

# Enrolling Children in Durham Public Schools

[www.dpsnc.net](http://www.dpsnc.net)

## Registration & Enrollment

School is mandatory for every child age 5 – 18. 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 [www.dpsnc.net](http://www.dpsnc.net). Otherwise, to find out which school your children will attend, please phone the Student Assignment Office (919.560.2059) or visit the website and click on the “Enrollment” tab. Children may begin school 2-3 days after registering and education is mandatory through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (age 18).

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, located at:

ESL Registration Center  
201 West Main Street, suite 100  
Durham NC 27701  
919.560.2137  
(wait for message in English)

Monday & Friday, 9am-6pm

Call to confirm hours.

You must bring the following to the ESL 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 they are missing, you must provide their passports. You must also show your own passport, or other form of identification. 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.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> dose is given after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, 5<sup>th</sup> dose not required.
- 4 oral polio vaccinations
  - If 3<sup>rd</sup> dose given after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, 4<sup>th</sup> dose not required.
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccinations
  - All must be after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday
- 3 Hep B
  - For all students born on or after July 1, 1994
- 1 Varicella
  - All students born on or after April 1, 2001.

### **Additional Requirements for Kindergarten**

- 1 Hib (Hemophilus influenzae, b)
  - Minimum of 1 dose required prior to 5<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Physical Exam
  - Must be by a NC licensed health care provider within 1 year prior to the start of kindergarten

### **Additional Requirements for Entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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

The Durham County Health Department provides free required immunizations for children up to age 18 and staff nurses can also provide information on worldwide immunization requirements. No appointment is necessary.

414 East Main Street  
Durham NC 27701  
919.560.7600

Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm

### **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 (ie, a magnet or private school), then you are responsible for their transportation. To find out which bus your child will ride call the Transportation Center 560-2877.

### **Kindergarten**

Children who will be five years old on or before October 16 must attend kindergarten. Information about registration may be found at [www.dpsnc.net](http://www.dpsnc.net).

### **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 into another school by providing a request to the School Assignment Office.

### **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 [www.dpsnc.net](http://www.dpsnc.net) for more information and applications relating to magnet schools.