



GUILFORD
County Schools
BETTER TOGETHER

**KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF
FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION**

MARCH 2024

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Welcome

World
Changers



Kindergarten
Transition &
Readiness

Next Steps



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Sternberger Staff



Principal Lisa Williams

AP Alexa Veach

CF Alex Swerbinsky

K Team:

- Mrs. Hadas & Ms. Martin
- Mrs. Hawley & Mrs. Soles
- Mrs. McMillian & Mrs. Nicholson
- Mrs. Mosbacher & Mrs. Helms



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Sternberger Specialists



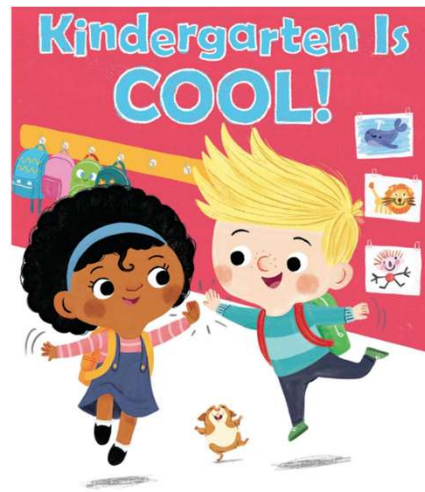
- Kara Batchelder, Art
- Chris Carroll, PE
- Abigail DeGance, Music
- Jenny Dunlap, School Counselor
- Tricia Goodman, School Library Media Coordinator



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Read Together, Grow Together

- Read Over & Over
- It's Time to Rhyme!
- ABCs
- Explore New Words
- Name Writing
- Talk About the Book
- Learn About Print
- Make Reading Fun



Adapted from *The Ohio State University's Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy*
go.osu.edu/RTGT



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All About Sternberger Elementary School

- Sternberger was built in 1949, and this is our 75th Anniversary year.
- We serve around 470 students in grades K-5.
- We are the home of the World Changers, and our mascot is an owl.



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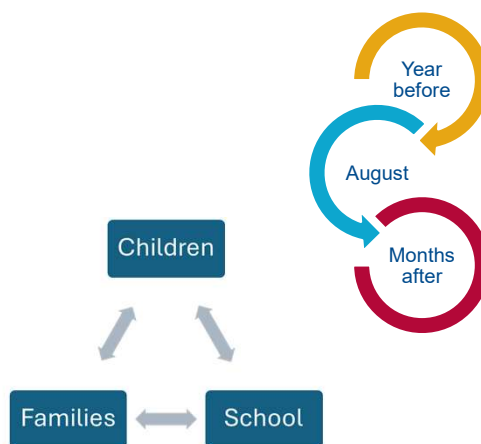
Noteworthy Awards

- National PTA School of Excellence 2023-2025
- 2024 GCS Assistant Principal of the Year, Alexa Veach
- 2023 GCS School Counselor of the Year, Jenny Dunlap
- 2022 GCS Teacher of the Year, Chris Carroll
- 2020 NC PTA Administrator of the Year, Lisa Williams



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Kindergarten Transition



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School Readiness

- 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 the school community when they enter kindergarten. Children demonstrate skills across five areas of development.



Readiness Resources

Transition to Kindergarten Monthly Calendars

Kindergarten Readiness Bags

More Readiness Resources

Let's Get Ready!
A Family's Guide to Supporting Kindergarten Readiness

www.bit.ly/kreadyguide

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The Basics

www.guilfordbasics.org

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Read. Bond. Grow.

www.readbondgrow.org

Read Bond Grow



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Social & Emotional Learning

All About My Child

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the information you want to share with your child's teacher. Add a photo if you have one.

