

Welcome to Kickoff to Kindergarten!



Sudbury Public Schools



**Kindergarten Registration Information
Session**

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Tonight's Agenda



Welcome, Registration

Stephanie Juriansz, Director of Student Services
Bryant Amitrano, Haynes Principal

Safety

Chief Scott Nix, Sudbury Police Department

Health Information

Carol Bradford, School Nurse Coordinator

Kindergarten METCO Program

Leslie Smart, METCO Director

English Language Development

RL Sarafconn, ELD Teacher

Special Education

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Parent Involvement

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Kindergarten Curriculum

Emily LaMarre, Noyes K Teacher

The Kindergarten Day

Angela Spirito, Haynes K Teacher

K Technology

Jordan Vetstein, Loring K Teacher

Gearing Up for K

Rebecca Amaral, Nixon K Teacher

Slideshow followed by a Question/Answer Panel

Kindergarten...kindergarten...



The Big Questions...

Do I send my child?
Will my child be ready?



Summer Birthdates

Enrollment 2023-24

Summer Birthdays: July-August

- 19.6% of summer birthdays chose an extra year and entered at 6 years of age
- 80.4% of summer birthdays entered at age 5

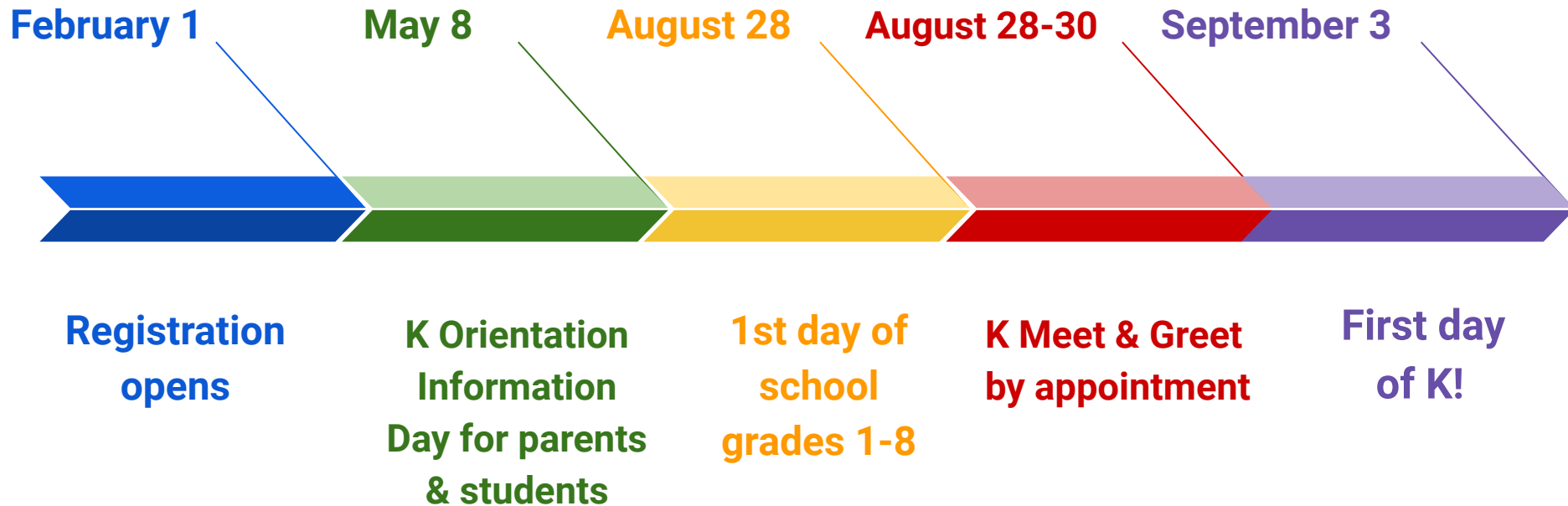
6 yr old Summer Birthdate	5 yr old Summer Birthdate	Total Summer Birthdays	Total K Enrollment
19.6% (9 students)	80.4% (37 students)	46 students	259 students



How Do I Register My Child for Kindergarten?



Kindergarten Timeline



Registration due by April 1



Registration Overview

Registration opens on February 1st and is due April 1st.
There are two parts to the registration process:

Part 1: Complete & submit online forms

Part 2: Print and fill out the listed forms & collect required documents.

Bring all documents to:

The Student Services Office

40 Fairbank Road

Sudbury, MA 01776

NOTE: Current SPS Preschool Program families have an abridged registration process, which will be communicated by an email to you.

