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Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Arlington Public Schools. This letter will provide you with information about our registration process.

Please note that Kindergarten Online Registration will open on **Monday February 1st, 2021**. You will not be able to access the Online Registration until that date.

All registrations received between **Tuesday, February 2nd and Tuesday, February 9** will be treated equally for buffer zone assignments.

We do not know with certainty how the 2021-2022 school year will look with respect to enrollment. As a result, notification about buffer zone placements will not be made until March in order to have more information about Kindergarten registrations to determine school placement. Families can expect to hear from the district regarding buffer zone placements in mid- March. As a reminder, applications received by February 9 will be given priority for buffer zone requests.

Registration Information


Parents/Guardians will need to complete the **New Student** Online Registration Form for the academic year they wish to enroll in. Registration will be done through PowerSchool Enrollment with a direct link available on our District Website. This page also provides details, and answers to commonly asked questions: <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/administration/schoolregistration/>

In the form you will have the opportunity to provide and respond to the following:

- Student Enrollment Information, Family Demographics, Emergency Contacts, Health Questionnaire and Permissions.
- The Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, Education History and the Home Language Survey.

Documents Required for Registration:

You will need to provide some required supporting documents to complete your application. These documents are necessary to prove residence in Arlington, verify your child(ren)'s age, acknowledge compliance with health regulations and ensure appropriate enrollments. It is best to gather the required documents before filling out the application.

Please refer the registration checklist provided here:  [Registration Checklist](#)

**Please note: Your application is not considered to be complete until these documents are provided. If you do not have the forms readily available while filling out the application, you will still be able to*

submit the online form but your application approval will not be valid until all documents are received by the Registration Office. A team member from the Registration team will be in contact with you to obtain these documents.

You can also visit our New Student District Webpage with more information on the required documents, how to upload these documents etc.

Link to webpage: <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/administration/schoolregistration/>

Additional Information for Buffer Zone Students/Families

Students who live in buffer zones will be assigned to their school by the Superintendent. You will receive a notice of your buffer zone assignment shortly after it has been decided. To the extent possible, students will be assigned to their school of preference. If the primary selection was not chosen, parents will have the option to have their child placed on a waitlist for their preferred school. If there is more than one waitlist application on a particular date, the waitlist will be determined by the date of the registration and then by lottery. For more information on buffer zones, please go to:

 [Assignment of Students to Schools/Buffer Zones/Open Enrollment](#)

 [Buffer Zone/Open Enrollment Guidelines](#)

School Information

Once your application has been submitted and approved, you will then be routed to the individual teams at the school where your child will attend. They will be in touch with you in regards to screenings, academic questions, or with details on when your child will meet the teachers for the upcoming school year. If you have not received confirmation of your registration approval, please continue to keep an eye out for communication from the Registration Office.

Additionally, logistics regarding after-school programs will also be communicated as part of school assignments for buffer zone students.

If you have not heard from individual school teams directly, the best place to find any information available will be on the school specific landing pages on our district website (link below).

<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/home/default.asp>

You are your child's first and foremost teacher. We look forward to our partnership with you in the education of your child

Sincerely,



Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D

Superintendent of Schools