



South Carolina Kindergarten Registration Requirements

Registration Requirements:

(South Carolina Department of Education, Chapter 43, Statutory Authority: 59-5-60 and 1993 Act #135, The Early Childhood Development and Academic Assistance Act of 1993)

- You will need to provide a legal birth certificate issued by the Department of Health and Environmental Control or other appropriate authorized agency.
- Your child must meet the entrance age requirement.
 - Your child must be three if the program serves three-year-olds, or
 - Four years of age on or before September 1 of the applicable school year.
- You will need to provide a South Carolina Certificate of Immunization.
- You will need to provide a comprehensive health appraisal if deemed necessary or appropriate.
- Please note that local school districts may have further registration requirements. For example, some districts require proof of residence and other information prior to registration.
- You should contact your local school district for information on additional registration requirements. See <http://ed.sc.gov/schools/> for a list of your local school district.

Immunization Information:

- According to Jesse Greene, director of DHEC's Division of Immunization, immunization requirements include the varicella vaccine (chickenpox) for all children admitted to five-year-old kindergarten and first grade.
- However, if a child's medical record indicates a positive history of chickenpox, the immunization is not required but that history also must be recorded on the S.C. Certificate of Immunization.
- These certificates are available from local physicians who administer immunizations as well as local DHEC public health departments.
- Children entering the fourth and tenth grades must have begun the three-shot series of hepatitis B vaccine. Combined with previous requirements, this means that all children entering kindergarten through fourth, and seventh through tenth grades must have the hepatitis B vaccine.
- State law requiring the immunizations means "no shots, no school."
- For more information, call DHEC's toll-free immunization line at 1-800-27-SHOTS, or visit the DHEC website at <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/immunization/>.

(Source: South Carolina Department of Education, SCDHEC, 2014.)