Office Hours for Registration Drop In



- Every week:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

- Special evening hours:

Monday, February 26th 4pm-6pm

Tuesday, March 12th 4pm-6pm

Note: Your children do not need to be present to register.


Bring registration materials to: **Student Services Office at 40 Fairbank Road.**

The school department is located on the **second floor of the new Fairbank Building**. Enter through the left main entrance door and proceed to the second floor (elevator or stairs available).

Registration Overview

Registration is located on the SPS homepage.



 FOLLETT ASPEN Access report cards, back-to-school packets & other info.	 LUNCH MENU Type 'Sudbury' to search for Whitsons' menus.	 BUS ROUTES Download bus route information.	 MYSCHOOLBUCKS Make online payments to food services.
 STUDENTS Go to sudburystudents.org .	 REGISTRATION Register your child to attend school.	 CONTACT US Contact a Sudbury staff member.	 CALENDAR Download the 2019-2020 calendar.

Registration Part One

Student Registration

Please use the following links to register your child(ren) in the Sudbury Public Schools. You will need to complete Part One & Part Two.

Part Two items must be **dropped off in person at the Student Services Office, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA 01776**. Please come inside with your completed registration to meet with a staff member. Your registration is not complete until we have all required items.

1. Part One has three electronic forms for completion:

A. Pre-Registration

Submit this online form for each student registering.

B. Home Language Survey

Submit this online form for each student registering.

⇒The Home Language Survey translated in **26 languages**.⇐

C. New Student Transportation Form

Only complete this if you plan to use the school bus for transportation.

This is not preschool or special education transportation. Transportation fees may apply.

If you have questions about transportation, please see the Transportation Website.

Please do not contact the Transportation Office for bus routes or stops at this time. The routes for next year cannot be put together until full enrollment is known for next year, so this information will be posted on the Sudbury website much closer to the start of school next year.

Fill out the **three**
online forms
listed under
**Registration
Part One**



Registration Part Two

Parent Registration Checklist

- Please use this checklist. Registration will be incomplete and put on hold if anything is missing.
- This form is also translated into Spanish/español, Portuguese/Português, Russian/Русский, Simplified Chinese/简体中文, and Haitian Creole/Kreyòl ayisyen.

Forms to Fill Out:

1. Health Screening Form

- Print and mail a copy for each student.
- This form is also translated into Spanish/español, Portuguese/Português, Russian/Русский, Simplified Chinese/简体中文, and Ukrainian/українська.

2. Parent Information Form

- Print and mail a copy for each student.
- This form is also translated into Spanish/español, Portuguese/Português, Russian/Русский, and Simplified Chinese/简体中文.

3. Request to Transfer Records - Release of Information

4. Military Form (if applicable)

5. Preschool Inventory Form

- **For Kindergarten registrations only.**
- This form is to be filled out by the current preschool teacher and mailed to Early Childhood Office at 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

Documents to Collect:

1. Copy of your child's **birth certificate, adoption decree, or US passport**
2. Copy of **most recent doctor's physical form** (within the last 13 months), including a lead test, and **immunization records** (birth to current date)
 - These forms are generated from your child's pediatrician. If needed, you can use the form [linked here](#).
3. Special Education Records - IEP or 504 Plan (if applicable)
4. **Proof of Residency (POR)**
 - See "Proof of Sudbury Residency Requirements" listed in the sidebar of this page.

see next slide



Proof of Residency



You must provide **three** documents in total.
At least **one document** from **EACH** of the
following categories:

1. Evidence of Residency (1 document)
2. Evidence of Occupancy (1 document)
3. Evidence of Identification (1 document)

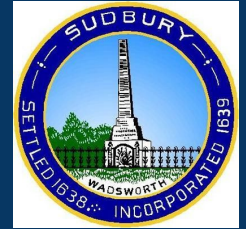


Evidence of Residency Examples

- Lease and/or Rental Agreement for the year of school enrollment (executed by both parties)
- Mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
- Residency/Occupancy Affidavit - Landlord/Shared Tenancies
- Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement along with a signed statement by a Bank Officer or licensed Real Estate Broker certifying financial commitment
- Section 8 Agreement



Evidence of Occupancy Examples



- Utility Bill: Fuel, Electric, Water
- If a utility bill cannot be provided prior to student's enrollment:
 - Purchase & Sale (P&S) Agreement AND
 - Signed statement by a Bank Officer or licensed Real Estate Broker certifying financial commitment
- Residency/Occupancy Affidavit - Landlord Shared Tenancies

Evidence of Identification Examples

This is identification of the Parent or Guardian

- Valid Driver's License
- Valid Photo Identification Card
- Valid Passport
- Other Government Issued Photo ID



Other Registration Forms

(If applicable)

- Military Form (print, complete, bring in)
- Special Education Records
- Homeless Information



Projected Enrollment to Date

Report Data from Oct. 2023	Incoming K Students
Town Census Projection	158
NESDEC Projection (New England School Development Council)	274

Please register soon to help us plan!



