



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

It is with pleasure that we present this Kindergarten Registration Booklet to you. We hope it will begin to answer some of the questions that arise as you register your child for Kindergarten. Additional information regarding the Hull Kindergarten Program will be provided as the year progresses and your child nears the first day of school. It is our goal that all children in Hull receive a high quality education appropriate to their needs. We look forward to meeting you and your child as he/she begins his/her educational journey in the Hull Public Schools.

#### ***WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN ALL ABOUT?***

Kindergarten is a happy, active place, rich in opportunities and a variety of experiences that will guide and help children:

- Become familiar with a group setting
- Develop self-control, independence and responsibility
- Develop an interest and joy in learning
- Develop a feeling of self-expression and creativity
- To be kind and courteous
- To respect the rights, properties and diversity of others
- To be curious about the world around them

#### ***OUR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM***

*The Jacobs Kindergarten program has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)*

- Promotes positive relationships for all children and adults to encourage each child's sense of individual worth.
- Implements a curriculum that fosters all areas of child development: cognitive, emotional, language, physical, and social.
- Uses developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and effective teaching approaches.
- Provides ongoing assessments of child's learning and development and communicates the child's progress to the family.

#### ***WAYS YOU CAN HELP AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL***

It is important that we work together to build a strong home-school partnership to make this a positive educational experience for your child. Some suggestions to make this happen are:

- READ to your child!
- Develop listening skills. Give directions to follow and be sure they are being followed.
- Give your child some responsibilities in the home, no matter how small.
- Have a reasonable bedtime hour and hold to that schedule.
- Help your child to learn how to dress himself/herself (including tying shoes, putting on and taking off boots, and zipping a jacket).
- Prepare for this new experience by discussing school in a positive manner.
- Attend as many transitional activities to ease any fear or apprehension.
- Teach the good health habits of caring for a cold and covering the mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Keep your child at home when ill (sore throat, diarrhea, skin rash, earache, swollen glands, or fever) to eliminate the spreading of diseases.

### ***ENTRANCE AGE***

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they enroll.

### ***REGISTRATION***

Registration for Kindergarten takes place during the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> through January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-2:30 PM.

The following materials are required for registration:

- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Proof of Residency
- ✓ Immunization Record

When registering your child, the following forms must be completed. The forms can be downloaded and completed prior to registering at

[http://www.town.hull.ma.us/Public\\_Documents/HullMA\\_JacobsClass/homepage](http://www.town.hull.ma.us/Public_Documents/HullMA_JacobsClass/homepage)

- ✓ Registration Form
- ✓ Home Language Questionnaire
- ✓ DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) Ethnicity Form
- ✓ Kindergarten Choice Form (FDK/HDK)

### ***HEALTH REQUIREMENTS***

In order to enroll your child in Kindergarten, we are mandated by Massachusetts State Law to have documentation of the following requirements:

Immunizations

Screenings

- Lead
- Vision (dated within one year prior to entrance or 30 days after entrance)

Physical

- Dated within the year prior to entrance

Those students with documented medical contraindications or documented religious beliefs are the only ones exempt for the immunization requirement. Please feel free to contact Kathe Keegan

R.N., our school nurse 781-925-4400 x1144 with any questions regarding these requirements or any medical concerns.

***PROOF OF RESIDENCY***

Before any student attends the Hull Public Schools, the student’s parent or legal guardian must prove legal residence in the Town of Hull. Families whose primary residence is outside the Town of Hull are not eligible to attend the Hull Public Schools.

To attend the Hull Public Schools, all applicants must provide at least two proofs of residency (one from each column) as indicated below. Documents must be pre-printed with the name and address of the student’s parent or guardian and must be presented at the time of registration. These documents are also required for any change of address.

<u><b>Column A</b></u>	<u><b>Column B</b></u>
○ Copy of deed and records of most recent mortgage payment	○ Valid drivers license
○ Copy of lease and record of most recent rent payment	○ Current vehicle registration
○ A utility bill dated within the past sixty (60) days including: 1. Gas Bill 2. Oil Bill 3. Electric Bill 4. Home Telephone Bill 5. Cable Bill	○ Valid Massachusetts photo identification card
○ Dated within the past year: 1. W-2 Form 2. Excise (vehicle) tax bill 3. Property tax bill	○ Valid passport

***TRANSPORTATION***

Bus transportation is provided. Each Kindergartner will be assigned a bus and given a bus tag to be attached to his/her backpack.

***KIDSCARE***

Before and after school fee based childcare is available, Monday – Friday from 7:00-8:25 and from 2:55-6:00 PM. KidsCare is also available on early release days. Children must be registered before attending the program. For information call Barbara Stanley, at 781-925-8012.

***CLASS ASSIGNMENTS***

Parents/caregivers will be notified before August 1<sup>st</sup> as to which classroom your child is assigned. Requests for a specific teacher are not permitted. In August there will be a Playground/Popsicle Kindergarten Playdate to meet and play with friends. Postcards will be mailed with further information.

***SCREENING***

Incoming preschoolers are assessed by Kindergarten teachers, speech therapists, occupational and physical therapists for services and classroom placement. Screening appointments are given at time of registration. In accordance with state regulations, a developmental screening is conducted to determine potential academic needs. When registering parents will be given a screening appointment for either May 4<sup>th</sup> or May 18<sup>th</sup>.

***PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CHECKLIST***

Parents/caregivers will be given a preschool/child care checklist form to give to their preschool or childcare provider to complete. The form provides information that assists our staff when making class placements. The form may be sent to Lillian M. Jacobs School, 180- Harborview Road, Hull, MA 02045 or faxed to 781-925-2938, attention: Christine Cappadona, by June 1, 2012.

***PIZZA, PLAY & LEARN ORIENTATION***

Kindergartners and parents join our Kindergarten staff for pizza, a bus ride and a classroom visit. On May 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00-6:30 PM.

***SCHOOL READINESS COMMITTEE***

The Jacobs School receives money from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - Quality Full Day Kindergarten Grant. The grant requires a School Readiness committee to meet and discuss issues concerning school readiness. The committee is comprised of preschool and kindergarten parents/caregivers, teachers and administrators. The goal each year is to enhance the transitions from preschool into Kindergarten and Kindergarten into first grade.

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