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Getting Ready for School Guidebook

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Did you know?

School readiness is more than knowing letters, numbers, and identifying colors and shapes. Children who are ready for school have good social, self-help, and physical skills and are developing a love of learning.

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School Readiness Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide for preparing your child for school. The list has goals that you can accomplish through everyday routines or enjoyable activities. If you're behind in some areas, don't worry, because children grow and develop at different rates.

For Good Health and Physical Well-Being, My Child:

- Eats a balanced diet that is low in sugar and saturated fats
- Gets plenty of rest including eight hours of sleep at night
- Receives regular medical and dental care
- Has had all the necessary immunizations
- Runs, jumps and plays outdoors for exercise
- Works puzzles, draws, colors and more

For Social and Emotional Preparation, My Child:

- Is learning to explore and try new things
- Is learning to work alone
- Is curious and motivated to learn
- Is learning to use self-control
- Is learning to use words to express emotions
- Has opportunities to be with other children
- Is learning to cooperate with others
- Is learning to finish tasks
- Can follow simple instructions
- Helps with family chores

For Language and General Knowledge, My Child:

- Has many opportunities to talk and listen
- Watches television monitored by an adult
- Is learning to write his/her name and address
- Is learning to identify shapes and colors
- Is encouraged to dance, run, jump and play
- Has opportunities to see and hear new things
- Is read to every day
- Is encouraged to ask questions
- Is learning to count
- Has opportunities to be creative
- Has opportunities to taste new foods
- Has opportunities to listen and make music

Read to Me. Be with Me. Talk to Me.

School Registration Information

All parents/legal guardians of children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, are encouraged to register their children for kindergarten.

Early registration begins as early as March 1 for some schools. Check with your local school district for your kindergarten registration information. In most cases, the parent/legal guardian will need to bring the following for kindergarten registration:

- Child's **official birth certificate** (with raised seal)
- Child's **social security number**
- **Proof of residency** (required for all registrants) - copy of signed mortgage, contract to build or lease agreement showing the owner/resident's name and address **or two of the following items:**
 - Utility bills with your name and address
 - Valid driver's license
 - Voter registration card
 - State medical card

Notarized affidavit of residency from the parent or person with whom the child is residing, affirming that the child



Time to Visit the Doctor and the Dentist!

All entering kindergarten students must provide documentation of a current physical examination and immunizations prior to starting school and, proof of a dental exam.

It is recommended that you make your child's appointments for a kindergarten physical and dental exam by April or even earlier!

Students who do not have physical and dental exams by the first day of school may not be allowed to attend school.

Area School Districts - by county

Marshall County

Henry-Senachwine Dist. 5
1023 College Ave.
Henry, IL 61537
(309) 364-3614

Midland Com. Unit Dist. 7
1830 State Rte. 17
Varna, IL 61375
(309) 463-2364

Peoria County

Bartonville School Dist. 66
6000 SW Adams St.
Bartonville, IL 61607
(309) 697-3253

Brimfield School Dist. 309
216 E. Clinton St.
Brimfield, IL 61517
(309) 446-3378

Dunlap CU School Dist. 323
5220 W. Legion Hall Rd.
Dunlap, IL 61625
(309) 243-7716

Elmwood CU School Dist. 322
301 W. Butternut
Elmwood, IL 61529
(309) 742-8464

Farmington Central Dist. 265
212 N. Lightfoot Rd.
Farmington, IL 61531
(309) 245-1000

Hollis Cons. School Dist. 328
5613 W. Tuscarora Rd.
Peoria, IL 61607
(309) 697-1325

Illini Bluffs CU School Dist. 327
9611 Hanna City
Glasford, IL 61533
(309) 389-2231

Illinois Valley Central Dist. 321
1300 W. Sycamore
Chillicothe, IL 61523
(309) 274-5418

Limestone Com. High
School Dist. 310
4201 S. Airport Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
(309) 697-6271

Limestone Walters Dist. 316
8223 W. Smithville Rd.
Peoria, IL 61607
(309) 697-3035

