

# KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION

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# Welcome

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Our School  
Community

Kindergarten  
Transition &  
Readiness

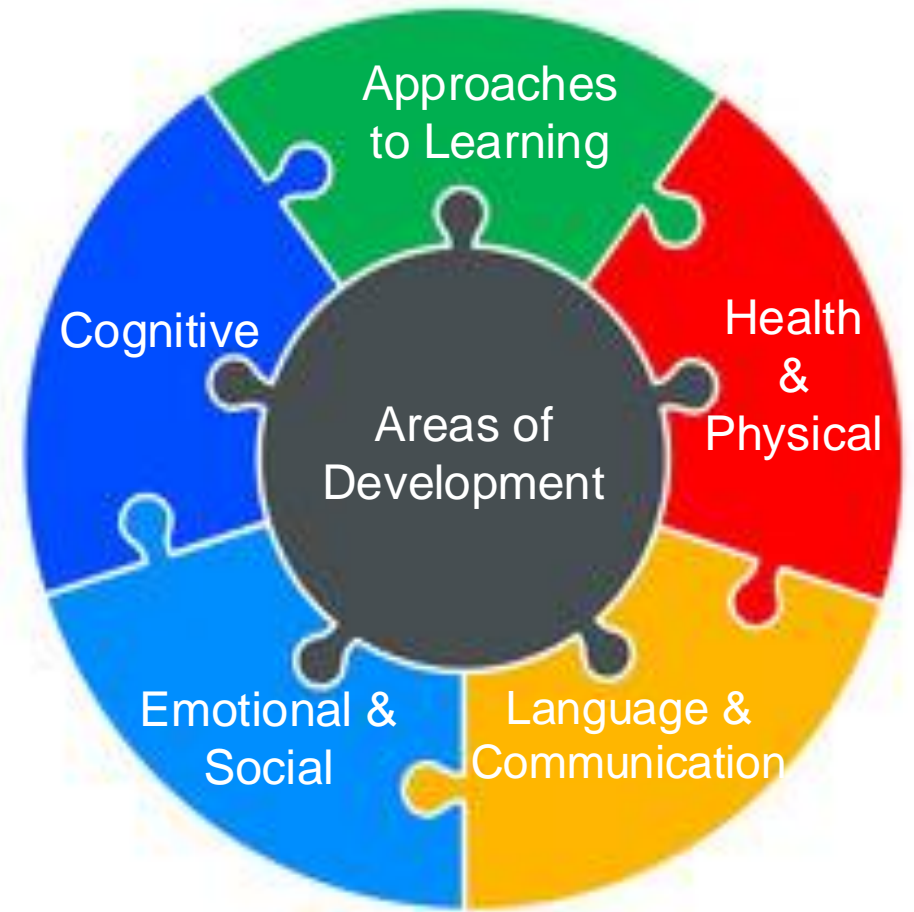
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# School Readiness

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- ALL children turning five years old on or before August 31st can attend kindergarten in Guilford County Schools next school year!
- School readiness refers to the skills a child brings to and grows during the kindergarten year. Children demonstrate skills across five areas of development.

