

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parents/Guardians,

In light of the pandemic and to ease burden on families, the Pottsville Area School District will be utilizing an online registration format for the incoming 2021-2022 kindergarten class. During this open enrollment, all required documents will be uploaded through the online registration process. If you are unable to complete the registration electronically, please contact Mrs. Jackie Szeliga at (570) 621-2915 to schedule an appointment. Please register your child as soon as possible to help us plan for the upcoming school year.

New families to the Pottsville Area School District: Online registration can be accessed beginning 02/01/2021 through the Pottsville Area School District home page at <https://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us/>. Click the **new student registration link** at the top right of the page and follow the instructions to complete the registration.

If you already have a student enrolled in the Pottsville Area School District and have access to the Skyward parent portal, login to family access. In the top left corner, click **New Student Online Enrollment**. When completing the grade level information, please click **Next School Year (2021-2022) and first day of school**.

In the coming weeks, John S. Clarke Office staff will contact families to set-up screenings. There will be multiple screening dates available for families during the month of June.

The following must be submitted for entrance of your kindergarten student into the Pottsville Area School District.

****Proof of age** - (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital record, etc.)

Your child MUST be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2021.

****Immunizations** - State law requires that before children may enter kindergarten, they need the following immunizations. Only a physician's copy of the immunization record is acceptable:

4 doses of DTaP – 4th dose must be after age 4, or it requires a 5th dose

4 doses of Polio (IPV) - 4th dose must be after age 4

3 doses of Hepatitis B

2 doses of Measles, 2 doses of Mumps, and 2 doses Rubella.

(This group of immunizations are usually given as MMR)

2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or documented history of the disease

If there is any medical reason why your child should not be fully immunized, please bring a certificate from your physician stating the reason.

****3 Proofs of Residency - one of which needs to be a lease agreement, mortgage sales contract or local tax document** (other examples for the remaining 2 proofs of residency: utility bill, driver's license, paystub, bank statement, government assistance letter etc.)

****Custody paperwork/guardianship** - (if applicable)

This is an exciting time for families and school staff.

We can't wait to meet the Class of 2034!

Pottsville Area School District

John S. Clarke Elementary Center

Office of School Nurse

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to John S. Clarke Elementary Center. My office will be providing care to your child for his/her health and safety issues while attending our school. As part of the comprehensive health program, **the state of Pennsylvania requires a physical exam and dental exam for entering Kindergarten.** You may choose to have these examinations done privately, or through the school physician/dentist free of charge. We, strongly recommend that these examinations be done by your family's physician/dentist since they can best evaluate your child's health and assist you in obtaining any necessary treatments or corrections.

Should you choose to have your child examined privately, all district health forms are on the district web site <https://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us/> Click on "Parents" tab – Click link on "School Health Information". An acceptable physical/ dental exam should take place no later than **one year** prior to the opening of school in August. (ex: After August 31, 2020 or a 5 year old well visit) Please return the physical/dental forms as soon as possible. School examination permission forms will be in your child's school folder on the first day of school. Please sign the permission form and return the completed form as soon as possible.

As per the state of Pennsylvania, all children entering school must have had all the required immunizations to enter Kindergarten. **Please provide a physician's office copy of your child's most current immunizations to complete the registration process.** Your child's immunization record will be reviewed by my office.

If your child has a significant health issue such as diabetes, seizures, asthma or allergies that require the use of epinephrine, please contact the nurse. If your child requires medication during the school day, the medication forms must be completed by your family physician. These forms can be found on the "School Health Information" link.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to meeting your child in the near future.

Sincerely,

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