



## RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

# Kindergarten Registration 2022

Welcome to the Ridgefield Public Schools. We are excited to be a part of this milestone experience with your family. Below you will find information to help you prepare to register your child for kindergarten.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- ❑ All children who reach the age of five (5) on or before January 1, 2023 are eligible for enrollment.
- ❑ Under Connecticut State Statutes, the mandatory age for children to start school is five. Any parent who chooses to exempt his/her child from kindergarten must meet with the local school principal to complete exemption papers.

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Ridgefield Public Schools is transitioning to a **NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM which will be present on our website with complete instructions by March 7, 2022** - website: [www.ridgefield.org/Registration\\_and\\_Immunizations](http://www.ridgefield.org/Registration_and_Immunizations)

While we do accept registrations throughout the year, submitting your registration in March is preferred for school planning purposes and for families to get the maximum benefit of the transition process.

### **REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED to have ready to upload online:**

- A clear copy of the student's birth certificate or unexpired passport. The certification seal must be clearly visible.
- Parent/guardian photo ID (driver's license, passport, or state ID card).
- Proof of residence (warranty deed, mortgage statement, tax bill, or lease agreement **and** two utility bills). Please refer to the registration page on the District website for additional details on acceptable proof of residency.

### **HEALTH INFORMATION (submission (upload) with online registration is preferred, but it may be submitted to the school nurse later this spring if necessary)**

- The Connecticut State Department of Health requires proof of immunizations (NEEDED AT REGISTRATION) and a complete physical examination within one year of entry. This information should be recorded on the [Connecticut Health Assessment Record](#).
  - Proof of the following immunizations with specific dates signed and stamped by your physician: DTaP, Polio, MMR, Hep B, Varicella, Hib, Pneumococcal, Hepatitis A. The detailed schedule of immunization requirements for enrolled students in Connecticut schools can be found on the RPS website, [immunization requirements](#).
- The [Kindergarten Medical History Form](#) documents your child's history and is also on the RPS website. If medical needs require additional documentation, the school nurse will communicate with you individually.

## MEETING WITH SCHOOL

On completion of registration, the registrar will send out a confirmation email. This confirms that your child has been pre-enrolled as a kindergarten student for the upcoming school year.

The home school will receive notification of your registration and will contact you to set up a meeting to welcome you to the school and review health information. Designated dates for this purpose are listed below for each school.

<b>Barlow Mountain:</b>	<b>Friday, March 25 and Friday, April 1</b>
<b>Branchville:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 30</b>
<b>Farmingville:</b>	<b>Monday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 23</b>
<b>Ridgebury:</b>	<b>Thursday, March 17 and Friday, March 25</b>
<b>Scotland:</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 24</b>
<b>Veterans Park:</b>	<b>Monday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 29</b>

In the spring, schools traditionally hold a one hour “Mini-Kindergarten” experience for all incoming students. Also, schools conduct a kindergarten parent orientation to present the kindergarten experience. More information on these special transition events will be announced at a later time and communicated to families of registered students. Registering your child early ensures that you will be included in these communications.

We are looking forward to going on this journey together and to the partnership we will form along the way. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, you may contact our **District Registrar, Brid Clancy** at **(203) 894-5550 ext. 1106** or **Email: [bclancy@ridgefieldps.net](mailto:bclancy@ridgefieldps.net)**. If you need to speak with someone at your school, the main office numbers for the elementary schools are listed below.

<b>Barlow Mountain Elementary School</b>	<b>894-5800</b>
<b>Branchville Elementary School</b>	<b>894-5850</b>
<b>Farmingville Elementary School</b>	<b>894-5570</b>
<b>Ridgebury Elementary School</b>	<b>894-5875</b>
<b>Scotland Elementary School</b>	<b>894-5825</b>
<b>Veterans Park Elementary School</b>	<b>894-5525</b>

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