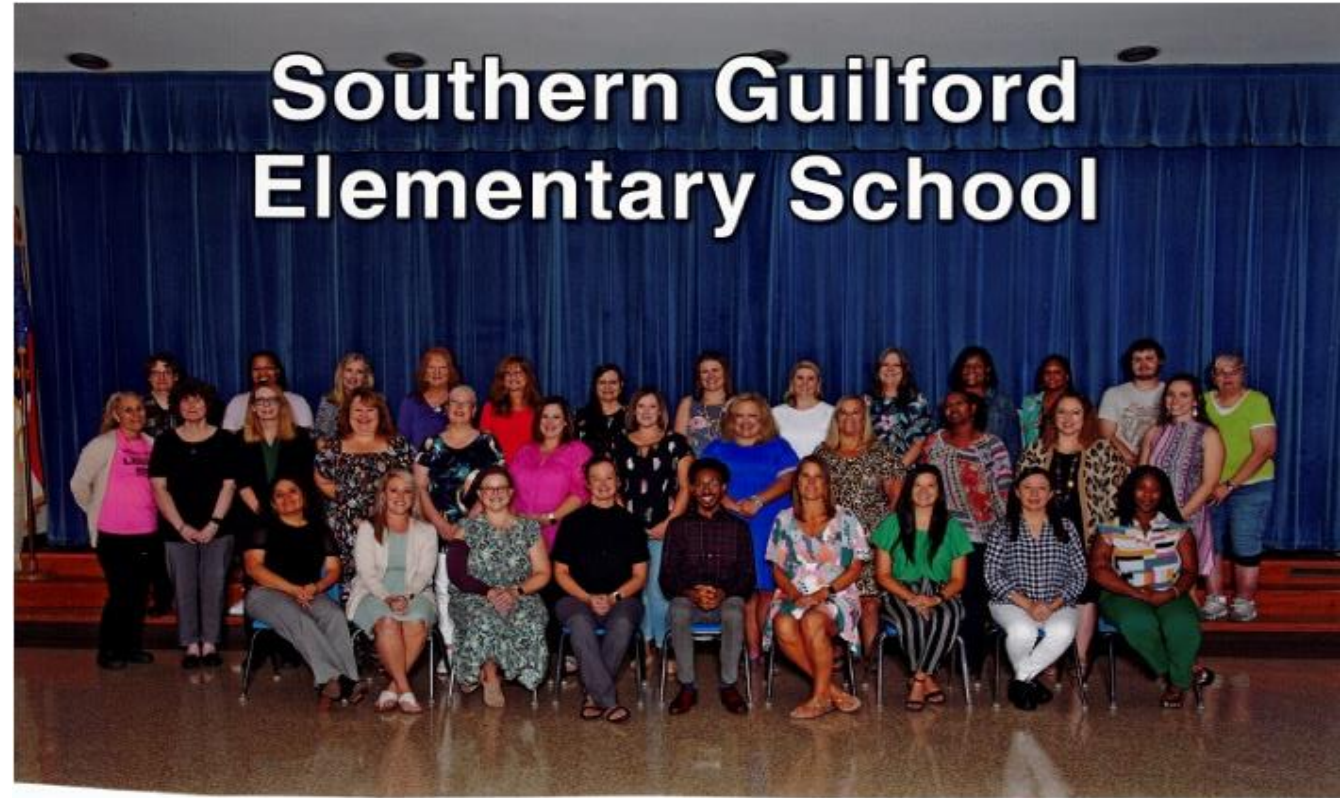




# School Staff

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- Mr. Moore, Principal
- Mrs. Cook, Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Smith and Ms. Joyner, Teacher Assistants
- Ms. Chrisman, Media Specialist
- Mrs. Morgan, Curriculum Facilitator



# All About Southern Elementary School

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- Welcome PTA
- Welcome Kindergarten Parent



# Kindergarten Overview

## Beginning of Kindergarten

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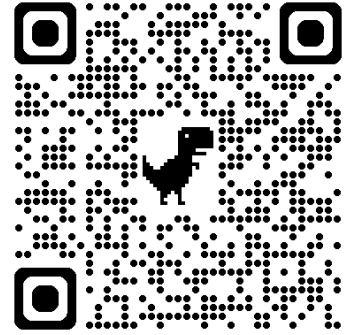
- Recognize their name
- Recognize colors
- Count 1 -10
- Take care of personal needs

# By the end of kindergarten students should be able to do the following:

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- Recognize 100 sight words or more
- Know all letters and sounds and able to apply this skill for sounding out words/ reading words. Students should be reading decodable stories.
- Re-tell the beginning, middle, and end part of a story. Answer comprehension questions about the story.
- Listed below are some of the math concepts they will be responsible for this year:
  - Write # 0-20
  - Count to 100 by ones and tens
  - Count on from any given number
  - Count 20 objects
  - Simple addition and subtraction
  - 2-D and 3 -D shapes

# Sesame Street Video: A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner (8 minute video)



*A great resource to watch at home!*

▶ Video

## A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner

School Readiness

Preschooler (3–5)

Kindergartner (5–6)

5-20 min

Whether it's before beginning kindergarten or at the start of the year, a peek into another child's day, in a similar setting, can ease children's anxieties.

