registering your child, you will need to bring:

- An official copy of your child's birth certificate (hospital certificates will not be accepted.)
- Complete immunization health record signed by a physician.
- Proof of residence in the Klein Independent School District. A lease agreement, light, water or gas bill with your name and address is acceptable.

At the school, you will:

Complete registration cards for attendance and emergency procedure card to be used in the event of an accident, etc. The form will be supplied by the school.



Immunizations

A record of the following immunizations signed by a physician must be presented at the time of registration:

- **Polio** -- Four (4) doses of polio vaccine, one of which must have been received after the fourth birthday. If the fourth dose was received on or after the fourth birthday, only three (3) doses are required.
- **DPT/Dt/Td** -- Five (5) doses of a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis containing vaccine in any combination, one of which must have been received after the fourth birthday. If the fourth dose was received on or after fourth birthday, only four (4) doses are required.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** -- Two (2) doses of MMR are required on or after the first birthday.
- **Hepatitis A** -- Two (2) doses of Hepatitis A on or after the first birthday.
- **Hepatitis B** -- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine are required.
- **Varicella (chickenpox)** -- Two (2) doses of Varicella on or after first birthday or documentation of previous chickenpox illness.

Note: As of the printing date of this brochure, these are the immunizations required by the State of Texas. Other immunization requirements by the State Health Department are pending; therefore, please check with your school for further clarification.

Dress and Grooming

All schools in the Klein School district enforce dress regulations designed to discourage extremes and fads that may lead to disruptions or distractions. A complete copy of regulations is included in the student handbook which is issued the first week of school.

Transportation

Round-trip bus transportation is provided for students who meet the Klein ISD policy guidelines. The school principal will advise you if your child is eligible.

If your child will receive transportation to a child care center, please notify the principal's office.

Encourage your child to arrive at school promptly and go directly home after school.

When your child leaves for school, be sure he or she knows how to return home. Also discuss changes that may be necessary due to bad weather, etc. Please notify the school in writing if anything other than regular dismissal procedure is to be followed.

Reports

A written report is issued each nine weeks on the progress of your child in school. If you have questions or comments about your child's school activities, please arrange a conference with the teacher by sending a note or calling the school office. Teachers are always pleased to talk with parents about student performance in school.

Preparation

Children usually acquire most of the skills and information that they will need for school entrance during their preschool years. The rate at which they learn, however, varies widely. For instance, the number and ages of brothers and sisters may influence a child's rate of development.

In addition to listening patiently, answering questions, and reading frequently to your child, there are many other ways to help him or her develop. When you undertake a learning activity with your child, it is important to approach it as a game, something that is going to be fun for both of you. Be alert to times when your child is becoming bored or distracted. It is better to practice for short periods with full attention than to force the child to complete an activity or game after losing interest in it.

Remember that praise for accomplishments or recognition for work well done is important to young children. A child often tries harder when efforts are rewarded.

