

# *Kindergarten Enrollment Information 2016-2017*



**KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION**

*Creating a Better World Through Education*

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# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!!



We are so happy to have your child in our kindergarten program. Please contact any building teacher, principal, or the Administrative Service Center, if you have any questions. We hope this year is exciting for your child and begins a wonderful experience in Kokomo Schools.

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## Are You Ready for Kindergarten?

Your child will soon begin one of the most important adventures in his or her young life as the kindergarten experience becomes a reality. This is a significant step in the formal education of your youngster. It is an important adventure that will set the stage for future learning ... the launching pad for a rewarding school experience in the years that lie ahead.

Because of their genuine concern for your child, our kindergarten teachers have prepared this booklet, which contains suggestions that should prove of value to you, and your child, as you prepare together for entrance to kindergarten.

We stand ready to be of assistance to you and your child. It is important that together, we recognize two fundamental facts:

1. Each child is individually different in terms of his physical, mental, social, and emotional abilities. Together, we must recognize each child as a unique individual in an increasingly complex world.
2. As educators, we know that parents and families are the child's first teachers. The "school" is a unique organization designed to contribute to that education. Together, home and school can reach its mutual goal: The full realization of the potential of each child.



# Countdown To Kindergarten

The Kokomo School Corporation Board of School Trustees policies for entrance to kindergarten are:

1. The student must be five (5) years of age on, or before, August 1, 2016.
2. A birth certificate shall be required for entrance into the kindergarten program. Hospital birth registration cards are not acceptable.
3. An immunization shot record is required for entrance into the kindergarten program.

When a child enrolls in a school corporation for the first time, his/her parents must show the following:

1. Proof of complete immunization – this must be documented on a doctor or health department form. Preschool or regular school records are acceptable for documentation. All dates of vaccination including month, day, and year must be on the form.
2. Records must be received within 20 school days of enrollment.
  - A. A current written immunization record on file with the school, **OR**
  - B. Provide a statement from a physician that the required immunizations have been delayed by extreme circumstances and that a time schedule for immunization has been established, **OR**
  - C. A written statement of health, religious, or other objections has been delivered to the school nurse.



# Minimum Immunization Requirements

**3 to 5 years old ...** 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)  
4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis)  
3 Polio (Inactivated Polio)  
1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)  
1 Varicella

**Kindergarten .....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP            2 Hep A (Hepatitis A)  
4 Polio  
2 MMR

**Grades 1 to 5.....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP  
4 Polio  
2 MMR

**Grades 6 to 11 .....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP            1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis)  
4 Polio            1 MCV4 (Meningococcal conjugate)  
2 MMR

**Grade 12 .....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP            1 Tdap  
4 Polio            2 MCV4  
2 MMR

**Hep B:** The minimum age for the 3rd dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.

**DTaP:** Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on, or after, child's 4th birthday.

**Polio:** Three doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on, or after, the 4th birthday; and at least 6 months after the previous dose with only one type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV).

For students in grades kindergarten through 4th grade the final dose must be administered on, or after, the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday; and be administered **at least 6 months** after the previous dose.

**Live Vaccines (MMR, Varicella & LAIV):** Live vaccines that are not administered on the same day must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. The second dose should be repeated if the doses are separated by less than 28 days.

**Varicella:** Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 6th grade. Parental report of disease history is acceptable for grades 7-12.

**Tdap:** No minimum interval is prescribed from the last Td dose.

**MCV4:** Individuals who receive dose 1 on, or after, their 16th birthday only need 1 dose of MCV4.

For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2014 CDC "Catch-up Immunization Schedule" to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2014 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. A copy of these guidelines can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/>

## Enrollment Dates

Tuesday, July 19, 2016	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20, 2016	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 21, 2016	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### ***Please bring the following items to enrollment:***

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Emergency Phone Numbers (Please bring 3 numbers.)

### ***Transportation Notice:***

If you do not enroll your child on July 19th, July 20th, or July 21st, please call the school where your child will be attending and ask for an appointment to enroll. If you do not enroll on the above dates, it will take a MINIMUM of 48 hours to arrange busing schedules for your child.

## Enrollment Fees

Your child's fees should also be paid on the day that you enroll with either a check, or cash. The kindergarten fee will be used to cover the cost of consumable materials and other class activities.



## Summer Checklist For Parents

- Do you have your child's immunization record for enrollment day?
- Do you have your child's birth certificate ready for enrollment day?
- Do you have three emergency phone numbers ready to take to school for enrollment day?
- Have you checked the school supply list?
- Have you labeled your child's coats, hats, gloves, and boots?
- Do you have a plan for your child for a Weather related delay or early dismissal?
- If your child has special medical needs, have you planned to take his/her medications, or dietary restrictions, to the school nurse?





## May I Visit My Child's Kindergarten Class?

You are always welcome to visit your child's kindergarten class. The school believes that it is very meaningful for a parent to observe his child's responses in a typical classroom situation.

It is suggested that you wait until after the first six weeks have passed before making a classroom visit. The children need time to become adjusted to the new routine and environment.

Younger brothers and sisters should not accompany the parents when visiting the classroom. You will want to give your full attention to the activities of the kindergarten class and your child's participation in it. Also, the five/ six year old may find it difficult to concentrate on his/her own work in the classroom when a younger child is present.