Other Important Details

- **Must be age five by September 1, 2024**
- **Bus transportation is available for K students**
 - Fee for students within 0-2 mile radius
 - Due by April 1st or late fee with no guarantee of spot
 - Special Education Transportation is different
 - Bus passes mailed in August
 - Transportation Department will send amount due
 - Financial Aid Available
- **Full Day K - \$0 fee**
- **K Students can purchase lunch**
- **Reach out if you have challenges with registration**



Once you have registered...



You're an official member of the
SPS Community and will receive an
invitation to Kindergarten Orientation on
May 8, 2024!

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

School Safety with Chief Nix



Health Information with Carol Bradford



Health Information

- Immunizations
- Physical Exam
 - Lead Test
 - Vision Exam
- Medical Conditions
 - 2 doses of Varicella Vaccine or physician certified history of Chickenpox disease
 - 3 doses Hepatitis B Vaccine
 - 5 doses DTAP/DPT Vaccine
 - 4 doses Polio Vaccine
 - 2 doses MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
 - Lead Screening
 - Physical Exam
 - Vision Screening

All documentation is required in your school health office of your child's school by **August 19, 2024**

Students will not be allowed to attend school without this documentation





Kindergarten METCO Program

- Our Sudbury Team is here to welcome and support you in this transition to Kindergarten. This would include our METCO staff.
- Registration paperwork will be collected through the Sudbury Public Schools
- Meet and greet dates this spring: TBD Stay tuned!
- Engage proactively with Boston and Sudbury families and community
- Equitable access to a developmentally appropriate and inclusive Kindergarten program



English Language Development

- 78 languages and dialects spoken in Sudbury!
- **Home Language Survey** - all families complete online form (paper version available in 26 languages).
- Students who mention any language other than English are flagged for English language proficiency screening
- All proficiency levels welcome!
- ELD Program: most of the day with native-English speaking peers, individual and small group instruction in English
- Translators and interpreters are available for families



Important Details

Kindergarten Orientation - May 8, 2024

- Look for more information from your local school
- Register by April 1st to get on your school's email list

Early Release Days - ILAPs (Improved Learning for All Plan)

- 18 - half days on Wednesdays: **Dismissal at 11:45am**
- Various after school options across town

School Hours:

- **7:55am - 2:25pm**



Kindergarten Welcome Days!

- The First Day of School for Kindergarten is:
Tuesday, September 3rd
- The First Day of School for **grades 1-8** is:
Wednesday, August 28th
- Kindergarten **WELCOME Days** are:
Wednesday, August 28th through Friday, August 30th
- Families will be given a scheduled appointment time to visit the kindergarten classroom and meet their teachers while seeing the classroom, cubbies and more.
- Teachers and support staff will visit with families
- Kindergarten Registration Paperwork will be finalized
- Teachers will have a chance to make a connection with each student and play a game/K screening activity



Kindergarten Screening

*This is not an entrance or readiness assessment but an overview of developmental areas per state mandate. It feels like a game to students.

Early Screening Inventory-Third Edition (ESI-3)

A brief developmental screening instrument that is individually administered.

- Visual motor
- Fine motor
- Language and cognition
- Gross Motor
- Speech
- Parent Questionnaire
- Health and Medical - vision & hearing screening

Timelines:

- During your child's first Welcome Day of school
- Screening team reviews each child's results and data
- More detailed 'progress data' shared at parent conferences
- Rescreen (if needed) in January
- Continuous progress monitoring



Special Education Services

- We will work closely with you to ensure your child's transition into Kindergarten is smooth.
- If you have any questions or concerns about your child or the process, please reach out:

anh_le@sudbury.k12.ma.us
978-443-1085 x6006 or

student_services@sudbury.k12.ma.us 978-639-3202

- Please remain in the meeting link after the Q&A session for more in-depth information for the special education transition process from preschool to kindergarten





Sudbury SEPAC



We provide...

