



KINDERGARTEN Informational Packet

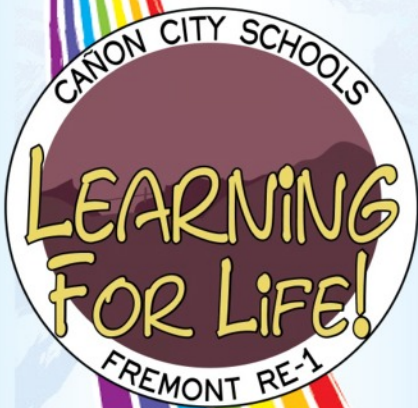
2020-2021 School Year

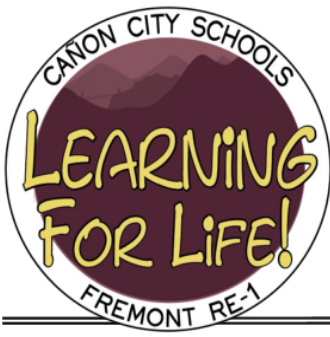


KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID 19), we will not be doing the normal Kindergarten Roundup. We do ask parents to preregister their child so we can plan for next school year.

We will be sending out postcards to parents in July, who have preregistered, regarding our normal summer registration that occurs in mid-July.





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Dear Parents,

The day your child enters kindergarten is a significant milestone in their life. It begins the formal process by which they acquire the skills necessary for success in life. The experience promises to be fun, exciting, challenging, and rewarding, a gateway to a new world of learning.

The Cañon City School District offers a full-day kindergarten program to all children who turn five on or before August 1. Through it, we provide essential experiences, both academic and social, to prepare your child for success. We include structured time for your child to learn by playing and exploring with their classmates. We believe a positive kindergarten experience is an important step in providing students the tools for success in school.

Kindergarten is where a developing child begins to grow up. To support this process, we encourage your total involvement. Please take advantage of the many opportunities available to you during the next thirteen years to stay engaged in your child's learning. With your support, we'll ensure he or she has ample opportunity to develop the important skills and traits we all agree a person must have to be successful no matter the challenges they face in life.

We can't thank you enough for choosing to begin this journey here in Cañon City with us!

Sincerely,

George S. Welsh
Superintendent of Schools



IMPORTANT DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS



| Date | Time | Activity | Location |
|---|--|---|---|
| April 28th – April 30th | Between 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Kindergarten Round-Up | Neighborhood School |
| May 14th - CES May 14th – Harrison May 13th – Lincoln May 12th – McKinley May 13th – Washington | Varies by school | Kindergarten Buddy Day | Neighborhood School |
| August 3rd – 5th | See school calendars – published in late April/early May | Official Kindergarten Registration | School where student will attend kindergarten |
| 1st Week of School | Arranged by school | Get acquainted week/Kindergarten small groups – Child will only attend 1 or 2 days this week. | School where student will attend kindergarten |





Canon City Schools Kindergarten 2020-2021 School Year

Basic Information

- Kindergarten is a full day program
- Child must be 5 years of age on or before August 1, 2020
- Registration occurs at your child's neighborhood school (or the school where you have an approved transfer)
 - Online Registration and details are available
 - on CCSchools website at www.canoncityschools.org/kroundup
 - at neighborhood school
 - at District Office
- Kindergarten orientation occurs in small groups during the first week of school
 - Each school will identify details and date your child is to attend.
- Students, who meet eligibility requirements, may
 - Ride district bus transportation
 - Receive breakfast and lunch at reduced/free pricing
- Students who wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood school need to complete a transfer request. Deadline for 2020-21 school year is April 1, 2020.
 - Transfer applications are available at the schools or at Cañon City Schools District Office, located at 101 N. 14th Street
 - Transfer requests received after the April 1st deadline will be put on a waiting list to be considered after August Registration

Registration Checklist for Kindergarten

*The following items are **needed to register for** Cañon City Schools kindergarten:*

- ☐ Basic information regarding child
 - Address (**Proof of address required** (e.g. utility bill, tax document, rental agreement, etc.))
 - Phone Number(s)
 - Parent/Guardian
 - Emergency contact information
 - Preschool program information
 - Parent/Guardian Employment Information
- ☐ Birth Certificate (official proof of birth date / legal name)
- ☐ Immunization record
- ☐ Online Registration Forms
 - PDF from online registration
 - Medical Release Form
 - Home Language Survey





Canon City Schools Kindergarten 2020-21 School Year

Parents can help children be successful in kindergarten by fostering the following skills. A child is not expected to be able to perform all of these skills before entering kindergarten.

