



Dear Parents:

It is our pleasure to welcome you and your child to Owosso Public Schools, the District of Opportunities! Let us assure you of our commitment to provide a safe, positive, and nurturing learning environment for your child.

You are invited to Kindergarten Registration held at each of our elementary schools. To set up your appointment time, please complete the [Google Form](#) posted on the district webpage (www.owosso.k12.mi.us) or call the school office. Our registration events are the perfect time to enroll your child for kindergarten beginning in 2021, learn about the diverse opportunities offered at Owosso Public Schools, and take home a variety of resources that will help you prepare your child for school. District representatives will be available to answer any questions you may have.


Even during the pandemic, Owosso Public Schools is eager to share the wonderful learning opportunities that your child will have and introduce you to our highly skilled and compassionate staff members. All visitors must have appointments, wear masks, sanitize hands, and follow district safety protocols. Owosso Public Schools is committed to a safe and informative registration process.


Please be sure to bring the following documents to Kindergarten Registration:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Proof of residency
- Your child's immunization records
- Records of vision and hearing screening results, if applicable
- Completed enrollment form
- **Your child will complete a short assessment with one of our teachers, so please make sure they attend the registration appointment with you.**

We hope you will feel free to contact us and keep the lines of communication open throughout your child's years with us. Principals and teachers welcome the opportunity to work with you as partners to help your child develop the skills, concepts, behaviors, and habits that will ensure success throughout their school experience.

Sincerely,


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Washington Campus
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Bridgit Spielman, Principal
Central Elementary
989-723-2790


Michelle Collison, Principal
Bryant Elementary
989-723-4355


Jessica Aue, Principal
Emerson Elementary
989-725-7361

Bee Happy in Owosso's Kindergarten Program!



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Kindergarten Registration begins March 1, 2021. To be eligible, your child must be five years of age by September 1, 2021. This packet will assist parents with the registration process. Owosso Public Schools offers full day kindergarten.

Parents are requested to call their neighborhood school and schedule an appointment prior to registration. Kindergarten Registration for Owosso Public Schools will be taking place by appointments only March 1, 2021 through March 5, 2021. Additional information can be obtained from the office of any Owosso elementary school.

Developmentally Appropriate Kindergarten Facts

- Location:** Emerson Elementary School, 515 E. Oliver Street, Owosso, MI
Bryant Elementary School, 925 Hampton Street, Owosso, MI (note: depending on need, this location may be added)
- Hours:** Full day kindergarten: 8:45 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Specials:** Music, Global Studies, Gym, Technology, Media Center
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum prepares children for kindergarten.
 - Whole group, small groups, and learning choice activity times are scheduled.

CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS WHEN DETERMINING WHICH PROGRAM IS BEST FOR YOUR CHILD:

1. Has your child had one or more years in preschool?

If yes, your child will probably adapt well to kindergarten. Most children who are five years old by September 1st go to kindergarten.

2. Do you think your child needs one more year to develop language or social skills?

If so, you may want to consider developmentally appropriate kindergarten.

3. Is your child afraid or overly worried about starting school?

Most children gain confidence and independence at five years of age, whether in kindergarten or developmentally appropriate kindergarten. Our teachers help children adjust to school in nurturing ways.

HOW WILL YOUR CHILD GET TO SCHOOL?

Children may take the bus to developmentally appropriate kindergarten from their home school or be dropped off by a responsible adult. Bus transportation is available to rural areas in the a.m. and p.m.

HOW TO REQUEST DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE KINDERGARTEN

