

EDUCATION

How can I help prepare my young child for school?

- **Head Start and Early Head Start** **703-324-8290**
Serves children from birth up to the age of 5, and pregnant women, from families with low incomes. Head Start provides an educational program for children, and health and social services for children and their parents.
- Fairfax County Office for Children
Provides information on school readiness online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc.

How do I register a child for school?

- **Call the Residency Specialist with Student Registration**
703-204-6744 | www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/StudentRegistration/residency.shtml

What documentation is needed to register a child for school?

- Original birth certificate.
- Proof of residency in Fairfax County.
- School records and/or original transcripts are required of secondary students and recommended for elementary students.
- Health Documentation:
 - Physical examination completed within the last 12 months prior to starting school
 - Immunizations – Official documentation including complete dates (month, date, year) of tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis and varicella.
 - Tuberculosis screening - Evidence of a negative tuberculin skin test (TST) and a negative symptom screen completed within 90 days or a normal chest x-ray administered within 90 days is required for all students who have resided in a foreign country during the last five years for a consecutive period of more than five months.

****If you do not have all of the required documents, contact Student Registration for advice.***

Where do I go to register a child for school?

- Dunn Loring Center
2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027 | 703-204-6740
- Lake Anne – Reston:
11484 Washington Plaza, West, Suite 310, Reston, VA 20190 | 703-668-0690

- South County Government Center
8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309 | 703-704-6017

What should I do if I have academic, mental health or behavioral concerns about my child at school?

Call the front office at your child's school. All schools have counselors, special education services, social workers and psychologists who may be of assistance. Some schools have parent liaisons who may also provide help concerning your child.

- **School Office:** <http://commweb.fcps.edu/directory/>

What should I do if I have questions about special education?

- **Contact Special Education Special Services of Fairfax County Public Schools**
571-423-4010 | www.fcps.edu/dss

What do I do if we are experiencing homelessness?

Contact the Fairfax County Public School's Homeless Office at 571-423-4332 or any of the Student Registration offices listed above. www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/homelessinfo/index.shtml

If I live in Falls Church city, whom do I contact for information about school registration, special education services, or concerns about a child's development?

- School registration: www.fccps.org/admissions
- Special Education services: Office of Special Education and Student Services
800 West Broad Street, Ste. 203, Falls Church, VA 22046
703-248-5630 | www.fccps.org/specialed/index.html
- Child development concerns: Mt. Daniel Child Find Office
2328 N. Oak Street, Falls Church VA 22046 703-248-5650 |
www.fccps.org/md/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=100:&Itemid=567#