



KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION

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Welcome to the Cove

Our School
Community

Kindergarten
Transition &
Readiness

Next Steps



Meet our Principal and Assistant Principal

- Mrs. Olivia Lattimore,
Principal



- Mrs. Erin Giustizia,
Assistant Principal



School Staff



MEET THE FALKENER DOLPHiNS MAKING A SPLASH iN KINDERGARTEN!



GABRIELLE MEEKS



MS. ALEXIA NEAL



MS. VANESSA SHEPA



MS. RASHIEKA GREGORY



MRS. BRANDI TURNER
K/1 MCL

All About Falkener Elementary School

- Our school focuses on a global view of life and the pursuit of greatness through many career paths.
- Falkener Elementary Basics
 - Mascot- Dolphins
 - Doors Open- 7:20 am
 - Bell for Instruction- 7:45 am
 - Dismissal- 2:30 pm
 - Four Kindergarten classrooms
 - Universal Breakfast & Lunch
- Students will engage in specials each day, for at least 45 minutes. Classes switch specials on a weekly basis.
- Students will be assigned a Kindergarten teacher by the ***end of the first week of school.***

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 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 and enter your phone number. Follow the steps in Schoolmint to complete registration and upload 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 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Measles. Two doses, with the first dose on or after your child's first birthday.
- Mumps. One dose on or after your child's first birthday.
- Rubella. One 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) 641-7556.

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.

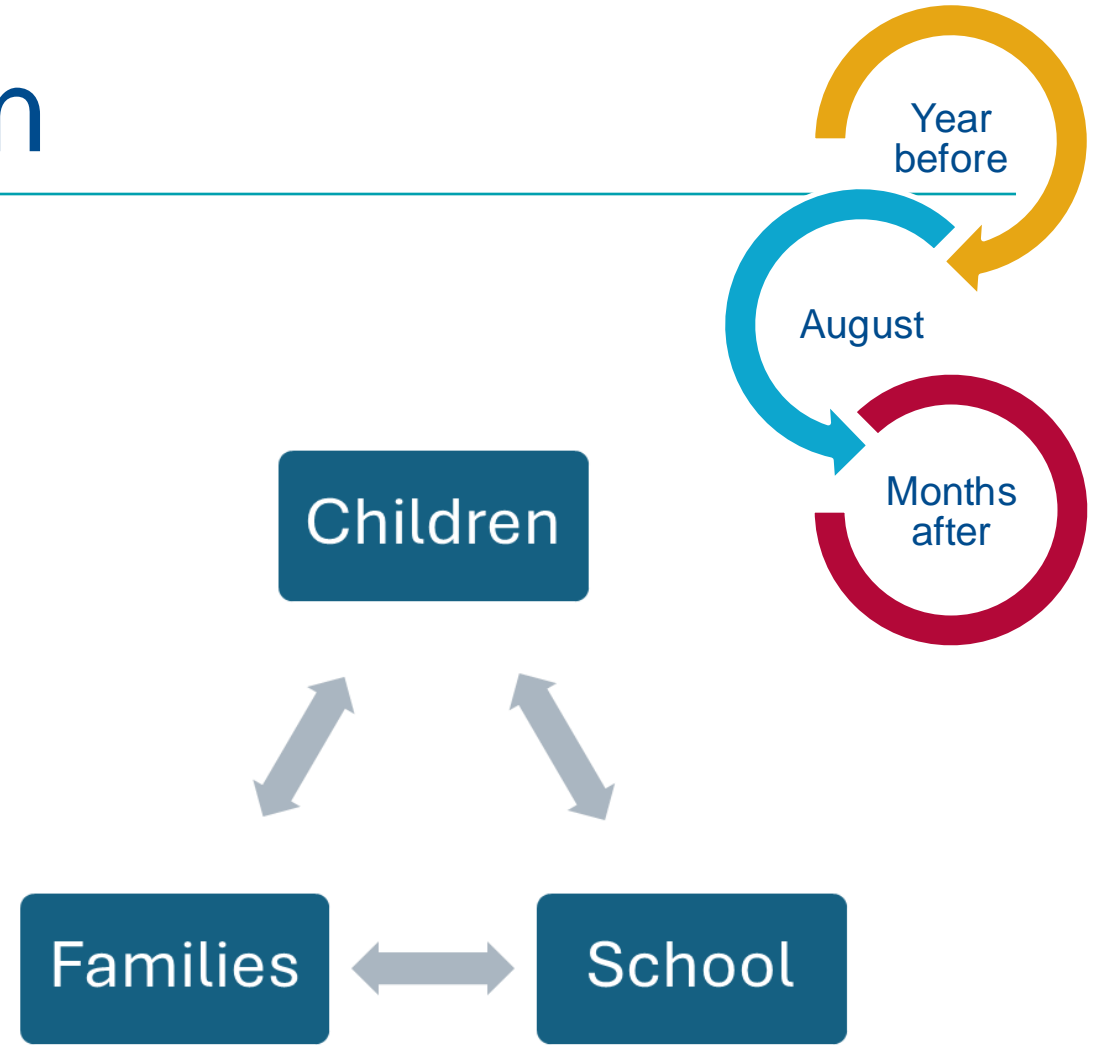
A Student in Transition Affidavit must be completed for each child. For questions, contact the office of Homeless and Transitional Services at (336) 370-2329.