- **Information about community/district resources**
- **Family networking and support opportunities**
- **Special education workshops and events**



SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

SudburySEPAC.org

... **Contact Us** ...



Email: sudburysepac@gmail.com



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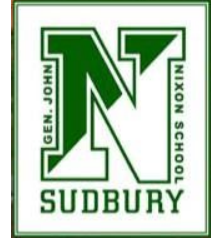


www.sudburysepac.org





Haynes
Organization of
Parents



Parent Involvement

- ★ Every school has an active parent organization
- ★ You are already a member of this!
- ★ There are many ways to be involved
- ★ Please reach out and jump in!

WELCOME to Kindergarten!

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Inspiring Education...One Grant at a Time!

Our mission is to promote innovation.

Since 1991, SERF has been dedicated to enriching, enhancing and supporting public education in Sudbury.

Unlike school PTOs, we raise money to fund grants across both SPS and LS districts, impacting student learning in **grades K-12.**

SERF funds innovative projects in all areas of the curriculum, and often grants at the elementary level are collaborations among teachers across the district to impact an entire grade-level district-wide.

Opt-in for grant news and follow us on Facebook!



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Kindergarten Curriculum

- **Learning through play**
- **Literacy**
 - Foundations and Heggerty
 - Handwriting: Without Tears
 - Small group instruction
 - Writing: Authentic writing experiences across content areas



- **Social Competency (SEL)**
- **Social Studies**

Kindergarten Curriculum

- **Mathematics**
 - Bridges
 - Kathy Richardson



- **Science & Technology / Engineering**
 - Life Science
 - Physical Science
 - Earth Science



The Kindergarten Day

- ★ Free Choice
- ★ Recess
- ★ Specials
- ★ Quiet Time
- ★ Workshop Model
- ★ Fine Motor Skills
- ★ Differentiation





K Technology

- Variety of Tools and Platforms
- Increased Student Engagement
- Utilize Technology with Purpose
- Balance





Gearing Up for K

- * Enjoy books and conversations with your child.
- * Encourage your child's independence.
This will make them more confident and resilient.
- * Keep your eyes open for news of PTO organized Summer events. You will hear more at your school's kindergarten orientation.
- * Think ahead when scheduling for the Fall. Your kiddos will need downtime and rest.



Summer Math Intervention &
Literacy Engagement
A Sudbury Public Schools Program

Ready for Kindergarten

- Component of SPS SMILE Program
- Free ½ day summer program designed to build classroom functioning and social skills prior to kindergarten
- July 8th-August 2nd, 8:30-11:30 or 12:00-3:00
- Tuition-based EXPLORE Program available for opposite half of the day
- Prioritizing students with limited preschool experience
- Enrollment email arriving next week



Arriving to her first day of Kindergarten!



Ride home from first day of Kindergarten!

Questions for the Panel



Kindergarten Panel



- Rebecca Amaral, Nixon K Teacher
- Jordan Vetstein, Loring K Teacher
- Emily LaMarre, Noyes K Teacher
- Angela Spirito, Haynes K Teacher
- Bryant Amitrano, Haynes Principal
- Carol Bradford, School Nurse
- RL Sarafconn, Haynes & Curtis ELD Teacher
- Leslie Smart, METCO Director
- Anh Le, EC Coordinator
- Stephanie Juriansz, Dir. Student Services
- Jeffrey Lappin, Asst. Dir. Student Services
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**Thank you for coming,
and welcome to
Kindergarten!**



**We look forward to supporting
your little one and family on this
educational journey!**

Special Education Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Forum



Key Points for Parents

- Individualized process
- Partnership with schools
- Reach out with questions
- Important Steps:
 - ☐ Kindergarten registration
 - ☐ IEP paperwork
 - ☐ Transition meetings
 - ☐ Kindergarten Orientation
 - ☐ Welcome Day Visits



IEP Student Transition Timeline

PK to K

September - October	November - December	January - February	March - June	July - September
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September - Team reviews timeline and discusses transition planning details. • Ongoing data collection on students after initial adjustment to start of school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November - Team sets Transition Team meeting dates. • Data collection continues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - Parents attend district elementary school K information night. • February - Parents attend SPS PK-K Transition Session. (SEPAC)** • February - Parents register their child(ren) for kindergarten. • February - Kindergarten teachers and special educators observe students in preschool. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March - Internal transition team meetings held. • March - Additional observation of students by elementary staff as needed. • March/April - Develop transition plans as needed for individual students and communicate with families. • April/May - Hold parent transition meetings/school visitations as needed. • June - Kindergarten Orientation for parents/guardians and students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer student records and materials • SPS staff available for consultation • July - August ESY in session • August - Kindergarten class placement • September - Happy first day of Kindergarten! • September - Families can work with receiving Team to arrange next Team Meeting.