Monroe School Dist. 70
5137 W. Cisna Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607

(309) 697-3120
Norwood Elementary
School Dist. 63
6521 W. Farmington Rd.
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 676-3523

Oak Grove School Dist. 68
4812 W. Pfeiffer Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
(309) 697-3367

Peoria Heights School Dist. 325
500 E. Glen Ave.
Peoria Heights, IL 61616
(309) 686-8800

Peoria School Dist. 150
3202 N. Wisconsin Ave.
Peoria, IL 61603
(309) 672-6768

Pleasant Valley School Dist. 62
4607 W. Elwood Dr.
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 673-2494

Pleasant Hill School Dist. 69
3717 W. Malone St.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 637-6829

Princeville CU School Dist. 326
302 Cordis Ave.
Princeville, IL 61559
(309) 385-2213

Putnam County

Putnam County CU
School Dist. 535
P.O. Box 607
Granville, IL 61326
(815) 339-2238

Stark County

Bradford Com. School Dist. 1
115 High St.
Bradford, IL 61421
(309) 897-2801

Stark County School Dist. 100
300 Van Buren
Wyoming, IL 61491
(309) 695-6123

Tazewell County

Central Grade School Dist. 51
1301 Eagle Ave.
Washington, IL 61571
(309) 444-3943

Creve Coeur School Dist. 76
400 Highland Ave.
Creve Coeur, IL 61610

(309) 698-3600

Deer Creek- Mackinaw
CUSD 7010
Box 110
401 E. 5th St.
Mackinaw, IL 61755
(209) 359-8965

Delavan Com. Unit Dist. 703
907 Locust
Delavan, IL 61734
(309) 244-8283

East Peoria Com. HS Dist. 309
1401 E. Washington St.
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-8300

East Peoria School Dist. 86
601 Taylor St.
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 427-5100

Morton District 709 Schools
1050 S. Fourth Ave., Suite 200
Morton, IL 61550
(309) 263-2581

North Pekin & Marquette Heights
School Dist. 102
51 Yates Rd.
Marquette Heights, IL 61554
(309) 382-2172

Pekin Public School Dist. 108
501 Washington St.
Pekin, IL 61554
(309) 477-4740

Pekin Com. HS Dist. 303
320 Stadium Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
(309) 477-4222

Rankin Com. School Dist. 98
13716 Fifth St.
Pekin, IL 61554
(309) 346-3182

Robein School Dist. 85
200 Campus Ave.
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-1409

South Pekin School Dist. 137
Box 430
206 W. Main
South Pekin, IL 61564
(309) 348-3695

Spring Lake CC School
Dist. 606

13650 N. Manito, IL 61546
(309) 545-2241

Tremont Com. Unit Dist. 702
400 W. Pearl
Tremont, IL 61568
(309) 925-3461

Washington Com. HS Dist. 308
115 Bondurant St.
Washington, IL 61571
(309) 444-7704

Washington Dist. 50 Schools
304 E. Almond Dr.
Washington, IL 61571
(309) 745-8914

Washington School Dist. 52
1100 N. Main
Washington, IL 61571
(309) 444-3361

Woodford County

El Paso – Gridley CUSD 11
97 West Fifth St.
El Paso, IL 61738
(309) 527-4410

Eureka CU Dist. 140
109 W. Cruger Ave.
Eureka, IL 61530
(309) 467-3737

Fieldcrest CUSD #6
1 Dornbush Dr.
Minonk, IL 61760
(309) 432-2177

Germantown Hills School Dist. 69
110 N. Fandel Rd.
Metamora, IL 61548
(309) 383-2121

Lowpoint-Washburn CUS Dist. 21
P.O. 580
Washburn, IL 61570
(309) 248-7522

Metamora CC School Dist. 1
P.O. Box 552
Metamora, IL 61548
(309) 367-2361

Metamora Township HS Dist. 122
P.O. Box 109
Metamora, IL 61548
(309) 367-4151

Riverview CC School Dist. 2
1421 Spring Bay Rd.
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 822-8550

Roanoke Benson CUS Dist. 60