



Building success beyond the classroom

2020-2021 REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF 5K STUDENTS

WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing the School District of Pickens County! We welcome you and want you to know we are committed to our mission of **providing quality educational experiences that prepare all students to be successful beyond the classroom.** We look forward to serving you!

OUR COMMUNICATION

We encourage you to visit our websites and social media (Facebook/Twitter) pages often. We continuously provide updates about district and school news and events. In addition, you will receive information at the beginning of the year regarding our various forms of communication available with your child's teacher and school.

District Website: www.pickens.k12.sc.us

Like us on Facebook: @SchoolDistrictofPickensCounty

Follow us on Twitter: @PickensSchools

ENROLLMENT AGE

5K Registration: A child who is five years old on or before September 1, 2020 may register for five-year-old kindergarten.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS & PROOF OF RESIDENCE

To enroll in SDPC, a student must reside in Pickens County with his or her parent or legal guardian and provide the following **three required documents**:

1. Student's **state-issued birth certificate** – not the hospital keepsake copy;
2. Student's completed **South Carolina Certificate of Immunization**;
3. **Proof of Pickens County residence** – Acceptable proof is a current electricity, gas, water or cable/satellite bill in the parent/guardian's name. The bill must show the service address. If a bill in the parent/guardian's name is not available, an *Affidavit of Residence* is required. Schools have instructions for completing an affidavit.

Please bring these documents to your school appointment. Proof of Pickens County residence is required when a student first enrolls at any school. A principal may also require proof to verify the student's residence at any time.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Parents/Guardians may apply for student admission to a school outside their area of residence. Applications for school choice will be available at your screening appointment. Applications should be submitted no later than April 12, 2020.

1. Parents of a 5K child should complete an application at your school appointment. The application will be processed by the principal of the requesting school and then forwarded to the district for approval by the superintendent or his/her designee. Your request will be processed as quickly as possible.

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FREE & REDUCED MEALS

Federal law requires that each family have access for completing a free and reduced meal application. Applications will be available online for the 2020-2021 school year at www.sdpcnutrition.com in late July, 2020. After the application is processed, parents may check the student's meal status online to see if students qualify for free or reduced price meals and print the confirmation letter. Contact Student Nutrition Services at 864-397-1167 or 864-397-1166 with any questions.

SCHOOL CALENDAR & STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK

The 2020-2021 School Calendar is approved and posted on our website. We will distribute copies to students and families at Meet the Teacher events. Meet the Teacher schedules will be posted online later in the year. **Our 5K students typically begin on a different schedule from the rest of our students at the beginning of the year.** We will provide detailed information regarding your school's orientation meeting and beginning of the year schedule once your child has registered.

HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY

Upon each student's initial enrollment in the district, the parent/guardian must complete the *Home Language Survey*.

REGISTRATION PROCESS CHECKLIST

The checklist below lists information needed to complete your child's registration, along with helpful instructions. To begin the registration process, parents should go to the following URL for more information and directions: http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/parents/registration/new_student_gateway.

READ/ COMPLETED	FORMS	INSTRUCTIONS
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Student Database Information (Online)	Provide complete information. It will be reviewed at your screening appointment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Information (Online)	Provide complete information. It will be reviewed at your screening appointment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ESOL Information (Lavender)	Provide information and sign the document at your screening appointment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth Certificate Immunization Proof of Residence	Provide these documents at your screening appointment. A copy will be made for placement in your child's permanent record.