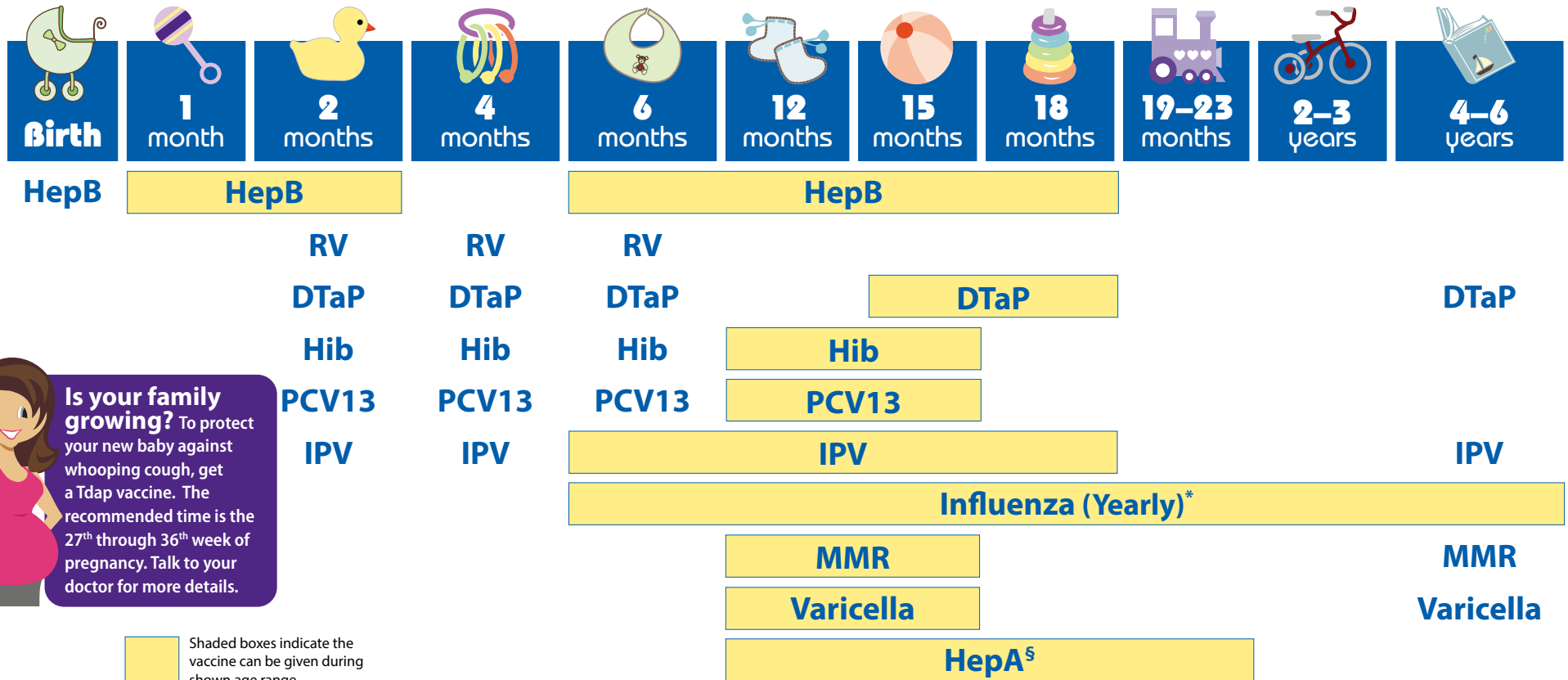
Register your child. Mark the developmentally appropriate kindergarten request box on the Kindergarten Registration Checklist Form and return it, with other required forms, to your home school. Age, assessment results, and space availability are all factors that our educational team considers when placing students in developmentally appropriate kindergarten. You will be notified of your child's placement by mid-June.



Comparison Between Kindergarten and Developmentally Appropriate Kindergarten

Kindergarten	Developmentally Appropriate Kindergarten
Who May Attend: Children who are five years old on or before September 1, 2021.	Who May Attend: Children who are five years old on or before September 1, 2021.
Purpose: Promote learning for children ages five – six that establishes the foundation for success in first grade.	Purpose: Promote learning for children ages five – six. Accommodate parents who believe their child is not ready for kindergarten.
Hours: Full day kindergarten Monday – Friday.	Hours: Full day kindergarten Monday – Friday.
Transportation: Students who reside within the city limits will be transported from their home school only if needed. Bus transportation is available to rural areas.	Transportation: Students who reside within the city limits will be transported from their home school only if needed. Bus transportation is available to rural areas.
Students: Have various levels of experience, interests, and abilities.	Students: Have various levels of experience, interests, and abilities.
Classroom: Provides a safe and developmentally appropriate environment where all children are valued as individuals.	Classroom: Provides a safe and developmentally appropriate environment where all children are valued as individuals.
Curriculum: A balanced program that focuses on social skills, self-confidence, speaking, listening, beginning reading and writing, thinking skills, concepts, math and science, social studies, foreign language, art and music, creativity, physical development, and health.	Curriculum: Focuses on the same learning areas as kindergarten but recognizes the “gift of time” provided by Developmentally Appropriate Kindergarten.
Instruction: Occurs in whole group, small groups, and individual activities using indoor and outdoor play, learning centers, hands-on exploring, field trips, and computers.	Instruction: Occurs in whole group, small groups, and individual activities using indoor and outdoor play, learning centers, hands-on exploring, field trips, and computers.