Watch Video ▶

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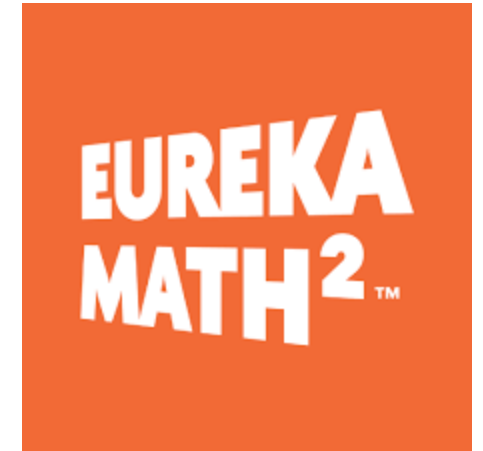
# Kindergarten Curriculum

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Literacy:

- Sound Wall
- UFLI
- CKLA



Math:

- Eureka Math Squared



# Technology

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- Students are issued a GCS iPad to use while attending Southern Elementary School
- Devices will remain at school unless there is a need to send home (Chargers may be sent home)
- iPads are for school use only
- Device Care



# Student Services at Southern Elementary

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Support - Care - Counsel - Teach Skills – Listen - Consult - Collaborate - Problem Solve - Share Resources



**Mrs. Black**  
**School**  
**Psychologist**



**Mrs. Ostiana**  
***"Ms. O"***  
**School Social Worker**



**Nurse Kailey Lambeth**  
**School Nurse**



**Mrs. Shipman**  
**School Counselor**

# Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

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- SEL is the *process of developing skills and knowledge to understand and manage emotions, building relationships, and make responsible decisions* – so important for lifelong success, starting right here in kindergarten!
- SEL helps “lift” all other areas, including academics





# Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Ways you can help build self-awareness & emotional skills:
  - Encourage their strengths and support their challenges with a growth mindset: *“I can’t do that YET, but I’m going to keep practicing.”*
  - Praise their hard work and effort: *“Wow! You worked really hard on...”* or *“How did you think to...?”*
  - Talk about feelings – both comfortable feelings (happy, excited, proud) and uncomfortable feelings (sad, angry, worried)
  - Model & practice coping skills like saying positive things to yourself, moving your body, and taking deep breaths (in through nose, out through mouth)



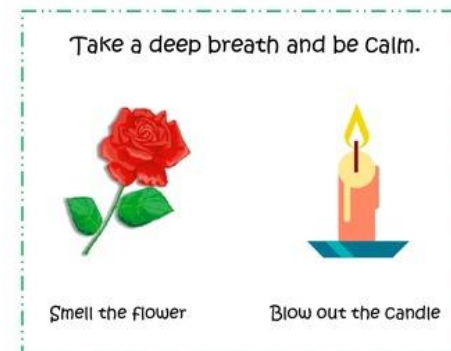
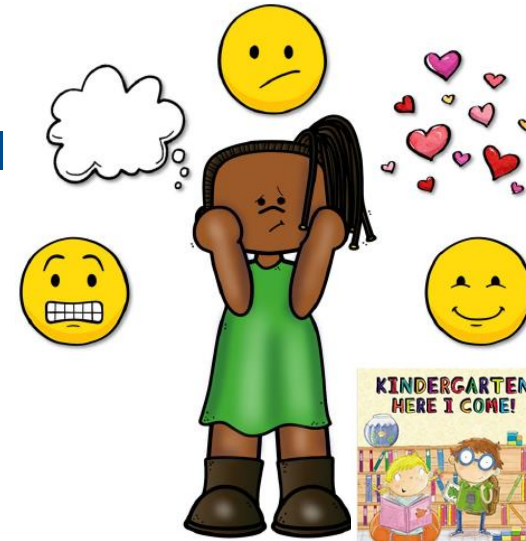
# Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Ways you can help build relationship and social skills:
  - Ask questions! *“Tell me about... “What was it like when...?”*
  - Practice empathy through conversations. *“How did \_\_\_\_\_ feel when \_\_\_\_\_?”*
  - Difference between sharing and taking turns
    - Sharing=each person gets some of the items
    - Taking turns=each person gets a turn with item
  - Play board games/card games together
  - Role plays: use figurines/dolls/stuffies/pretend play toys to act out situations – playing with others, coming to school, doctor/dentist visits



# Helping with worry or anxiety about school

- Have open communication:
  - Encourage them to tell fears, worries
  - Listen and acknowledge feelings, even if it seems small or silly
  - Answer their questions
- Come visit us! Tours, open house, individual teacher meeting in August
- Read books about going to school
- Positives and patience – they'll follow your lead
- Practice routines: enough sleep (~10 hours), morning routine, clothes and school things ready, hugs and “I love yous”
- Deep breathing to calm nerves
- Celebrate successes, big or small
- Don't hesitate to ask for help. We are here to support you and your child.