Practical Skills

1. States age (if shows fingers, counts them)
2. Can find first name within the classroom such as on the cubby, desk, etc.
3. Appropriately names the colors Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Purple, Blue, Brown, Black, White

Listening/Speaking

1. Listens attentively without interrupting (Attends to story for appropriate lengths of time – up to 10 minutes; in group settings actively listens without interruption to the speaker)
2. Follows three-part related directions
3. Speaks in complete sentences and stays on topic
4. Expresses personal needs and asks for items needed for work and play

Health/Physical Development

1. Exhibits large muscle skills -- balancing, hopping, skipping, galloping, throwing, catching (balances on either foot for at least 5 seconds; hopping on either foot for at least 5 seconds; galloping -not running)
2. Uses pencil/crayons adequately for this level of development (uses 3 to 4 finger grasp at lower portion of the pencil or crayon with control)
3. Uses scissors adequately (holds scissors correctly, cuts away from the body and cuts on a line)

Math

1. Counts with one to one correspondence up to 10
2. Can name 4 shapes (circle, rectangle, square, and triangle)

Group and Personal Interaction

1. Follows classroom/school rules
2. Actively participates with peers in work and play
3. Uses appropriate voice levels (Uses “inside” and “outside” voices when and where appropriate)
4. Practices self-control (consistently waits for turn, delays gratification, aware of others space, controls impulsivity)
5. Works independently (stays on task, completes work by self and seeks assistance when needed)
6. Completes tasks in a timely manner
7. Takes pride in doing a careful job with projects and daily work
8. Has adequate attention span (5 to 10 minutes)



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Dear parents/guardians of incoming kindergarten students in Colorado schools for the 2020-2021 school year:

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for kindergarten. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their kindergarten readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick. Starting kindergarten is such an exciting time, and we wish you and your student a healthy school year!

Required and recommended vaccines

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private or parochial kindergarten through 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless an exemption is filed. For more information, visit colorado.gov/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines (or cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines). Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (DTaP, DTP)
 - polio (IPV)
 - measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
 - hepatitis B (HepB)
 - varicella (chickenpox)
- Colorado follows recommendations set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Colorado rule requires students entering kindergarten to receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella. You can view the recommended vaccine schedule for children 0 - 6 years of age at cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf.
- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A and influenza, but are not required.

Exclusion from school

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date vaccine record, exemption, or in-process plan for your student on file.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

Have questions?

- You may want to talk to a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at SpreadTheVaxFacts.com, ImmunizeForGood.com, and colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education (or cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education).

Paying for vaccinations

- If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to COVax4Kids.org, contact your local public health agency, or call the state health department's Family Health Line at 1-303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777. You can find your local public health agency at colorado.gov/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency (or cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency).

Vaccination records

- Please take your student's updated vaccine record to school every time they receive a vaccine.
- Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System. Visit COVaxRecords.org for more information.

Exemptions

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit an official *Immunization Medical Exemption Form* to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this form once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at colorado.gov/vaccineexemption (or cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption).
- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule because of personal belief or religious reasons, you must submit a non-medical exemption to your school. Non-medical exemptions must be submitted at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months and 18 months. The easiest way to file a personal or religious exemption is by using our online or downloadable non-medical exemption form available at colorado.gov/vaccineexemption (or cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption).

How's your school doing on vaccinations?

- Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percent of vaccinated students. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department annually. Immunization and exemption rates can be found at COVaxRates.org.

Please share Page 2 of this letter with your student's health care provider as it provides helpful information about vaccines required for school entry, per Colorado law.



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Dear Colorado health care provider:

Colorado School Entry Immunization Law (25-4-901 et seq, C.R.S) and Colorado Board of Health rule (6 CCR 1009-2) require students who attend a public, private or parochial K - 12 school, licensed child care, preschool or Head Start program to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless an exemption is filed. For more information, visit colorado.gov/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines (or cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines). Students must be vaccinated against:

- diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)
- polio (IPV)
- measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- hepatitis B (HepB)
- haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- pneumococcal (PCV13)
- varicella (chickenpox)

The number, timing and spacing of the required vaccine doses is set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). To be considered valid, a dose of vaccine must meet both the **minimum age and minimum intervals** as defined by ACIP. You can view the current ACIP vaccine schedule for people 0 - 18 years of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf. Vaccines are recommended for rotavirus, hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Colorado schools are required to review immunization records for school entry and can only accept valid doses of vaccine. Your patients may receive notification of noncompliance if a dose of vaccine does not meet the minimum age or minimum interval requirements, per the ACIP schedule. There are three ways a student can meet the compliance requirements established by Colorado law:

