READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN
WITH READY FREDDY™
Welcome Parents

We are excited to welcome your child to Kindergarten!

- What to expect in our in-person or virtual meeting and tour.
Meet your Principal and Kindergarten Teachers

- What makes our school special?
- School Mission / Vision
- What makes our kindergarten program special?
- Media Center
- Parent’s role in kindergarten success
- A typical day
- PTA
- How to get involved
Important Contact Information

- School Phone Number:
  - (813) 356-1645
- School Email Address:
  - Bryant.elementary@hcps.net
- School Website & Social Media:
  - https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/bryant
  - @MaryBryantElem
- School Hours:
  - M - F; 7:00am to 3:00pm
Steps to Enrollment

- A parent/legal guardian must complete the registration process and provide the proper documents to the school site where the child will attend.
- Your child can attend kindergarten next August as long as she or he turns 5 on or before September 1.
- Your child is zoned for a particular elementary school based on your address. Find your assigned school at http://gis.sdhc.k12.fl.us/schoollocator/.
- For parents who wish to send their child to a school outside of their zoned area, see our choice options at https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/choice.
Documents needed for enrollment

- What forms do I need to compete?
  - Student Enrollment Record Form - SER (provided at the school site or electronically)
  - Student Residency Form - can be completed ahead of time, supporting documentation is required
What supporting documents do I need to register for kindergarten?

- Birth certificate
- Social security card, if available
- Florida Physical HRS Form -- [Florida Physical HRS form](#) supplied by a doctor dated within 12 months prior to entry in Florida Schools (first day of school)
- Florida Immunization Record on [HRS hard card](#) (form #680) supplied by a doctor
- Two forms of verification of address that prove where you live but are NOT your driver’s license or state-issued ID card (some examples are a utility bill, lease, or a contract to purchase a home)
- If a child lives with someone who is not a parent, you may also need to complete a student resident form, which is available at the school
Important Information

- School Lunch Program
  - Online Registration: https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/student-nutrition-services/free-reduced-lunch-application/53-648/

- HOST Afterschool Care
  - Online Registration: https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Domain/2453

- Bus (or Daycare) Transportation Information

- Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- Uniforms

- Health Conditions

  - How to turn in paperwork and immunization information
Younger siblings and neighbors

- **Head Start**
  - Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive, child development program that encompasses all aspects of a child's development and learning. The program serves children ages 3 to 4 years old. Eligibility is based on income.
  - [https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4779](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4779)

- **Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK)**
  - All of Florida's four-year-olds have access to free, quality prekindergarten programs.
  - 4 years old on or before September 1
  - [https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4780](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/4780)
Kindergarten Readiness

- Academic Expectations of a Kindergarten Student
  - Knowledge of letters & sounds, numbers, ability to focus on tasks
  - Plays well with others, shares, resolves conflicts with words
  - Opportunities to play with other children, sports, park
  - Throwing, skipping, monkey bars
  - Use pencils, pens, markers, cutting with safety scissors, tweezers, & buttoning
  - Self-control, avoids melt downs, able to wait for a turn, comfortable with new environments and with new people
  - Visit a variety of places like libraries, museums, future school
  - Prepare your child for the role of “student”
Resources

- Florida’s Office of Early Learning
  - Development Standards document - Birth to Kindergarten:

- Kindergarten Readiness Checklist
Resources

- **VROOM.org**
  - Vroom is a global program of the Bezos Family Foundation. FREE, science-based tips and tools help parents and caregivers give children a great start in life today—and an even better future.

- **PBSkids.org**
  - PBS KIDS is here to help no matter what learning situation your family is facing this year. Every week, we’ll provide a new at-home learning topic with activities, games, and articles—featuring your favorite PBS KIDS characters like Daniel Tiger, Elmo, and the Kratt brothers—to keep your child learning through play.

- **JumpStart.com**
  - Readily available educational resources for parents, teachers and students make the process of learning and teaching a lot easier and more fun for everyone.
Questions and Answers
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