



REGISTRATION

FOLGER MCKINSEY ELEMENTARY

If you have a Kindergarten student:

Children who live in Maryland and are five-years-old on or before September 1, of this year are required to attend **kindergarten** and must register at their assigned school. Anne Arundel County Public Schools offer Kindergarten programs in all elementary schools. Children must be five on or before September 1 to be eligible. While Maryland law requires kindergarten attendance, it does give parents the right to delay kindergarten for one year (waiver) or attend other kindergarten programs (alternative kindergarten).

Alternative kindergarten program: Parents selecting an alternative education kindergarten program, that is not recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education, such as a full-time licensed day care center, a full-time registered family day care home or a Head Start program for five year olds, must file their intent to enroll the five year old in an alternative program setting with the local school system before the opening of school. Providers of alternative educational programs for kindergarten students (not recognized as approved educational programs by the Maryland State Department of Education) must also register with Anne Arundel County Public Schools. For more information, contact the Early Childhood Office at 410-222-5441.

Kindergarten waivers: Parents who believe that their child is not developmentally ready for kindergarten may request a waiver to delay kindergarten for one year by writing a letter to the Superintendent of Schools. A waiver request should include the child's full name and date of birth, parent's name and address, and be filed prior to the beginning of school.

Registration Information

- ◆ Children must be five years old by September 1, of this year to enroll in kindergarten.
- ◆ Registration for the upcoming school year at Folger McKinsey began in April. The office hours for registration are 9:45 am-2:00 pm. You must bring **all** the required documents (see below).
- ◆ All kindergarten programs are full-day

You will need to bring the following documents with you when you register your child:

- ◆ Child's birth certificate
- ◆ A copy of your child's immunization record. Check immunization requirements at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>
- ◆ Proofs of residency
 - Lease or mortgage document and one additional document with the same address such as:
 - Current utility or phone bill
 - A notarized Tenant Verification Form is also available at school offices