

Enrolling Children in Durham Public Schools

<http://www.dpsnc.net/>

Registration & Enrollment

School is mandatory for every child from Kindergarten–12th grade. Public school enrollment is based on where you live, unless your children apply to magnet schools or wish to attend a school with a different calendar. To read more about individual schools, explore the “Schools” section at <http://www.dpsnc.net/>. Otherwise, to find out which school your children will attend, please phone the Student Assignment Office at 919.560.2059 or visit the website above. Click on the “Schools” tab and then “Enrollment and Assignment.” Children usually begin school 2-3 days after registering.

If your children are not native-English speakers, they must first register with the Durham Public School District’s English as a Second Language Center.

ESL Resource Center. YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

2107 Hillandale Road, Durham NC 27705

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Tel: 919.560.2510 (wait for message in English) Or send an email. Staff seem to respond quicker to email.

Emails: donna.scaggs@dpsnc.net OR ismael.torres@dpsnc.net

How to Get There without a Car?

Take a taxi to get there. Check out our resources page on transportation for the list of local taxis in the area.

<http://studentaffairs.duke.edu/ihouse/transportation#node-1196>

You must bring the following to the ESL Resource Center:

- **Proof of Residence**

You must show proof of residence in Durham by providing a copy of your rental lease or your deed of ownership.

- **Passport & School Records**

You must show your children’s birth certificates. If you don’t have them with you, you must provide their passports. Academic records from previous schools may also be required so please bring these with you.

- **Medical & Immunization Records**

You have 30 days after your children are enrolled to submit their full medical and immunization records to the school. If you fail to do this, your children will be removed from school until their records are filed.

- **Parents’ Picture IDs**

Passport, NC State ID, or North Carolina State Driver’s License.

The Durham County Health Department (<http://www.dconnc.gov/government/departments-f-z/public-health>)

If you did not bring immunization records in English, you’ll need to provide a translation. The health department does not provide assistance for translating your records. They will provide free required immunizations for children up to age 18. Staff nurses can also provide information on worldwide immunization requirements.

No appointment is necessary.

414 East Main Street Monday - Friday, 8.30am – 5pm. Clinics are open on Tuesdays until 7:00 p.m.

Durham. 27701 Tel: 919.560.7600

Immunizations

North Carolina requires proof of the following immunizations for all children entering daycare centers or schools:

- 5 DTP/DT (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) vaccinations: If 4th dose is given after 4th birthday, 5th dose is not required.
- 4 oral polio vaccinations: If 3rd dose is given after 4th birthday, 4th dose is not required.

- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccinations: 1st dose on or after the 1st birthday and a 2nd dose given before entering school.
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Varicella (Chickenpox): doses on or after age 12 months and before 19 months.

Additional Requirements for Kindergarten

- 1 Hib (Haemophilus influenza, HbOC or PRP-OMP)
 - At least one dose given on or after the 1st birthday and before 5 years of age. 2nd dose is not required if the 1st dose was given after 15 months of age.
- Kindergarten Health Assessment Form
 - This form is available at your school and can be found in many doctor's offices. It **MUST** be completed by an NC-licensed health care provider within 30 days of enrollment.

Additional Requirements for Entering 6th Grade

- 1 Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)
 - One booster dose of Tdap is required if five (5) years or more have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.

School Buses

School buses pick up children in the morning and drop them off at home after school. If you send your children to a school outside of your district (i.e., a magnet or private school), then you are responsible for their transportation. To find out which bus your child will ride, go to <http://www.dpsnc.net/domain/126>

Kindergarten

Children who will be five years old on or before August 31st may attend kindergarten. Information about registration may be found at www.dpsnc.net >> Schools >> Enrollment and Assignment >> Registration for Kindergarten

School Calendars

There are two kinds of school calendars, traditional and year-round. Traditional school calendars begin in mid-August and end in early June of the following year. Year-round schools have four inter-sessions (2-3 week holidays) during the year. If you prefer the type of school calendar not offered in your district, your children may transfer to another school by providing a request to the School Assignment Office. See <http://www.dpsnc.net/domain/92>

Magnet Schools

Eight magnet schools (elementary and middle school only) provide unique curriculum content and instructional methods that combine strong academic requirements with specialty enrichment programs. Enrollment at magnet schools is determined through scheduled lotteries, not by school district.

Visit <http://www.dpsnc.net/> >> Schools >> Magnet Schools

Review of Durham Public Schools: Strong Durham Schools

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