



## **CRESTVIEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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### **CRESTVIEW HOLDS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Crestview Local Schools will hold kindergarten registration for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year from Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15, 2024.

Parents or guardians residing in the Crestview School District with a child **five years of age on or before August 1, 2024**, may register their child for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents/guardians requesting **open enrollment for their kindergarten student** to the Crestview School District should also register at this time.

Parents/guardians with a preschool student enrolled in the Crestview Early Childhood Center and transitioning into kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year can register their child for kindergarten by calling the Crestview Early Childhood Center at 419-749-9100, ext. 3000.

Parents/guardians who are new to the district and would like to register their child for kindergarten can come to the Crestview Early Childhood Center the week of **March 11 - March 15, 2024, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please enter through Door #1, which is the main entrance.**

**When registering your child for kindergarten**, parents/guardians will need to bring with them the following documents: the child's **original** birth certificate, child's social security card, child's immunization record, custody papers (if applicable), and **one** proof of residency document (mortgage statement, lease agreement, voter registration card, utility statement, bank statement, or rent receipt). A post office box cannot validate residency requirements.

The State of Ohio requires the following immunizations for public school children:

- **Four (4) or more doses of DTaP**
- **Three (3) or more doses of Polio (the final dose administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)**
- **Two (2) doses of MMR**
- **Two (2) doses of Varicella**
- **Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B**
- **Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended if not previously received.**

**All immunizations are required to be documented by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of school.**

Parents will need to update immunizations with their child's physician or with the Van Wert County Health Department at (419.238.0808, x103 or x107). Vision, hearing, and speech screenings will be conducted at the beginning of the 2024-2025 kindergarten school year as a part of kindergarten screening.

For additional information, or if you have questions, please contact Casey Dowler, Early Childhood Center Principal at [dowler.casey@crestviewknights.com](mailto:dowler.casey@crestviewknights.com) or 419.749.9100, x3001.



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### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS of 2024–2025 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

#### ***Welcome to the Crestview Early Childhood Center!***

*On behalf of the teachers and staff at the Crestview Early Childhood Center (ECC), I would like to welcome you and your kindergarten child to our district. The Crestview Early Childhood Center houses both Crestview preschool and kindergarten students. This is an exciting time for your child as he/she embraces new and exciting educational experiences.*

*Crestview Early Childhood Center services kindergarten children in an all-day, everyday kindergarten program that follows the same calendar year as our students in grades one through twelve except for the start date of school and spring parent-teacher conferences. **This upcoming school year, kindergarten students will start on Monday, August 26, 2024.** The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. with the building opening at 7:40 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 8:00 a.m. with the school day ending at 3:00 p.m.*

*Kindergarten screening is mandated by Ohio law. This screening will occur on **August 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.** During the registration process, you will sign-up for a screening day and time for your child. Screening at the beginning of kindergarten embraces a philosophy that recognizes much growth can occur in pre-kindergarten children in the four to five months from a spring screening to a late summer screening, and we want to allow for this growth measure. Kindergarten screening provides us with information on where to begin instruction with your child. I have included a kindergarten readiness sheet in the kindergarten packet, but the only requirement for kindergarten eligibility is that the child is five years of age prior to August 1.*

*This year the kindergarten teachers and staff will hold a “Meet and Greet” during the last 25 minutes of your child’s kindergarten screening appointment. The screening takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. So if your child’s screening appointment is at 10:00 a.m., you would be able to come back at 11:15 a.m. to visit your child’s classroom. During this time, you and your child will be able to visit your child’s classroom, meet your child’s teacher, and bring in his/her school supplies.*

*Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 419.749.9100, x3001, or [dowler.casey@crestviewknights.com](mailto:dowler.casey@crestviewknights.com). Let’s work together to make your child’s educational experience a positive one!*

*Yours in Education,*

*Casey Dowler  
Early Childhood Center Principal*

## Fundations Letter Order

This is the order in which lowercase letters are introduced in kindergarten.