2020 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old



NOTE:

If your child misses a shot, you don't need to start over. Just go back to your child's doctor for the next shot. Talk with your child's doctor if you have questions about vaccines.

FOOTNOTES:

* Two doses given at least four weeks apart are recommended for children age 6 months through 8 years of age who are getting an influenza (flu) vaccine for the first time and for some other children in this age group.

§ Two doses of HepA vaccine are needed for lasting protection. The first dose of HepA vaccine should be given between 12 months and 23 months of age. The second dose should be given 6 months after the first dose. All children and adolescents over 24 months of age who have not been vaccinated should also receive 2 doses of HepA vaccine.

If your child has any medical conditions that put him at risk for infection or is traveling outside the United States, talk to your child's doctor about additional vaccines that he or she may need.

See back page for more information on vaccine-preventable diseases and the vaccines that prevent them.

For more information, call toll-free
1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636)
or visit
www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents



**U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services**
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention



**American Academy
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Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and the Vaccines that Prevent Them

Disease	Vaccine	Disease spread by	Disease symptoms	Disease complications
Chickenpox	Varicella vaccine protects against chickenpox.	Air, direct contact	Rash, tiredness, headache, fever	Infected blisters, bleeding disorders, encephalitis (brain swelling), pneumonia (infection in the lungs)
Diphtheria	DTaP* vaccine protects against diphtheria.	Air, direct contact	Sore throat, mild fever, weakness, swollen glands in neck	Swelling of the heart muscle, heart failure, coma, paralysis, death
Hib	Hib vaccine protects against <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b.	Air, direct contact	May be no symptoms unless bacteria enter the blood	Meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), intellectual disability, epiglottitis (life-threatening infection that can block the windpipe and lead to serious breathing problems), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death
Hepatitis A	HepA vaccine protects against hepatitis A.	Direct contact, contaminated food or water	May be no symptoms, fever, stomach pain, loss of appetite, fatigue, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine	Liver failure, arthralgia (joint pain), kidney, pancreatic and blood disorders
Hepatitis B	HepB vaccine protects against hepatitis B.	Contact with blood or body fluids	May be no symptoms, fever, headache, weakness, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), joint pain	Chronic liver infection, liver failure, liver cancer
Influenza (Flu)	Flu vaccine protects against influenza.	Air, direct contact	Fever, muscle pain, sore throat, cough, extreme fatigue	Pneumonia (infection in the lungs)
Measles	MMR** vaccine protects against measles.	Air, direct contact	Rash, fever, cough, runny nose, pink eye	Encephalitis (brain swelling), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death
Mumps	MMR** vaccine protects against mumps.	Air, direct contact	Swollen salivary glands (under the jaw), fever, headache, tiredness, muscle pain	Meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), encephalitis (brain swelling), inflammation of testicles or ovaries, deafness
Pertussis	DTaP* vaccine protects against pertussis (whooping cough).	Air, direct contact	Severe cough, runny nose, apnea (a pause in breathing in infants)	Pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death
Polio	IPV vaccine protects against polio.	Air, direct contact, through the mouth	May be no symptoms, sore throat, fever, nausea, headache	Paralysis, death
Pneumococcal	PCV13 vaccine protects against pneumococcus.	Air, direct contact	May be no symptoms, pneumonia (infection in the lungs)	Bacteremia (blood infection), meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), death
Rotavirus	RV vaccine protects against rotavirus.	Through the mouth	Diarrhea, fever, vomiting	Severe diarrhea, dehydration
Rubella	MMR** vaccine protects against rubella.	Air, direct contact	Sometimes rash, fever, swollen lymph nodes	Very serious in pregnant women—can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth, premature delivery, birth defects
Tetanus	DTaP* vaccine protects against tetanus.	Exposure through cuts in skin	Stiffness in neck and abdominal muscles, difficulty swallowing, muscle spasms, fever	Broken bones, breathing difficulty, death

* DTaP combines protection against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis.

