

# COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

## Transitioning to Kindergarten for Multilingual and International Families



Your child is starting a new journey in formal education. When children go to kindergarten, the transition can be hard for families. Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) has [resources](#) to help international and multilingual families as they begin kindergarten.

You may [ask for an interpreter](#) when talking with JCPS staff.

You can use an [I Speak Card](#) to help. Carry the card with you and show it to school staff. You can print a paper card or take a picture with your phone's camera.



When you ask for an interpreter, school staff will connect with one via phone or an app. You will need to wait while staff access language services.

### Programs

- If your family speaks other languages at home, your child may qualify for English Learner Services. You can ask for a screening up to six months before kindergarten starts. Call the [English as a Second Language \(ESL\)](#) department at 502-485-3623 for help.
- Your child can attend Camp Ready4K. This JCPS summer program helps families and children prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Children can learn new skills, engage with other children, and try out school routines. Registration opens in early spring. To learn more, call (502) 313-4357 or email [jcps.help@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:jcps.help@jefferson.kyschools.us).

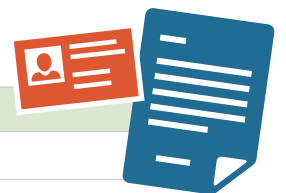
### Health Requirements

The state of Kentucky has [health requirements](#) for children starting school. Your child will need physical exams and immunizations. Visit [Family Health Centers](#) for providers, services, and information in your preferred language.



### Registration Requirements

To sign up for school, you must bring papers to show guardianship and residence. **Families may register their children regardless of immigration status.**



Type of Document	Accepted Document
Proof of Child's Birth	Birth certificate, passport, or <a href="#">I-94 form</a>
Proof of Family's Address	Lease or recent <a href="#">utility bill</a>
Parent's or Guardian's Identification	<a href="#">Driver's license</a> or consular ID card from U.S. or former country

- If you do not have all documents, JCPS will still register and enroll your student. You will need to present your documents as soon as possible.
- If an adult does not have legal custody of children in their care, they can use a power of attorney form or caregiver affidavit.
- You may register your children for school even if you do not have a fixed, regular residence. Call the JCPS Office of Access and Opportunity at (502) 485-3650 for help.