# School Nurse

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## **Kailey Lambeth**

- Health assessment
- Immunization record
- Health forms for allergies/ medical needs



# Kindergarten Bound in GCS!

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August

2025

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# Registration

Gather Required documents

Create SchoolMint account

Complete Registration

## Registering Your Student



The following information will help you prepare to register your child for kindergarten using the Schoolmint online registration system.  
*Your child must be five years old on or before August 31 to enroll.*

### Confirm eligibility

All Guilford County Schools students must reside with a parent or court-appointed legal guardian who is a district resident.

### Find your child's school assignment

Use our School Assignment Locator at [schoolassignmentlocator.gcsnc.com](https://schoolassignmentlocator.gcsnc.com) or call the Student Assignment Office at (336) 370-8303 if you need assistance finding your school assignment.

### Gather required documents

Parents or court-appointed guardians must submit the following required documents in Schoolmint to register your kindergarten student. Some documents must be requested from your child's health care provider. Collect this information before beginning the registration process to make sure you have everything you need.

1. Child's certified birth certificate
2. North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal Form certified by your child's health care provider
3. Immunizations (shots) records from your child's health care provider
4. Proof of residence showing name and address (CHOOSE ONE): All items below must be in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian
  - Current, original gas, oil, water or electric bill (not acceptable.)
  - Official lease agreement
  - Driver's license (or State ID card from Department of Transportation) AND car registration card from the Board of Elections
  - Driver's license (or State ID card) AND car registration card
  - Driver's license (or State ID card) AND letter verifying address
  - Driver's license (or State ID card) or voter registration card

### Create Schoolmint account and complete registration

Log in or create your account at [gcsnc.schoolmint.net](https://gcsnc.schoolmint.net) and enter your phone number. Follow the steps in Schoolmint to complete your registration documents in the system. If you need assistance, contact the Student Assignment Office at (336) 370-8303.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I obtain my child's health records?

The North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal Form is the form the health care provider fills out after examining your child and is required by state law. Forms are available at elementary schools and some pediatrician offices. You may also download it at [www.gcsnc.com](https://www.gcsnc.com) and click on "Departments" and "Health Services and Nursing." The form is found in the "Health Assessment Requirements" section.

You can get a copy of your child's immunization records from your child's health care provider. Immunizations required by state law include:

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| • Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis (DTaP). Five doses required. If the fourth dose is after your child's fourth birthday, a fifth dose is not required.   | • Mumps. One dose on or after your child's first birthday.  |
| • Inactivated Polio Vaccine or Oral Polio Vaccine (IPV or OPV). Four doses required. The booster (fourth) dose is required on or after the fourth birthday and before entering school for the first time. | • Rubella. One dose on or after your child's first birthday.  |
| • Measles. Two doses, with the first dose on or after your child's first birthday.  | • Haemophilus Influenza Vaccine (Hib). One dose.  |
|   | • Hepatitis B. Three doses.   |
|   | • Varicella. Two doses administered at least 28 days apart, with the second dose before entering school for the first time. |

### How do I obtain a certified copy of my child's birth certificate?

Contact the Register of Deeds in the county or state where your child was born. If your child was born in Guilford County, you can contact the Register of Deeds at (336) 441-7556.

### What if my family is in transition?

If you are experiencing homelessness, your child has certain educational rights under federal legislation. Forms and information are available at each school.

A Student in Transition Affidavit must be completed for each child. For questions, contact the office of Homeless and Transitional Services at (336) 370-2329.

Beginning July 1, 2025, registration will no longer take place on SchoolMint. Please contact your child's school for more information.



\*After July 1, SchoolMint registration system will no longer be available.

# Help for Enrollment

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- Link to Kindergarten Registration Help
- <https://www.gcsnc.com/choose-and-enroll/school-locator/kindergarten-registration>

# Make a Difference Early

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**2025**

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Prioritize  
Attendance

Stay  
Connected

Communicate  
Regularly



# Open House

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## Open House

- The week before school
- A time to meet your child's teachers
- Call the school to schedule an appointment

# Meals

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Breakfast and lunch  
served daily

\*Breakfast \$1.00

\*Lunch \$2.85



\*Families can apply for free or reduced price meals. Prices may change at beginning of school year.


