



KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION

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Welcome

Our School
Community

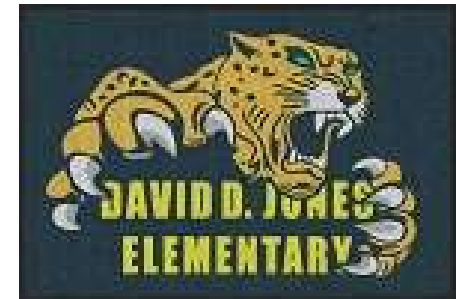
Kindergarten
Transition &
Readiness

Next Steps



School Staff

- Principal: Dr. Buchanan
- Assistant Principal: Mrs. Glover
- CFs: Senora Soto and Mrs. Paul
- MTSS Coordinator: Mrs. Peace-Perry
- Kindergarten Teachers (Traditional): Mrs. Fleming and Ms. Richter
- Kindergarten Teachers (Immersion): Sra. Aguilar, Sra. Chavez, Sra. Mayo and Sra. Ortega



A Little About Jones Elementary School

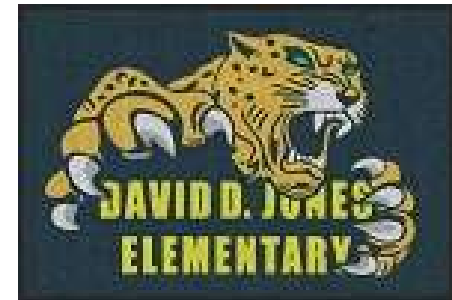
- Jones Elementary is a combination of a neighborhood school and a magnet that specializes in Spanish Immersion.
- We have traditional classrooms that learn in English all day and Immersion classrooms that learn in Spanish for 90% of their day with specials in English.
- We have teachers from at least 13 different countries that share their cultures and customs to make us a unique place to love to learn.

Current Kindergarten Jaguars



School Staff

- Music Specialist: Sr. Oviedo
 - Art Specialist: Mrs. Gabriel
 - Media Specialist: Mrs. Klawitter
 - PE Specialists: Coach M and Coach Simmons
 - STEM Specialist: Ms. Phillips
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- Social Worker: Ms. Young
 - Counselors: Ms. LeGrande and Ms. Ogirri



Why should I consider the immersion program?

- My child will be bilingual or fluent in English and Spanish
- Research has shown being bilingual helps with
 - Problem solving skills
 - Being more creative
 - Having a better memory
 - Boosting brain development

More reasons to be bilingual:

- Increases opportunities for additional careers
- Supports multiculturalism which gives students a broader world view, open and appreciative of different cultures
- Starting young allows easier language learning because children absorb new language skills naturally

Our Jaguar Classes

Grade Level	Traditional Program	Spanish Immersion Program
Pre-K	2	0
Kindergarten	2	4
1 st	1	4
2 nd	2	4
3 rd	2	4
4 th	2	3
5 th	2	3