** MMR combines protection against measles, mumps, and rubella.

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BUSING INFORMATION



Dear Parents of Kindergarteners:

- Prior to the start of the school year, the Transportation Supervisor will contact all parents of registered kindergarteners to confirm whether or not they will need busing and to verify that the information we have on file is correct for bus tags. Bus tags will be issued to kindergarten students using OPS transportation services.
- An open house will be held at the bus garage at the same time as the Elementary Open Houses. Student bus tags can be picked up at the Bus Garage Open House. On the first day of school, parents will take their kindergarten student to school. Bus tags that were not previously picked up at the bus garage will be dropped off at the students' school and made available to parents/students during orientation.
- Busing for kindergarteners will begin on the **second** day of school. The student **must** wear the **required** tag with their busing information at **all** times. Parents are asked to check the tags to make sure they are correct. If the information is not correct or the tag gets lost, please contact the Transportation Department **immediately**. Students will **not** be transported without a tag, as this is for their safety.
- Due to Schools of Choice, room availability, and various school programs, students may be shuttled from their home schools. This means some students may use transfer buses. This is a safe and efficient way of transporting our students to the various elementary schools. We have bus monitors and patrols to help with smooth transfers.
- **Parents/guardians must be visible** to the bus driver when their child is dropped off from school. If a parent or guardian is not visible, the child will be bused back to school and the bus garage will contact the child's parent/guardian to pick them up.
- The Transportation Department is currently open 6:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. You may contact the Transportation Office with any questions at 989-725-7665.



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Ready for the World

645 Alger Street, Owosso, MI 48867

Phone: 989-723-8131

Kindergarten Waiver Request for 2021-2022 School Year

Student Name: _____

According to Michigan Law, if a child residing in the Owosso Public School district and is not five years of age on September 1, 2021 of the school year but will be five years of age not later than December 1, 2021 of the school year, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in kindergarten for the current school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten. A school district that receives this written notification may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian of a child described in this subsection that the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. The parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten if the student is 5 years of age not later than December 1, 2021.

Verification of Age (circle one)

Birth Certificate
Court Record

Date of Birth ____/____/____
Government Record
Citizenship Paper

Hospital Record
Other

Parent Name: _____

Evidence of School Readiness Provided by Parent

- 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____
- 4: _____

Parent Signature _____

Today's Date: _____

Owosso Public School's Recommendation

Administrator: _____ agrees with the recommendation of the parents to enroll in Kindergarten.

Administrator: _____ recommends that _____ begins kindergarten in September of next year for the following reasons:

- 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____
- 4: _____

Administrator's Signature _____

Today's Date: _____



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Ready for the World

Student Enrollment / Emergency Information Form

Student Information

Student (Last, First, Middle):		Date of Birth:	
Student Cell Phone:		Gender:	
Home Phone:		Grade:	
District of Residence:		Country of Birth:	
Student's Address:			
Mailing Address (if different):			
Student Resides with:			

Parent / Guardian Information

The individuals filled out in the areas below may be contacted when the automated alert system is activated for school messages.

	Guardian	Guardian
Name:		
Relationship to Student:		
Home Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
Employer:		
Work Phone:		
E-Mail Address:		

Has your child attended Owosso Public Schools previously?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when (year)? _____ School Building? _____

Did your child receive a pre-school program prior to entering kindergarten?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of last school attended (including preschool): _____

Check all that apply: ☐ Regular Education ☐ Special Education ☐ Speech & Language ☐ 504 Plan

Has your child been suspended or expelled by the Board of Education of any district?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Emergency Information (Other than the Parents/Guardians)

Please check and describe any medical condition, medication or disability that would be important for the school to know:

- ☐ Asthma _____
- ☐ Diabetes _____
- ☐ Seizures _____
- ☐ Seasonal Allergies _____
- ☐ Allergic reactions to insect bites, bees, etc _____
- ☐ Other _____ (If more space is needed, please attach information.)