# Transportation- Buses

GCS will create a bus stop near your house for the first day of school!  
Register before June 13!



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School Transportation Request

Please verify your student.

(If you are new to GCS and do not have a Student ID, click here.)

Student Birthdate

 (MM/DD/YYYY)

Student ID/Lunch Number

Retrieve Student

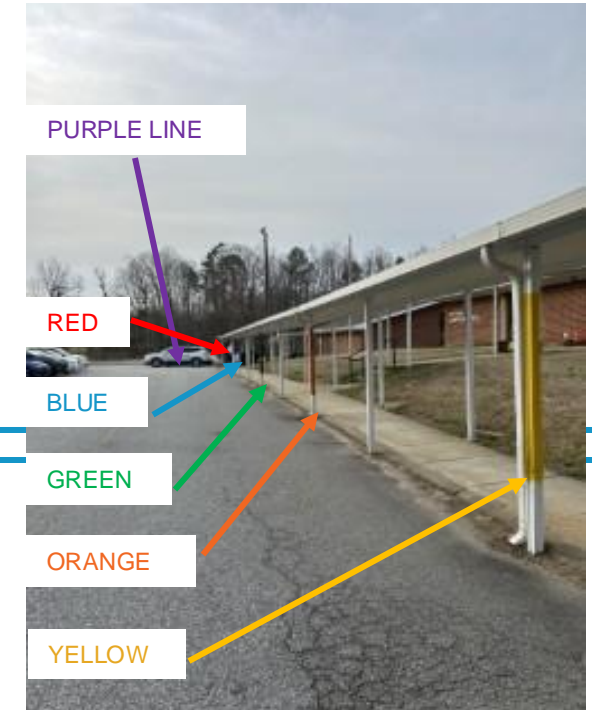


# Transportation- Car Rider Line



## Morning Arrival

- One line- no passing, no parking
- 7:00am start time, tardy bell rings at 7:25am
- Staff will direct traffic
- "Kiss & Go"



## Afternoon Dismissal

- One line- no passing, no parking
- Display child's car tag
- Approximate 2:05pm start time, finish 2:20pm
- Go with the flow





# Readiness Resources

## Transition to Kindergarten Monthly Calendars



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Helping your child develop early literacy skills can be simple and fun! Label everyday objects like the door, table, and chair to help them recognize words in print. Point to the labels throughout the day and encourage your child to say the words aloud, reinforcing word recognition and vocabulary.</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Visit your local library to check-out books for the month</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Make faces in the mirror and name each emotion</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pretend a toy is sad and practice helping it feel better</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Sing the Song "Kindness is Everywhere" (Words on back)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pretend to blow bubbles slowly and practice deep breathing together</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Play music and dance to show different emotions</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Roll a ball to someone and say something nice about them</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Draw a picture of something that made you happy today</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Act out emotions and guess which feeling it is</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pretend to blow up a balloon while taking slow deep breaths</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Draw a picture of a good friend</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Match colors to different emotions</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Decorate a card for a friend or family member</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sing the Song "A Friend Like You" (Words on back)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Practice saying "hello" and introducing yourself</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Cut pictures of favorite things from magazines or the newspaper</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Sing the Song "We Are All Alike and Different" (Words on back)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Read books with different feelings and talk about how the characters feel</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Practice giving a family member a compliment each day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Act out different feelings with body movements</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Practice taking deep breaths and counting to 5 when upset</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Draw a picture of yourself and what makes you special</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Pretend the floor is lava and find safe spots together</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Take turns with toys and describe how it makes you feel</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Guilford County Schools Kindergarten Registration Begins</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>GPA Transition to Kindergarten Virtual Webinar for families 6-7pm</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Take turns finishing the sentence, "I feel _____ when _____"</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Draw pictures of kind things about each family member and share it with them</p>	



Scan Here to Check Out Local Events



Scan Here to Register

## Kindergarten Readiness Bags



# Family Feedback form

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Kindergarten Kickoff Family  
Feedback Form



Please take a moment to fill out  
the family feedback form.  
Available in Spanish, Vietnamese,  
Arabic, and Urdu.

✓ English (United States)

Español (México)

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# Questions