You are encouraged to volunteer to help in the classroom. Please let your child's teacher know if you are available.



## 25 Engaging Activities You Can Do To Help Prepare Your Child For School

1. Play 20 questions (for example, one of you thinks of a person, animal, place or thing, and the other asks 20 “yes-no” questions to try and figure it out).
2. Before bed, talk about what each of you hopes to do the next day.
3. Go to a park and investigate nature.
4. Jump rope.
5. Teach your child the difference between fruits and vegetables.
6. Read together and visit your local library.
7. Introduce your child to the alphabet.
8. Set up a special “reading area” somewhere in your home.
9. Schedule a play date for your child with their friends.
10. Share nursery rhymes and songs with your child that you learned when you were young.
11. Visit a museum. Before you go, talk about what you hope to see.
12. Paint ... using a simple set of watercolors.
13. Ask your child to help you measure ingredients when you cook.
14. Show your child how to hold a pencil. Practice writing letters, such as the letters of his or her name.
15. Play “What’s the same?” Ask your child to leave the room for a few minutes while you rearrange some things. Then, have your child return and try to figure out what’s the same – and what’s different.
16. Count together.
17. Sort objects into groups of the same number.
18. Make up silly words that start with the same sound. Then, teach your child the letter (or letters) that make that sound.
19. Go on a walk and collect a few interesting objects. When you return, draw pictures of what you collected.
20. Attend a community event that focuses on children.
21. Find a book about starting school and read it together.
22. Make a visit to the school before Kindergarten starts.
23. About two weeks before school starts, establish a nighttime routine with a scheduled bedtime.
24. Practice your home address and phone number with your child.
25. Be excited about the big day!

# Kindergarten Screening

As kindergarten begins, it is important for teachers to understand each student's learning entry point. Kindergarten screening consists of the administration of the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test in March and the Brigance Screen for Kindergarten in August. These student-friendly assessments will provide teachers with important information to plan for each student's academic success.

## *Directions for Online Kindergarten Screening Registration*

- Scan the QR Code below with your smart phone **OR** enter <http://www.kokomoschools.com> on any computer with internet access.
- At the top right corner of the home page, click on "**SIGN IN**" if you currently have an account. If you do not have an account, click on "**REGISTER**" and follow the directions.
- After signing in, scroll down on the home page to the box with Enrollment information.
- Click on link: [Kindergarten Screening Appointments](#).
- Scroll down page to view dates that are available: March 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, or 15th.
- Click on desired screening time on the date you want.
- Click on "**Register**" box at bottom of page and enter all information requested.
- Click "**Register Now**" box at bottom of screen.
- Write Date and Time you selected for screening below:



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Sign out** by clicking on "**Home**" at the top of the page. Now click on "**My Account**", then click on the [sign out tab](#).

**All Kindergarten Screening will take place at the Administrative Service Center.**

**\*\*Please arrive at the Administrative Service Center (former Washington Elementary School Building) at 1500 S. Washington St., 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time to check in.**

## *To Cancel or Change your Kindergarten Screening:*

- Scan the QR Code with your smart phone **OR** enter <http://www.kokomoschools.com> on any computer with internet access.
- Scroll down to bottom of web page and click on link: [Kindergarten Screening Appointments](#).
- Scroll down page and click on [date/time](#) of original registration.
- Click on "[sign in](#)" link at bottom of page and enter user name and password used when you registered.
- Click on "[Cancel Registration](#)" to cancel original date/time
- Begin screening registration process again using your user name and password.

# Kokomo School Corporation Kindergarten

Students in the greater Kokomo/Howard County region have educational choices at Kokomo Schools.

Students seeking instruction that is project-based, inquiry-oriented, and global in focus can attend an authorized **International Baccalaureate World School at Lafayette Park or Sycamore**.

High Ability students (applicants go through an assessment and screening process to qualify) can enroll in the **KEY High Ability program at Sycamore**.

A **Neighborhood School**, which focuses on Inquiry, Exploration, and Discovery, is available **at Elwood Haynes**.

The **STEM (Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) school at Boulevard** is for students who learn through hands-on investigation.

Each student is provided with a personal computing device at neighborhood **1-to-1 technology academies at Bon Air and Pettit Park**.

At the **Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts**, students study core curriculum in an environment that is integrated with the arts. Screening process is required for admittance.

## Bon Air

### Technology Academy

(765) 454-7030

2800 Apperson Way North

Kokomo, IN 46901

School hours: 8:55 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

## Boulevard

### STEM

(765) 455-8070

1901 W. Boulevard

Kokomo, IN 46902

School hours: 8:55 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

## Elwood Haynes

### Neighborhood School

(765) 454-7050

910 S. Cooper St.

Kokomo, IN 46901

School hours: 8:55 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

## Lafayette Park

### International Baccalaureate

(765) 454-7060

919 N. Korby Street

Kokomo, IN 46901

School hours: 9:10 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.

## Pettit Park

### Technology Academy

(765) 454-7075

901 W. Havens

Kokomo, IN 46902

School hours: 8:55 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

## Sycamore

### International Baccalaureate

### KEY / Gifted and Talented

(765) 454-7090

1600 E. Sycamore Street

Kokomo, IN 46901

School hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

## Wallace

### Integrated Arts

(765) 454-7095

2326 W. Jefferson

Kokomo, IN 46901

School hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.