1. t

2. b

3. f

4. n

5. m

6. i

7. u

8. c

9. o

10. a

11. g

12. d

13. s

14. e

15. r

16. p

17. j

18. l

19. h

20. k

21. v

22. w

23. y

24. x

25. z

26. q

# **Kindergarten Readiness Skills**

This is a list of skills that are beneficial for children to have prior to starting kindergarten.

## **Social Skills:**

- Separation from parent and parent from child
- Independence in caring for personal needs: Cleanliness, dressing, blowing nose, and using the restroom
- Can play in a group, take turns, and share materials with others
- Shows respect and kindness to others
- Ability to pick up after themselves

## **Cognitive Skills:**

- Knows their first and last name
- Can follow one and two-step directions (get your pencil and sit down)
- Can identify eight basic colors
- Counts to 10 (minimum)
- Recognizes their first name in print
- Listens to a five-minute story
- Express and share feelings, ideas, and needs
- Understands some basic directions/positional words (first, under, above, top)
- Can identify circle, triangle, square, and rectangle

## **Gross Motor:**

- Hops on one foot
- Hops on two feet
- Alternate feet on stair steps
- Bounces and can catch a ball

## **Fine Motor:**

- Writes first name with the first letter uppercase and the rest lowercase letters
- Grips a pencil using thumb and two fingers
- Draws a connected person with a head, body, arms, and legs

## **What are the requirements for coming to kindergarten?**

The only requirement for entering kindergarten at Crestview is that a child has to be age 5 on or before August 1.

Having stated the requirement presented in Ohio law, however, does not truly address the more frequently asked question by parents, which is...

### **Is my child ready for kindergarten?**

School readiness can be defined as the ability to cope and learn in a school environment without undue stress on the physical, social, and emotional well-being of a child so that he/she will succeed. While it is the school's responsibility to meet the needs of a child where he/she is, here are some considerations prior to enrolling a child in kindergarten which may be reasons to delay entrance.

- Is the child having trouble separating from the parent?
- Does the child cry easily?
- Is the child overly dependent upon the parents, other adults, or other children?
- Does the child appear to be overly shy or express feeling insecure or less competent than other children?
- Does the child use baby talk?
- Does the child lack fine motor coordination?
- Does the child lack self-control or self-discipline?
- Does the child lack awareness of appropriate behavior?
- Does the child lack awareness of consistency in routine?
- Does the child participate in appropriate play with other children?
- Can the child sit still and listen to a story for 5-10 minutes?
- Can the child follow simple directions?

### **School readiness is more than an age requirement.**

School readiness is not how smart or verbal a child may be. Kindergarten teachers are skilled professionals and guide children through a curriculum that leads to academic growth. School readiness is not something that a child can be pushed or prodded to accomplish. Children mature and develop at their own pace within their own timetables.

**The physical, social, and emotional readiness of children is the most critical aspect in determining school readiness.**

<b>School Supply List</b>	
<b>Kindergarten</b>	
<b>2024-2025</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Crayola Crayons 24 count	4
Elmers Bottled Glue	2
Elmers Glue Sticks	12
Ticonderoga No. 2 Pencils	12
Expo <i>Fine-Tip</i> Dry Erase Markers (black ONLY)	8
Pink Pearl Erasers	2
Pointed Scissors	1
Head Phones (no earbuds)	1
Facial Tissues	2
Gallon Sized Ziplock Bags	1
Sandwich Sized Ziplock Bags	1
Play-Doh 4-pack (Boys ONLY)	1
Crayola Watercolor Paints (Girls ONLY)	1
Art Shirt	1
Gym Shoes	1
Coloring/Activity Book	1

\*Preferred brands are listed as these brands last longer and are better quality.\*

# Speech Sound Development

A child's speech may be delayed if he/she has not developed these sounds by the end of each given age. If you have concerns about your child's speech sound development, contact Chatterbox for an evaluation.



NOTE

Children can develop these sounds before these ages & many sounds have a time range of mastery.



Crowe, K., & McLeod, S. (2020). Children's English Consonant Acquisition in the United States: A Review. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 1-15. doi:10.1044/2020\_ajslp-19-00168