My child's name is: _____

My child likes to be called: _____

Some things I want you to know about my child are:

My child lives with (people, pets): _____

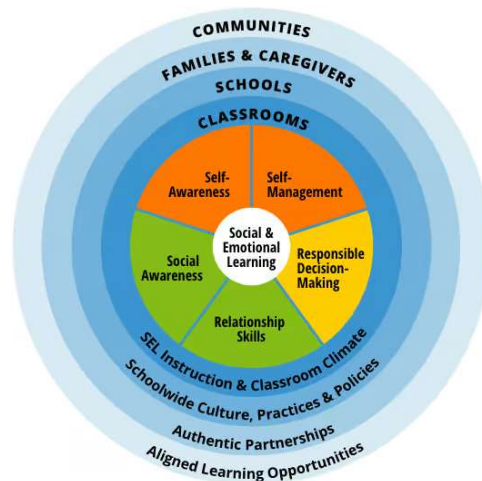
The languages my child hears at home are: _____

My child loves to tell me about toys, activities, or favorite things: _____

Things I hope my child will learn in the next year: _____

My child has a difficult time when (tell me what might trouble your child): _____

To help my child calm down or feel better, you can: _____



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Kindergarten Bound in GCS!



Next Steps

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 Center at [www.guilfordcountyschools.org/parents](#) or call the Student Assignment Office at (336) 733-6867 for more assistance finding your child's assignment.

Gather required documents
Parents or court-appointed guardians must submit the following required documents in SchoolMint to register your child for kindergarten. Some documents must be translated from your child's native language prior to use. Gather this information before beginning the registration process to make sure you have everything you need.

- Child's certified birth certificate
- North Carolina Health Assessment Transitional Form completed by your child's health care provider
- Immunization (IMZ) records from your child's health care provider
- Proof of residence showing name and address (HOUSE OWNED) All items below must be in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian:
 - Current, unexpired gas, oil, water or electric bill and associated address
 - Official lease agreement
 - Owner's license for State ID card from their registration card from the Board of Election
 - Owner's license for State ID card AND lease with the address
 - Owner's license for State ID card AND lease with the address
 - Owner's license for State ID card or water

Create SchoolMint account and log in
Log in to create your account at [www.schoolmint.com](#) or [www.guilfordcountyschools.org/schoolmint](#). Enter the steps in SchoolMint to complete your registration information in the system. If the Student Assignment Office at (336) 733-6867.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I obtain my child's health record?
The North Carolina Health Assessment Transitional Form is the form the health care provider fills out after assessing your child and is required by state law. Forms are available at elementary schools and home pediatric offices. You may also download it at [www.guilfordcountyschools.org/parents](#) and click on "Documents" and "Health Services and the Law." 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:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis (DTaP)
- Polio (IPV)
- Hib (conjugate)
- MMR (MM, MR, MMR-2)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Varicella (VZV)
- Meningococcal (MenACWY)
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- Polio (IPV)
- Hib (conjugate)
- MMR (MM, MR, MMR-2)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Varicella (VZV)
- Meningococcal (MenACWY)
- Hepatitis A (HepA)


How do I obtain a certified copy of my child's birth certificate?
Contact the Register of Deeds in the county of residence of your child's birth. If your child was born in Guilford County, you can contact the [Register of Deeds](#) at (336) 344-7664.

What if my family is in transition?
If you are experiencing homelessness, your child has certain educational rights under federal regulations. 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 [Student and Family Services](#) at (336) 733-6867.

Revised July 1, 2025. Registration will use a longer title when in SchoolMint. Please contact Child Support for assistance.



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

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Transportation

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



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School Transportation Request

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

Please verify your student.

Student Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) Student ID/Lunch Number



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Meals

Breakfast and Lunch Served Daily

All meals are free at CEP Schools!

Sternberger is a CEP school.



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Afterschool Care Enrichment Services (ACES)

- Monday-Friday from dismissal to 6:00 p.m.
- \$75/week tuition
- Academic Excellence, Nutritious Snacks, Health & Safety, Fun, Fitness Activities
- Registration for 25-26 begins April 21, 2025



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Open House



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- The week before school
- A time to meet your child's teachers



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Make a Difference Early


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Prioritize Attendance

Stay Connected

Communicate Regularly



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Family Feedback

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)
- Tiếng Việt
- أُرْدُو
- العربية



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