

PARIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN

YOUR CHILD MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN

1. FIVE (5) YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 1

Children five (5) years old by October 1 are required to attend kindergarten before they can enter first grade.

2. MEDICAL EXAMINATION

A Medical Examination on the Kentucky Department of Education Initial Entry form must be performed within **TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DATE INTO KINDERGARTEN. Exams older than 12 months prior to initial entry date into kindergarten will not be accepted.**

3. OFFICIAL COPY OF STUDENTS' BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Applications for an official birth certificate (VS-37) can be obtained at the health department, school office, or the central office. The billfold size is not acceptable. You must present the certified copy you received from Frankfort to your school nurse or office; it will have a seal pressed into the paper which verifies that it is a certified copy. Your school will make a copy and return the original back to you. If the birth certificate is not available, you may order one by visiting the website: www.vitalchek.com or calling toll free at 1-877-817-7362. The cost is \$10.00.

4. KENTUCKY IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE (EPID-230, 230a, 230b, or 230c)

All immunizations must be up to date by age requirement and listed on the certificate. The certificate is to be signed by a private physician or health department designee along with a completed expiration date. All children must have a second dose of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine; unless a parent, guardian, or physical states/records that the child has had chickenpox disease. The three (3) dose Hepatitis B series is required for Kindergarten. At least one (1) dose of Hepatitis is required for entry and the series should be completed on schedule to comply with state regulations. A second dose of MMR is required in addition to the other childhood vaccines that have always been required.

Students who fail to meet the above requirements will not be allowed to enroll in school.

5. KENTUCKY EYE EXAMINATION FORM FOR SCHOOL ENTRY (KDESHS004)

The Early Childhood Development Law requires all children entering public preschool, public school head start or public school for the first time to have evidence of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

6. KENTUCKY DENTAL SCREENING/EXAMINATION FORM FOR SCHOOL ENTRY (KDESHS005)

Kentucky law, KRS 156.160(i) required proof of a dental screening or examination of a five (5) or six (6) year old who is enrolling in public school. This exam may be performed by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse, APRN, or Physician's Assistant.

Health forms are listed on www.paris.kyschools.us Please request copies for your personal records. Turn all paperwork into school administrative assistant.

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