In case of an emergency, I authorize the school to seek medical attention for my child.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide any other information you feel will assist the school, including health or other conditions.

	Emergency Contact 1	Emergency Contact 2	Emergency Contact 3
Name:			
Relationship:			
Phone Number:			

Siblings (Other children from oldest to youngest)

Name (Last, First)	Birthdate	School / District	Name (Last, First)	Birthdate	School / District
1)			5)		
2)			6)		
3)			7)		
4)			8)		

Race and Ethnicity: (NOTE: Both parts A and B **MUST** be completed. We encourage you to select an answer for **both** parts. If either part (A or B) is not answered, the U.S. Department of Education **requires** the school district to supply an answer on your behalf.)

Part A: Is this student Hispanic/Latino? (Choose only one)

☐ No, not Hispanic/Latino
 ☐ Yes, Hispanic/Latino

The above part of the question is about ethnicity, not race. No matter which box you selected above, please continue to answer Part B by marking one or more boxes to indicate what you consider your student's race to be.

Part B: What is the student's race? (Choose one or more)

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
 ☐ Asian
 ☐ Black or African American
 ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 ☐ White

Is your child's native tongue a language **other than English**?
 ☐ Yes
 ☐ No
 What is that language?

Is the primary language* used in your child's home or environment a language **other than English**?
 ☐ Yes
 ☐ No
 What is that language?

* "Primary Language" means "the dominant language used by a person for communication."

Do you currently find yourself in any of the situations below:

- ☐ In a shelter
 ☐ Living with friends or other family members due to loss of housing or economic hardship
 ☐ In a hotel/motel
 ☐ Other locations (e.g. in a car, park, bus, train, or campsite)
 ☐ Foster care placement
 ☐ Other (please describe):

In case of an emergency school closing and students are released early, my child has been instructed to:

☐ Ride the bus
 ☐ Walk home
 ☐ Wait to be picked up
 ☐ Walk to the following address:

Name:
 Phone Number:

Permission for field trips:

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

 I authorize OPS to release the student's name.

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

 I authorize OPS to release photos of the student.

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

 I authorize OPS to release test information and/or transcripts to educational institutions.

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

 I authorize OPS to release information to the armed forces.

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

In the case of separated or divorced parents, are there any **legal restrictions** on the release of the child to either parent or step-parent? If yes, please explain and provide court documentation to the school office.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

It is the policy of the Owosso Public School District that no person shall on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination as a student in Owosso schools or any of its programs or activities.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please select which Kindergarten program you would like to register your child in.

Check one of the following:

- ☐ Full Day Kindergarten
- ☐ Developmentally Appropriate Kindergarten

Documents Required for Student Registration:

- Completed Student Enrollment Form
- Legal Birth Certificate (not hospital copy)
- Immunization Record (see enclosed State Immunization Rules)
- Proof of Residency (valid driver's license, utility bill, tax receipt, etc.), include address
- Record of Vision and Hearing Screening, if available

BEE YOURSELF at Bentley Bright Beginnings

2021-2022 Preschool Registration

Dates: March 1st-5th

Time: Appointments will be 15 minutes long.

Call: (989) 725-5770 to schedule an appointment.

Address: 1375 W. North St. Owosso, MI 48867

Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Proof of Residency (Mail or Driver's License)
- Proof of Income (2020 Taxes, W2 or 2 Pay Stubs)
- Child's Birth Certificate (official certificate from the Courthouse)



Programs we offer:

- 3 & 4 year-old Tuition
- GSRP & Head Start
- ECSE



We ask that you please be mindful of your appointment time.

Appointments are kept to 15 minutes due to COVID restrictions/guidelines.

If you need to reschedule, please call prior to your appointment time: (989) 725-5770

Please note that masks are required to be worn in our school.