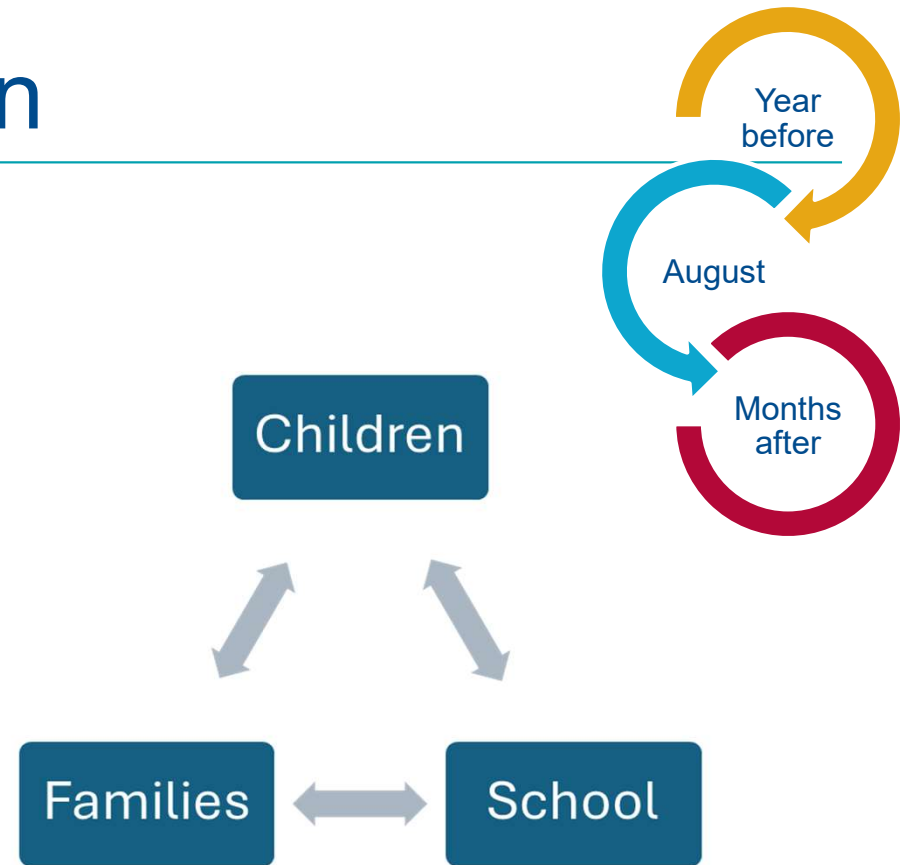




Jaguars in Action

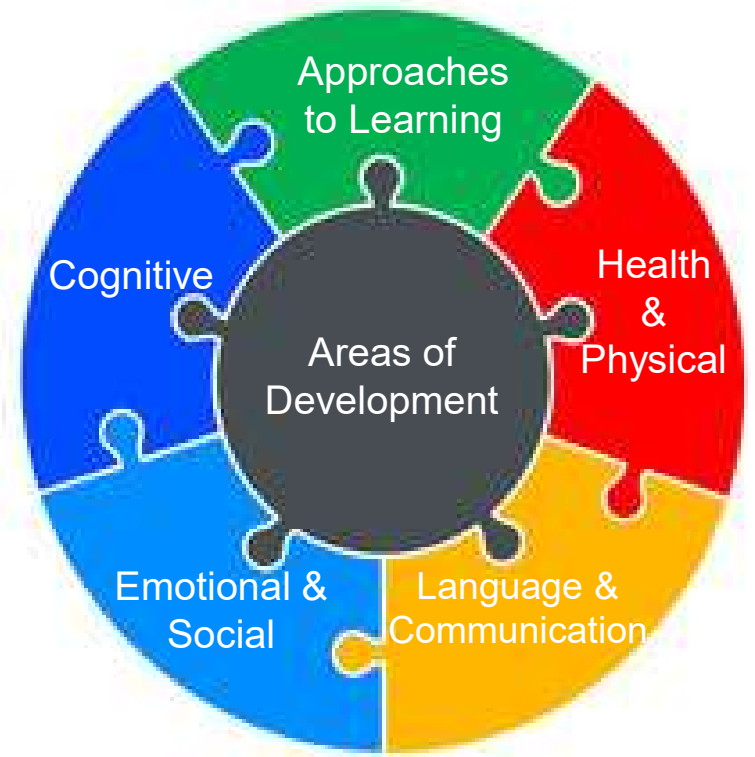
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Kindergarten Transition



Kindergarten Readiness

- ALL children turning five years old on or before August 31st can attend kindergarten in Guilford County Schools next school year!
- Kindergarten readiness refers to the skills a child brings to the school community when he or she enters kindergarten. Children demonstrate skills across five areas of development.



Readiness Resources

Transition to Kindergarten Monthly Calendars

January 2025
Guilford County
Transition to
Kindergarten
Calendar

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

<p>Reading with your child builds key skills and makes learning fun. Start by flipping through picture books to predict the story, point to words as you read and reread favorite books to build confidence and vocabulary.</p>	<p>Hello Winter</p>	<p>1 Visit your local library to check-out books for the month.</p>	<p>2 Tape down paper "snowflakes" with letters and help to named letters.</p>	<p>3 Count cotton balls into numbered cups.</p>	<p>4 Thread yarn through pre-punched snowflake shapes.</p>
<p>5 Use cotton balls and paper to create a snowy scene.</p>	<p>6 Mix baking soda and water to make "snow".</p>	<p>7 Sing the Song "Snowflakes Falling Down" Song" (Words on back).</p>	<p>8 Toss soft balls at a "snowman".</p>	<p>9 Pretend to serve hot cocoa with cups and play money.</p>	<p>10 Write things you're thankful for on paper snowflakes.</p>
<p>12 Write letters in salt trays to mimic icicles.</p>	<p>13 Build a snowman using circles, squares, and triangles.</p>	<p>14 Move ice cubes using spoons for a fun challenge.</p>	<p>15 Make a snow globe by drawing a winter scene and "seal" it in a clear plastic plate.</p>	<p>16 Track the temperature or snowfall daily.</p>	<p>17 Sing the Song "Building a Snowman" (Words on back).</p>
<p>19 Retell a favorite winter story using toys.</p>	<p>20 Sing the Song "The Mitten Song" (Words on back).</p>	<p>21 Create patterns using block shapes or cutouts.</p>	<p>22 Sort buttons by size or color using tongs.</p>	<p>23 Use string and blue paint to make dripping icicle art.</p>	<p>24 Predict and test how long ice cubes take to melt.</p>
<p>26 Race to "dress" a snowman with scarves and hats.</p>	<p>27 Build winter houses from blocks and decorate with paper cutouts.</p>	<p>28 Pretend to "tix" a snowman with missing parts.</p>	<p>29 Do one kind act each day throughout the month.</p>	<p>30 Match paper mittens with numbers or patterns.</p>	<p>31 Discuss how winter activities make you feel.</p>

Scan Here to Check Out Local Events

Kindergarten Readiness Bags

Guilford County Schools
I ♥ GCS
NORTH CAROLINA

Kindergarten Is COOL!

Crow in GCS!

Guilford County Schools

Play-Doh

CRAYONS

I feel... Happy 😊

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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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 Depa registration card) from the Board of Elections
 - Driver's license (or State ID card) AND car title
 - 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 login

Log in or create your account at gcsnc.schoolmint.net using 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 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.

Meals

Breakfast and lunch
served daily

Currently, all
meals are free!



Open House



Open House

- The week of August 18, date TBD
- Meet your child's teachers

After School Care

- We have an afterschool program here at Jones called ACES which is directed by Mr. Dixon. It runs each school day until 6:00 PM.
- ACES Registration for 2025-2026 will open soon on gcsnc.com.
- We also have many other local daycares that pick-up afterschool either on a bus or van

Transportation

GCS will create a bus stop near your house for the first day of school!
Register early using the transportation link on our website. Download Here Comes the Bus to see where your child's stop is located.



Interpreter

We have many teachers and staff members who speak Spanish.
If translation is necessary, just let us know!

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

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