



Beacon City School District

Kindergarten Transition Handbook



Welcome!



Kindergarten is an exciting time for students and families! The Beacon City School District is thrilled to welcome new families and see our current pre-kindergarten students move up to a new setting. Our kindergarten programs are designed to spark imagination, cultivate creativity, and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. Within these pages, you'll find valuable information about our district's policies, procedures, and FAQs. Together, we are excited to make your student's transition to kindergarten a memorable and rewarding adventure in discovery, learning and growth!

Our Schools



20 Chase Drive
Fishkill, NY 12524
Principal
Mrs. Cassandra Orser



125 Liberty Street
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Principal
Mrs. Crystal Sessoms-
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29 Sargent Avenue
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Principal
Mrs. Cathryn Biordi



60 South Avenue
Beacon, NY 12508
Principal
Ms. Kelly Amendola

Before the First Day



Registration

Kindergarten registration occurs every year in early March. All children need to be 5 years old on or before December 1st of the academic school year in order to be eligible for kindergarten registration. The first step to registering is contacting the BCSD Registrar, Mary Timm (timmm.m@beaconk12.org), and gathering the required registration documents. Required registration documents are: ONE proof of date of birth and TWO proofs of residency.



Immunizations

According to New York State Law and the District Policy, immunization records must be provided upon registering. New York State Education Law also requires a Health Certificate to be furnished for each student upon entering school.

Kindergarten Orientations

Kindergarten Orientation - Each elementary school runs two orientation programs, one in the spring (parents/guardians only) and one in the summer (parents/guardians and children). Contact your child's elementary school main office to find out when the orientation date(s) are scheduled for.

School Supplies & Meet the Teacher

Each elementary school hosts a "Meet the Teacher" and "Supply Drop Off Event" where the building is open for students and families to see their classroom, bring in school supplies and meet their teacher. Parents/guardians are not allowed to walk their child to class/enter the building on the first day of school. Supply lists are given out at spring kindergarten orientations and posted on the elementary school websites.

Kindergarten screenings

Students who are not enrolled in BCSD pre-kindergarten programs must attend a kindergarten screening appointment ahead of entering school. Typically, appointments are made for the kindergarten screenings at the spring orientation. Information about the screening is also given out at kindergarten registration.

First Day of School



Forms

About two weeks prior to the start of school, you should complete a Get To Know You Form so that your child's teacher can know important information about your child (transportation, eating habits).

Extra Clothes

Your child should bring in a labeled bag with your child's name with a change of clothes.

Snacks

Students should bring one or two healthy snacks to eat throughout the day.

Transportation

Students will either walk, get dropped off or take the bus. Upon registration, there will be a form to complete if you need district transportation and will be registered for a bus.

Call 845-838-6900 ext 2701 for the Transportation Department for more information, bus routes, pick up/drop off times.

Transportation Director:
Debbie Caul



Daily Schedule

Each kindergarten class will have a daily schedule for students to follow to help build structure and routine. Activities will include morning meeting, calendar and daily lessons.

Specials

Students will be sent home with a schedule from their teacher. Specials run on a 4 Day cycle - 2 PE, 1 Art, 1 Music. Students also attend library!



Breakfast & Lunch

Students may bring lunch from home or eat school lunch. Home lunch cannot be refrigerated. If there are any classroom allergies, information will be communicated. If your child has an allergy, inform the school. Students will bring home a 5-digit lunch ID number for making purchases, help them to learn it quickly!

During the School Year



Communication/Points of Contact

Teachers will be able to communicate primarily through email and apps including Remind and Class Dojo. Check with your child's teacher to see which app your child's teacher will be using. Some teachers may send out a newsletter. This information will be sent home within the first few days.

i-Ready Assessments

i-Ready assessments will be given twice a year.

Chromebooks

All students will be given a Chromebook at the beginning of the year.

Attendance

Any time your child is absent, late or needs to be picked up early, please write a note to the main office and send it in with your child to give to their teacher.

Conferences

Families can meet with their child's teacher in November for

parent teacher conferences to discuss their child's progress. Parents/Guardians can also reach out to their student's teacher at anytime to have a meeting to discuss their student.

Parent Organizations

Each elementary school has a Parent-Teacher Organization which helps with fundraising initiatives, family engagement events and coordinates volunteering! Check out your elementary school's website for more info!

Parent/Guardian Contact Folder

There will be one folder that students will bring back and forth each day which needs to be looked at each evening by parents/guardians.

Report Cards

There are no Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 report cards for Kindergarten.



Find out more!



Social Media

- **Beacon City School District**
 - ★ ◦ **Instagram: @beaconcityschool**
 - Facebook: Beacon CSD
 - YouTube:
 - BCSD BOE
 - BCSD Music Department
- **Sargent Elementary**
 - Instagram: @SargentStars
- **JV Forrestal Elementary**
 - Instagram: @jvffalcons
- **South Avenue Elementary**
 - Instagram: @southaveschool
- **Glenham Elementary**
 - Instagram: @GlenhamTigers



IMPORTANT LINKS

[BCSD Website](#)
[ParentPortal](#)
[FamilyID](#)
[Academic Calendar](#)
[MySchool Bucks](#)

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