



MARS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DISTRICT FACT SHEET

School District: Mars Area School District
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Age Requirement: Children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2017 to register for Kindergarten.

Registration Packets: Distributed at the Kindergarten Preview Day, February 23, 2017
Registration Packets: Available online at www.marsk12.org beginning February 24, 2017
USING A LOTTERY SYSTEM, COMPLETED REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON Friday, March 17, 2017 BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE MARS AREA CENTENNIAL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.

Documents that are **REQUIRED** to be Presented the Day of Registration:

- Child's Birth Certificate (A copy of the original will meet requirements for registration)
- Immunization Record (A copy of your child's baby book will meet requirements for registration)
- Proof of Residence—Ex.: Complete Utility Bill (A Telephone Bill is NOT Acceptable Proof), Real Estate Tax Bill, Signed Lease/Rent Agreement, or Home Closing Settlement Papers (A Driver's License is NOT Acceptable Proof)

The Pennsylvania State Health Law requires each child entering school for the first time to have the following immunizations before school begins:

- Diphtheria and Tetanus (DTap, DTP, Td or DT): 4 doses, with at least 1 dose being on or after the fourth birthday
- Polio (OPV or IPV): 3 doses
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR): 2 doses with the first one on or after 12 months of age
- Hepatitis B (HBV): 3 doses appropriately spaced apart
- Varicella (Chicken Pox Vaccine): 2 doses with the first one on or after 12 months of age; proof of immunity; had disease-date needed

The immunization requirements are a condition of attendance at any public, private, or parochial school in Pennsylvania. Parents will be expected to produce evidence of the immunizations or their child will be denied entrance to school until the requirements are met.

Other Required Documents: The Department of Health mandates that a complete physical and dental examination be completed upon entrance into school. These dated examinations will be accepted up to one year prior to the start of school.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION EVENTS

Pre-K students and their parents are invited to the Kindergarten Preview and the P.C. Play Date. The focus of these days are to help acclimate youngsters to the Mars Area Primary Center and provide parents with an overview of the Mars Area School District's Kindergarten program. Additionally, just before school starts, parents and students are invited to a Kindergarten Orientation. This allows parents to ask any last minute questions and a chance for students and parents to visit the classroom and meet their assigned teacher. These visitation events are scheduled to support students for a successful transition into Kindergarten. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to these visitation events.