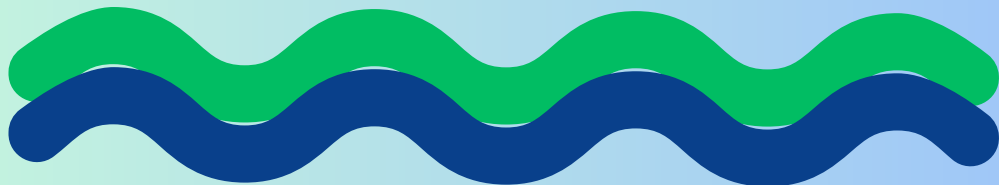


**Kindergarten
Readiness Packet
2026–2027**



KNOWING THE ALPHABET

(Identify and write 52/52 letters & produce 26/26 sounds)

Suggested Activities

- Be able to identify all 26 letters of the alphabet:
 - Uppercase (*start with these first*)
 - Lowercase
- **Hint:** Use your child's name to point out letters of the alphabet.
- Know all alphabet letter sounds.
- **IMPORTANT:** A child needs to know letter sounds before working on letter identification.
- Watch videos on letter sounds to get started (try Jack Hartmann videos on YouTube).
- Practice writing alphabet letters in both uppercase and lowercase.
- Have your child trace letters you write on paper (leave space around each letter).
- Try finger-painting letters.
- Sing the ABC song:
 - Be sure to slow down the "L, M, N, O" portion so letters are heard clearly.



SIGHT WORDS

(Read and write all 22 words)



Suggested Activities

Sight words help your child get a head start in reading by eliminating the need to sound out every word.

Words to Practice:

the, I, and, a, is, as, said, to, do, of, see, he, be, me, from, look, book, are, was, you, what, have

MATH

(Count, identify, and write to 20; count backwards from 20)

Suggested Activities

- Count from 1–20
 - It is extremely helpful if your child knows 1–10 before starting Kindergarten.
- Count in everyday situations (e.g., dogs, trees, objects).
- Identify numbers from 1–20
 - Point out numbers in recipes, signs, books, and stores.



A B C D

- Write numbers 1–20
 - Use finger paint
 - Trace over written numbers
- Count backwards from 20
 - Practice counting down from 5, 10, 15, then 20
 - Use number cards or charts

READING

(Blend and segment CVC words: cat, dog, top)

Suggested Activities

- Read together (parent and child take turns).
- Discuss the story:
 - What was it about?
 - Talk about the pictures.
 - Can your child relate to the story?
- Practice sounding out words.



HELPFUL VIDEOS (YouTube)

- Vowel Bat
- Count to 100
- Hip Hop Alphabet
- Leap Frog Letter Chant
- The Letter Sounds Song
- Numbers in the Teens
- 2D Shapes
- Numbers in the Twenties
- 3D Shapes
- Counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s



HELPFUL LEARNING WEBSITES

- ABCya
- Guruparents.com (Alphabet Chart)
- PBS Kids
- Story Online
- Reading Rockets
- Goodreads
- eRead Kids (Local Library)
- Math Lines
- Kakooma
- Primary Games
- Math Playground
- Xtra Math



HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN

The registration process below is for new students who did NOT attend Pre-K in the Houston County Public School System.

Step 1: Make an Appointment

Visit: www.hcbe.net/Centralregistration

Or call: 478-741-3610

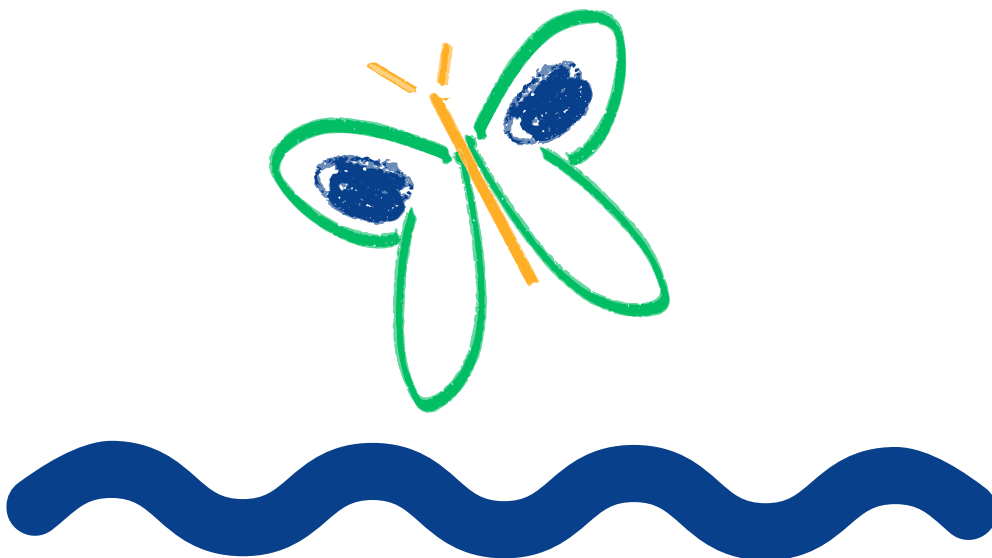
Step 2: Complete Online Registration Form

Central Registration Location

410 Bear Country Blvd

Warner Robins, GA

(Near Houston County High School)



Items to Bring to Your Appointment

- Parent/Guardian Photo ID
- Certified Birth Certificate or Passport
- Social Security Card or Waiver
- Georgia Form 3231 (Immunization Certificate)
- Georgia Form 3300 (Eye, Ear, Dental, Nutrition Screening)
- Guardianship/Custody Orders (if applicable)
- Withdrawal Form / Latest Report Card
- ***Two Proofs of Residency***

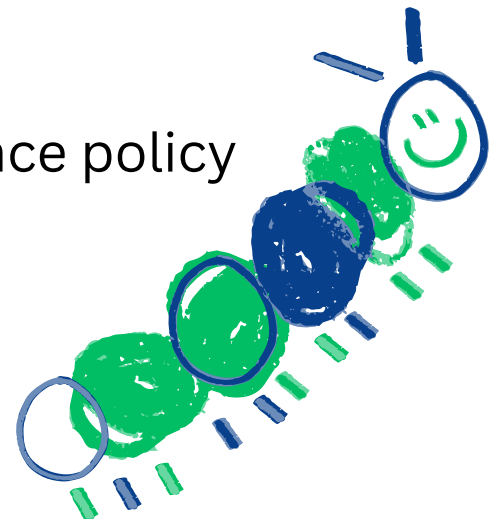
Proof of Residency Requirements

FIRST (Required):

- Lease or Mortgage Statement (if home is paid off)

SECOND (Choose one):

- Current utility bill with address
- Property tax statement
- Automobile registration or insurance policy
- Mail from a government agency



Important Notes

- If your lease is expired and you are on a month-to-month agreement, the second proof MUST be a current utility bill.
- Families new to the county (but not new to Georgia) must provide a disconnect notice from their previous address.

Notes

- If your lease is expired and, on a month-to-month agreement, the second proof of Residency MUST BE a current utility bill.
- All families new to the county but not the state of Georgia, need to provide a disconnect notice for previous address.





2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2026

JULY

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JULY

28-31: Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration

AUGUST

3: Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration
4: First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

7: Labor Day Holiday
8: Distance Learning/Site Collaboration

OCTOBER

9: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
12-16: Fall Break

NOVEMBER

11: Veterans Day Holiday
23-27: Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

18: Last Day of Semester - 1/2 Day for Students
21-31: Winter Break

JANUARY

1: New Year's Holiday
4: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
5: Second Semester Begins
18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

FEBRUARY

15: Presidents' Day Holiday
16: Distance Learning/Site Collaboration

MARCH

26: Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
29-31: Spring Break

APRIL

1-2: Spring Break

MAY

26: Last Day of Semester - 1/2 Day for Students
27-28: Post-Planning/Site Collaboration
27-28: High School Graduation
31: Memorial Day Holiday

HALF-DAY DISMISSAL TIMES

- 11:30 a.m. - Middle Schools
- 12:00 p.m. - High Schools
- 12:30 p.m. - Primary and Elementary Schools

Holidays/District Closed

Pre/Post-Planning & Collaboration

Distance Learning/Site Collaboration

First & Last Days of Semesters

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