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NEWS RELEASE

Washington Township Public Schools Opens 2025-26 Kindergarten Registration Portal

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - Children of Washington Township residents who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2025, per District policy, are eligible for the District's full-day kindergarten program and can be registered through the District's online registration portal beginning today, Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Kindergarten will be housed at all six District elementary schools.

"Kindergarten is where a love of lifelong learning is created," Director of Elementary Education Gretchen Gerber said. "We embrace and welcome our youngest learners into a program that offers social, emotional, and intellectual benefits for all students. Kindergarteners also benefit from shared and small group reading, math explorations, games and investigations, phonics and word work, music, songs, and art. Offering quality early childhood educational programming is a top priority in Washington Township. We take great pride in our program and in our talented and dedicated staff who work to ensure its success."

Beginning on April 1st, parents are encouraged to visit the Student Registration Link on the front page of the District website (<u>www.wtps.org</u>), or access directly at <u>this link</u>, where helpful tutorials will guide registrants through the open registration process using the Genesis Student Information System. Families can complete the entire open registration process online. However, parents/guardians who prefer to complete their registrations in person can make an appointment at <u>this link</u>. Please be aware that in-person appointments **are not necessary** if the registration process has been completed online.

<u>Please note: If your child is currently enrolled in the district's special education or regular</u> <u>education preschool program, you do not need to re-enroll for kindergarten. Your child will be</u> <u>rolled up automatically</u>.

Requirements for kindergarten enrollment include:

- 1) Residency in Washington Township, Gloucester County
- 2) Documentation of the following:
 - Parent/Guardian Photo ID
 - Current Photo of Child
 - Child's Immunization Records*
 - Child's Birth Certificate
 - Three proofs of residency (If you rent your home, one proof should be a lease; if you own your home, one proof should be a deed, mortgage statement, or current year property tax record)
 - Physical and dental exams (due within 30 days of the start of school)
 - Custody paperwork, or other relevant court orders, if applicable.

*(Parents should upload any immunization records that they have now, and they can send updates to the school nurse at a later date).

Additionally, kindergarten snapshots are no longer a requirement and will not be scheduled for incoming kindergarten students for 2025-26.

For questions regarding registration, contact Matt Pesyna, district registrar, at <u>mpesyna@wtps.org</u>, or by phone at (856) 589-6644, x6698.

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