*Parents of students in private preschools should call the Student Services/ Early Childhood office at (978) 639-3202

**SEPAC stands for Special Education Parent Advisory Council



IEP Student Transition from PK to K

September 2023 - October 2023

- Team reviews timeline and discusses transition planning details
- Ongoing data collection on students after initial adjustment to start of school



IEP Student Transition from PK to K

November 2023- December 2023

- Team sets Transition Team meeting dates internally
- Data collection continues



IEP Student Transition from PK to K

January 2024- February 2024 (Now)

- Parents attend Kickoff to K Event
- District/SEPAC PK to K Transition Session
- Register child(ren) for Kindergarten
- K teachers and special educators observe students in preschool



IEP Student Transition from PK to K

March 2024 - June 2024

- March - Internal transition meetings held
- March - Additional observation of students as needed
- March/April - Develop transition plans and communicate with families
- April/May - Hold parent transition meetings/school visitations
- May/June - K orientation for parents/guardians and students



IEP Student Transition from PK to K

July 2024 - September 2024

- Transfer student records and materials
- SPS staff available for consultation
- Extended School Year in session July-August
- August- K class placements
- September 3 - First day of Kindergarten!
- September - Families can work with receiving Team to arrange next team meeting



Highly Specialized Programs in SPS

Learning Centers/Resource Rooms for Skills in ALL Schools

Haynes

Partner
Steps

Loring
LAB

Nixon
Access

Noyes
Foundations
Preschool



Highly Specialized Programs in SPS

ALL SCHOOLS

Learning Center/Resource Rooms/Skills Classes

Serves students grades K-8, with all disabilities, in a wrap around services delivery model that includes in class and/or pull out support for students. Students are taught academic skills for content as well as organization and executive functioning.

HAYNES

Partner Program

Serves students with Autism Spectrum Disorders as well as other students who require intensive Applied Behavior Analysis programming.

Steps Program

Serves students with intellectual, neurological and/or communication disabilities with both sub-separate and small group learning in general education content area classes.

NIXON

Access Program

Serves students primarily with social emotional disabilities in grades K-8. The psychologists/school adjustment counselors provide ongoing therapeutic support and social skill instruction. BCBAs work in consult with all staff.

LORING

Language Achievement & Beyond (LAB) Program

Serves students grades 3-8 with language based learning disabilities. Provides specialized instruction with a systematic and multisensory methodology in either a co-taught or substantially separate structure with both individual and small group instruction.

NOYES

Foundations

Provides highly-specialized instruction and services to students primarily with autism, communication, self-regulation and social/pragmatic language needs in either an integrated or substantially separate structure.

Sudbury Preschool Program

Integrated classroom for all students with related services in Speech, Physical, and Occupational Therapy.



Contact the Student Services Department

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or the process, please reach out:

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CONNECTING FAMILIES - PROVIDING RESOURCES - EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY



Goal 1

Builds understanding, acceptance, connection and inclusion

Goal 2

Provides information about community and district resources

Goal 3

Creates family networking and support opportunities

Goal 4

Offers community and special education workshops and events

Goal 5

Collaborates with School Committee and administration to continuously improve student outcomes and well-being

Parent Opportunities

Parent connection and events



MONTHLY GROUPS (Parents of Kids With...)

- ADHD/Executive Functioning Challenges
- Autism
- Social Emotional Emotional Challenges
- Preschool Aged Children
- Literacy Challenges
- Complex Needs



WORKSHOPS

- :
 - Executive Functioning Skills
 - Internet Safety
 - Basic Rights of the IEP
 - Collaboration in the IEP process
 - And more!





Contact US



School Liaisons

- Curtis: Amy Ackerson
- Haynes: Andrea Kraemer
- Loring: Amy Ackerson
- Nixon: Maia Proujansky-Bell
- Noyes: Katie Dineen
- Pre-K: Karyn Jones
- ODD/METCO: Maia Proujansky-Bell



Co-Chairs

- Kate Mellon & Andrea Kraemer

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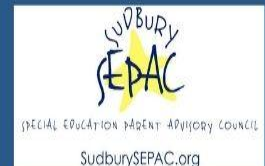
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your little one and family on this
educational journey!***