

# NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2017-2018

Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce that the Norwood Public Schools is beginning its Kindergarten registration. During the week of **Monday, February 13 – Friday, February 17, 2017** kindergarten registration will be held at the **George F. Willett Early Childhood Center 100 Westover Parkway from 8:00am to 3:00pm**. Also the evenings of **Tuesday, February 14 and Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 5:00pm- 7:00pm**. It is **very important** that parents/guardians register their child at this time.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September 2017, a child must be five (5) years old on, or before, **August 31, 2017**.

You will need to bring the following:

- A copy of the child's Birth certificate or original passport or visa
- Proof of residency: see attached
- Parent/Guardian valid photo Identification.
- Copy of immunization record and proof of physical exam in the last year.

There are specific legal requirements that must be met before a kindergarten child may enter school next September. The Massachusetts General Laws provides as follows:

- **NO** child shall be admitted to school without the presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been:
  - Screened for LEAD POISONING;
  - Successfully immunized against DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS, TETANUS (5 doses DTP, unless a 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, then only 4 doses)
  - POLIOMYELITIS (4 doses, unless a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, then only 3 doses);
  - MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA (2 doses – 1 dose mumps, 1 dose rubella)
  - HEPATITIS B (3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine is required for all children born on, or after January 1, 1992); and
  - VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX) (2 doses or a Physician certified reliable history).

There are two **exceptions** to the Immunization Law:

1. If the physician certifies that the child's health is endangered by such immunization.
2. In the absence of any emergency or epidemic, the parent certifies that such immunization conflicts with his/her sincere religious beliefs.

As recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, if a student has a Primary Care Physician (PCP), it is up to the PCP to determine if a TB Test, or risk assessment, is necessary. If a student **does not** have a PCP, the school nurse, under the guidelines of the School Physician, may do a risk assessment and refer the student to the Norwood Board of Health, if necessary.

All above information can be found on the Norwood Public Schools website, [www.norwood.k12.ma.us](http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us)

**At the time of registration, you will be given a screening date for your child.**

**Screening Dates:**

**Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 7, 2017**

**This screening will take approximately 30-45 minutes.**

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### What You Need to Know About PROOF OF RESIDENCY

**Before any student is assigned or invited to attend a Norwood Public School, the student's parent or legal guardian must prove legal residence in the Town of Norwood.** Families whose primary residence is outside of Norwood are **NOT** eligible to attend Norwood Public Schools. All applicants must submit at least **THREE** proofs of residency. Documents must be pre-printed with the name and address of the student's parent or guardian and must be presented at the school at the time of registration. These documents also will be required for any change of address.

### A VALID PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

**In addition, all applicants must submit the following documents from EACH of the following two columns:**

#### Column A (Need 2 Items)

Copy of deed **AND** record of most recent mortgage payment  
Copy of lease **AND** record of most recent rent payment  
Legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy **AND** record  
of most recent rent payment  
Copy of Section 8 Agreement

#### Column B (Need 1 Item)

**Original bill or work order within the past 30 days**

Gas Bill  
Oil Bill  
Electric Bill  
Home Telephone Bill  
Cable TV Bill

*(We **DO NOT** accept cell phone bills or water/sewer bills)*

**Dated within the past year:**

Current vehicle registration  
Current W-2 form  
Excise (vehicle) Tax Bill  
Property Tax Bill

**Dated within the past 60 days:**

Letter from approved government agency  
Bank or credit card statement

If a family is sharing housing with an individual or family, and does not pay rent, the family may submit a letter from the landlord/owner who owns or leases the property.

### MORE ABOUT RESIDENCY

Legal guardianship requires additional documentation from a court or agency.

This residency policy does **NOT** apply to homeless students.

For more information about the Norwood School Committee's residency policy: [www.norwood.k12.ma.us](http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us) or 781-762-6804

**REPORT RESIDENCY FRAUD TO YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**