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



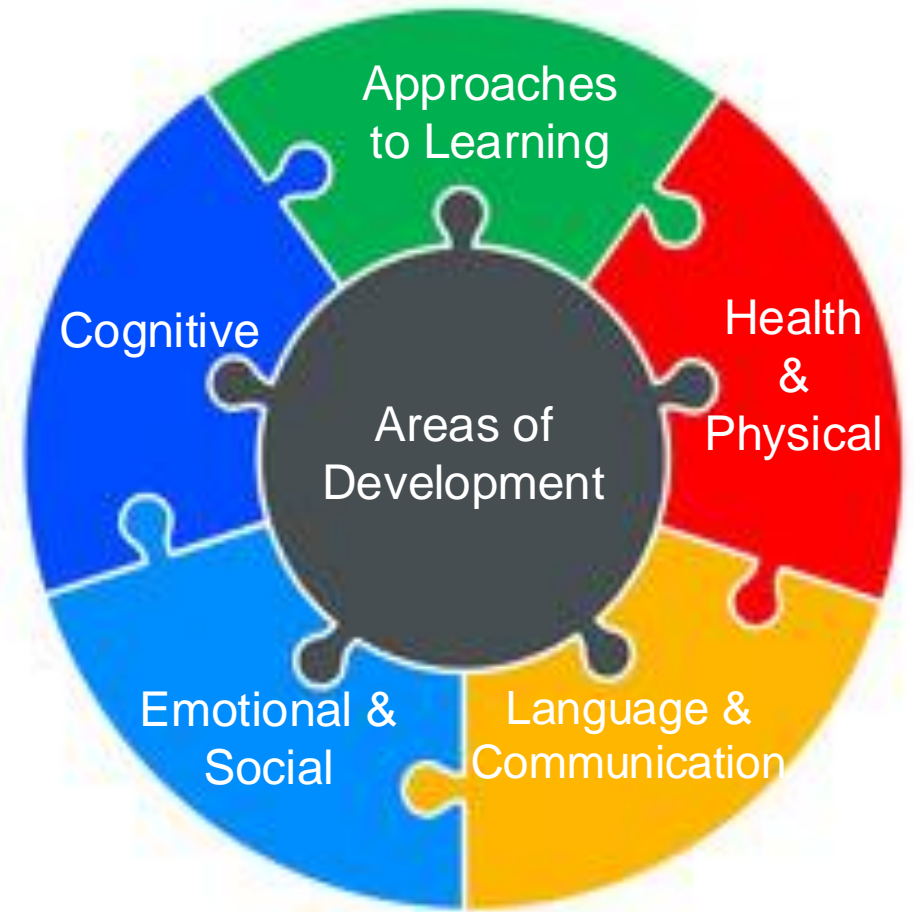
*After July 1, SchoolMint registration system will no longer be available.

Kindergarten Transition



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 and grows during the kindergarten year. Children demonstrate skills across five areas of development.



Readiness Resources

Transition to Kindergarten Monthly Calendars

February 2025
 Guilford County
 Transition to
 Kindergarten
 Calendar

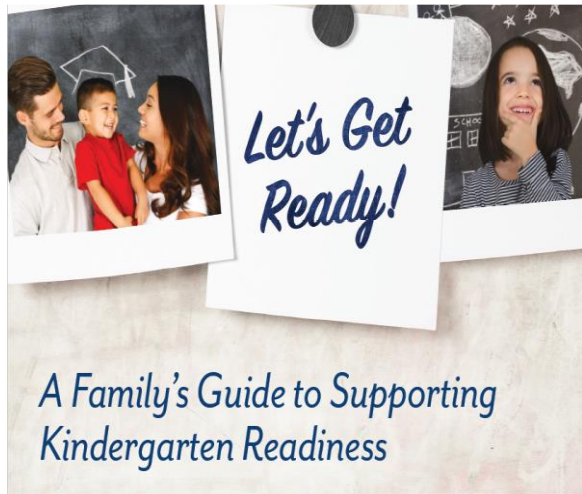
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helping your child develop early literacy skills can be simple and fun! Label everyday objects like the door, table, and chair to help them recognize words in print. Point to the labels throughout the day and encourage your child to say the words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

Scan Here to Check Out Local Events

Scan Here to Register

Kindergarten Readiness Bags

Readiness Resources



www.bit.ly/kreadyguide

A Family's Guide to Supporting
Kindergarten Readiness



www.guilfordbasics.org

The Guilford Basics



www.readbondgrow.org

Read Bond Grow

Kindergarten Bound in GCS!



August

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Special Message from our School Social Worker



Meals

Breakfast and lunch
served daily

All meals are free for
students!

- Families, everything is A la carte meaning you are charged for each individual item!



Open House



Open House

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

Field Trips

- We love bringing learning to life!
- Apple Orchard
- Highpoint Children's Museum
- NC Zoo



Make a Difference Early

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Prioritize Attendance

Stay Connected

Communicate Regularly

After School Care


- CJ's Daycare
- COGIC
- Allred and Allred
- His Glory Child Development Center
- House of Angels
- Academy of Spoiled Kids

Transportation

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




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 **GUILFORD**
County Schools
SOAR TO GREATNESS

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

Family Feedback form

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

أردو

العربية

Questions

