



Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ's

Is my child eligible for Kindergarten for the upcoming school year?

- If your child will be 5 by September first, yes, they are eligible.
- **If your child turns 5 after September first, no, they are not eligible.**

Can my child take an Assessment for Early Entry?

- **NO, Meriden will not be offering a waiver for K admission. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before September 1 of the school year in which they seek to enroll.**

How do I start the registration process for my child?

- Registration begins with an online registration form.

When can I register for the upcoming school year?

- When the exact date is set, it will be available on the district website: www.meridenk12.org.

What do I need to provide to register for Kindergarten?

- Please refer to the district website for a list of required documents.

Can I upload all of the registration documents?

- You can upload residency documentation. Additional paperwork will be provided at the registration appointment.

Can I schedule an appointment over the phone?

- No, you must use the appointment link that you will see when you submit the online registration to schedule your appointment.

Who needs to register my child?

- The parent/legal guardian with whom the child resides must complete the registration.

My work schedule is the same as the hours the registration office is open

- Registration opens at the beginning of April. Please schedule your appointment based on your availability.

How is my child's school determined?

- The street address determines school districts.

Can I request a different school for my child?

- You can request out-of-district placement for your child through a process that determines availability at the requested school. This information will be available at the registration appointment. The request does not guarantee placement. Out-of-district requests will be accepted until the first Monday in August.
- This decision is not made until late August.
- You should plan for your child to attend their district school until you receive a decision on your out-of-district placement request.

My child and I reside in a residence that is not our own. Can I still register?

- Yes, please refer to the information on the district website's registration page for more details.

My child resides in Meriden, and I reside elsewhere. Can I still register my child?

- In specific circumstances, yes. Please refer to the information on the district website's registration page for more details.
- Please note, per CT State Education law, this cannot be for the sole purpose of education.

My child receives special education services. How will this affect my child's placement?

- Your child's placement will be determined by the transitional PPT.

My child speaks a language other than English. Is there a language test?

- Yes, your child will be given a language dominance test.

Can I tour the school?

- A preview week will be held the week before school starts for all registered Kindergarten students.
- There will be an open house at each elementary school. This is usually held a day or two before the start of the school year.
- If you would like to tour the school separately from these events, you will need to contact the principal of your district school. These tours are generally given when the school day has ended.
- There are new student orientation dates for middle and high school students. Please ask for this information.