

Preschool Programs

Head Start

Title 1 PK

VPK

Florida First Start

Applications for 2018-2019 will open March 1, 2018. Please note although each program has unique eligibility requirements, all 4-year-olds must submit a Florida VPK Certificate of Eligibility. Apply online at www.polk-fl.net keyword: "VPK." For specific program information and applications visit www.polk-fl.net keyword: "preschool programs."

Polk County Schools' Preschool Programs are dedicated to providing a classroom that addresses your child's developmental and educational needs. Preschool programs offer low student to teacher ratios, highly qualified instructors, student selected & teacher directed activities, ongoing interaction, and high program standards.

Please call 863-648-3047 for additional information in English and Spanish or visit: www.polk-fl.net/preschoolprograms

Kindergarten Registration Round-Up

April 2-27, 2018

Schools are open for Kindergarten visits on **April 26, 2018**; please contact your zoned school for event time.

Students entering Kindergarten must be five years old on/before Sept. 1, 2018.

- Birthdate verification, a physical exam dated within the last 13 months & a certificate of immunization (Florida Department of Health form 680) showing shots including second MMR, polio, DPT/DTaP, Hepatitis B series & second varicella or signed proof of chicken pox is required for enrollment.
- Two Proofs of residency are required. Acceptable proofs include: mortgage document, property tax record, home/apartment lease agreement, current utility bill, current voter registration, proof of government benefits, Florida Driver's License, auto registration/insurance.

Please visit your zoned elementary school with required documents. Students currently enrolled in a Polk County PreK or VPK program must register in person.

Please call 863-534-0716 for additional assistance.

MISSION TRANSITION 2017-2018

Students Entering Middle School

**Middle School Preview will be held on
Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

Programs will be held at each middle school beginning at 6:00 PM.

Middle School Preview presentations will include information about:

- How is middle school different?
- Courses & course registration
- Preparing for middle school
- Academic and elective course expectations
- Academic supports
- Special academic programs
- Career Academy options
- Binders, Backpacks, and Lockers! Oh, my!
- Eating breakfast and lunch-where and how?
- Uniforms and/or dress code
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- The first day of school & the first week of school
- School and home communication

Specific information about bus routes, bus times, lunch procedures, teacher assignments and schedules will be available during regular orientation in August.

Please call your zoned middle school for additional information. School specific information is located at www.polk-fl.net and search keyword "schools."

Students Entering High School

Freshman Preview will be held on

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Programs will be held at each high school beginning at 6:00 PM.

Preview provides a time for students and parents to learn about high school and what to expect during the transition to 9th grade.

Freshman Preview includes information about:

- Registering for high school courses-when and how courses are selected for you?
- What courses do 9th graders usually take?
 - Changes to course registration
 - Academic supports
 - Graduation requirements
 - Career Academy Choices
- School sponsored activities-many student organizations and clubs will be represented and staff and students will be on hand to answer your questions
 - Sports and athletic eligibility
- How to sign up to receive information via emails/phone calls

What you can do now to prepare for a **GREAT** high school experience? Join us at Freshman Preview to find out!

Specific information about bus routes, bus times, lunch procedures, and student schedules will be available during regular orientation in August.

Please call your zoned high school for additional information. School specific information is located at www.polk-fl.net and search keyword "schools."