- 1) A student is considered fully immunized if he or she has received all doses of school-required vaccines according to the current ACIP schedule. Note: students are required to receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella by kindergarten entry and their Tdap by 6th grade entry, even if the student is under 11 years of age.
- 2) A student is in the process of becoming up-to-date on required vaccines and has a written plan from the parent/guardian on file with the school.
- 3) The student's health care provider (medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine, advanced practice nurse or delegated physician assistant) has signed an official *Immunization Medical Exemption Form* because of a condition that precludes the student from receiving vaccine(s), or the student (emancipated or 18 years of age or older) or student's parent/guardian has submitted a signed non-medical exemption (religious or personal belief).

If students do not meet at least one of the compliance criteria, they are not permitted to attend school. If you have questions about the student's school immunization requirement, please communicate with the student's school nurse or school representative.

If you have questions about the ACIP immunization schedule, vaccines marked as invalid in your patient's immunization record, or about Colorado School Entry Immunization Law, please contact us at 303-692-2700 or cdphe.dcdimmunization@state.co.us. If you have questions about the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS), please contact us at 303-692-2437 (press 2), 1-888-611-9918 (press 1) or cdphe.ciis@state.co.us.

Other reliable clinical resources include:

- CDC Vaccines & Immunizations - cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm
- CDC's *Epidemiology & Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* - cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/webinar-epv/index.html
- The Immunization Action Coalition: Ask the Experts - immunize.org/askexperts/
- CDC Experts at the National Immunization Program - nipinfo@cdc.gov or 1-800-CDC-Info (1-800-232-4636)



CAÑON CITY SCHOOLS

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Cañon Exploratory School
(719)-276-6055

Washington Elementary School
(719)-276-6095

Cañon City Schools Nutrition Services takes pride in the meals they provide to our students and we invite kindergarteners to join us for breakfast and lunch each school day. Healthy, well-nourished students are better learners and more likely to get the nutrients they need to learn, play and grow! You won't be disappointed!

OUR PROGRAMS

*We offer breakfast daily at Harrison K-8, Washington Elementary, Lincoln School of Science and Technology, McKinley Elementary, Canon Exploratory School, Canon City High School and Canon City Middle School.

*Our school lunches meet strict Federal nutrition guidelines and offer a great variety of well-balanced menu items. We will send a menu home each month with your child and we encourage them to join us for school meals. Menus, pricing and program information are also available at www.ccsnutrition.org or download our Mobile Meals App.

K-8 students who qualify for free meals, will receive lunch at no charge.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment for meals should be made in advance. Simply bring a check made payable to your child's school to the cafeteria or access www.payforit.net to set up an account to make on-line payments. Details of this system are on the reverse side of this letter. Your child will be assigned a PIN number that they will enter each day to deduct payment from their account.

Charging of meals is not permitted so we appreciate parents staying current on keeping money on their child's account.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS:

Free and reduced meals are available to students whose families qualify. Part of what makes our program successful is having free and reduced applications on file for all district students. Free and Reduced Meal Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available at all schools during registration and online in July. There will also be applications available at the District Administration Office after July 1st 2020. If you feel there is a possibility that your family may qualify for meal benefits, please pick up an application and return it to your child's school or the Administration Building prior to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. A letter will be sent to notify your family of any benefit eligibility. We need just one application per family. All children in the family attending Cañon City Schools should be listed on one application, however

AN APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY YEAR BY ALL FAMILIES WHO WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEAL BENEFITS.

Benefits can't be awarded without a completed application.

**Please note that all families are required to pay full price for all meals until they have been notified that their application has been processed. Please send money to school on the first day with your student.*



SET UP TODAY FOR YOUR ON-LINE LUNCH ACCOUNT. IT IS FAST, SIMPLE AND SECURE

TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT, ALL YOU NEED IS:

- A valid email address
- A credit card
- Child's student identification number (Not SSN). This number is available by contacting your school or our nutrition services office.
- Child's name as they are registered at school.

HOW TO SET UP YOUR PAYFORIT ACCOUNT:

- Visit www.ccsnutrition.org and click on the www.payforit.net link.
- Click on "Sign up for Account"
- Select Canon City Schools from the drop down menu.
- Enter requested information and click "next"
- Follow on screen instructions and wait for confirmation email.
- Click link provided in your confirmation e-mail and follow instructions.
- Once account is set up, simply click on "my account" and then "my email options" to opt into low balance notification and other free services.
- Questions: 276-5813 or 276-5814