



# RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Registration for children who will enter kindergarten or be *new* first graders to the district in September 2023 opens on January 14, 2023. **Ridgewood residents can register online only by completing the registration process no later than February 12, 2023.**

Please visit our website at [www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us](http://www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us) for a direct link to the New Student Online Registration and guide for parents, as well as residency requirements and downloadable forms. If you do not have access to the internet or a computer, please call the Education Center at 201-670-2700 x10547 to schedule a time to use a district computer at the Education Center, 49 Cottage Place. The Ridgewood Public Library also has computers that you can access.

Once you have completed the online registration process and uploaded the required documents, you will be contacted by the school if additional information is needed. If you are unable to upload the required forms, you may drop off hard copies of these documents at your child's school during school hours only (no originals, please). Please place all documents in a single envelope labeled KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Medical forms must be returned to the school before June 1, 2023.

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. The principals will send orientation information in the spring, along with instructions to complete a questionnaire regarding your child's academic, social, and emotional readiness for kindergarten.

Welcome to the Ridgewood Public Schools. We are glad that your child is joining our wonderful program, and we look forward to partnering with you in the learning process. The Ridgewood Public School District, for over one hundred years, has well-served and assisted children in developing their potential.

We wish your child success and an enriching school experience.

Sincerely,

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