



January 2020

RE: KINDERGARTEN AND NEW 1ST GRADE REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Registration for children who will enter kindergarten or will be first graders *new* to the district in September 2020 is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 4, and Thursday, February 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Registration will take place at each of the elementary schools: Hawes, Orchard, Ridge, Somerville, Travell, and Willard. We recommend that children *not* accompany you for the registration.

You must complete the New Student On-line Registration process before you attend the scheduled registration dates. The mandatory New Student On-line Registration system will be available starting **Saturday, January 11, 2020.** Please come prepared to present a birth certificate for your child, as well as proof of residency. Medical forms must be returned to the school office before June 1, 2020.

Please visit our website at www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us for a direct link to the New Student On-line Registration and guide for parents, as well as Mandatory Registration/Residency Requirements and downloadable forms.

If you do not have access to a computer to complete the on-line registration, computers will be available at the Education Center, 49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. after January 11, 2020. The Ridgewood Public Library also has computers you can access.

If your child has experienced significant difficulties in learning which may affect his or her success in kindergarten, please contact the Office of Special Programs at the Education Center (201-670-2700 x10505) to begin pre-kindergarten planning.

Age Requirement for Kindergarten

It is the School Board's policy to admit to kindergarten in September of each year children who will be five years of age on or before **October 1.**

At each elementary school, an orientation meeting will be scheduled for parents of next year's new entrants to review the school's program. You will be notified by the principal regarding dates and times in the Spring.

Entrance into kindergarten or first grade is the beginning of formal education for your child – an exciting adventure for child and parents. The Ridgewood School District, for over one hundred years, has well served and assisted children in developing their potential.

We wish you and your child success and an enriching school experience.

Sincerely,

Daniel Fishbein, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools