



Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

How old does a child have to be to enroll in a Columbus City School (CCS) kindergarten?

Children must be five (5) years of age by **September 30th** of the school year for which they enroll.

What if I think my child is ready for kindergarten but he/she will not be 5 by September 30?

Families should contact the Gifted and Talented Office, at 614-365-6626, to request information on the process for the Early Entrance Assessment.

Which CCS elementary schools offer full-day versus half-day kindergarten?

All CCS elementary schools offer full-day kindergarten.

My student is in Pre-K with Columbus City Schools. Do I have to enroll again for Kindergarten?

No. If your child is being promoted to a regular education kindergarten he/she will automatically transition into his/her school of address for kindergarten.

If my other children attend a school does my new kindergarten student also get to attend that school regardless of the assigned address?

No. CCS requires every student to complete and submit a lottery application to be eligible for a chance to enroll into a school other than the school of address.

Is there before and after school childcare available for my kindergarten student?

Yes. Several of the elementary schools have a Latchkey program in the building. More information about Latchkey can be found at <http://ccsoh.us/Latchkey.aspx>.

Will my child receive transportation to and from school?

If your child lives more than two (2) miles from the school, Columbus City Schools will provide transportation to the following:

- home school based on address,
- any conventional school in your community or in the Center City community, or to
- any alternative school to which your child is eligible to apply.

What immunizations are required for my child prior to beginning kindergarten?

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DPT); Polio (IPV); Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR); Hepatitis B (HBV); Chicken Pox (Varicella/VAR).
- **Please note:** a Tuberculosis Test (TB) may be required of students who were born outside of the United States or have visited another country for more than one month.