

Will your child be turning 5 years old by August 31, 2019?

Yes, my child will be turning 5 years old by August 31, 2019

- Your child is eligible to register to start Kindergarten in Fall (September) 2019 in the Salem Public Schools (2019-20 school year)
- Follow the steps below to review and select your top three school choices and register your child for school
- The first round of Kindergarten applications (known as Batch 1) will be accepted starting in mid-January through March 1, 2019.
 - o Be sure to submit your application as early as possible (**by March 1st**) to increase your chance of assignment to one of your top choices
 - o If your child is a sibling of a current SPS elementary student, **you must apply by Feb 20th** to exercise the sibling priority option
 - o All applicants may opt-in to the Bentley Academy Charter School lottery in addition to selecting three other Salem schools (**March 1st is deadline**)

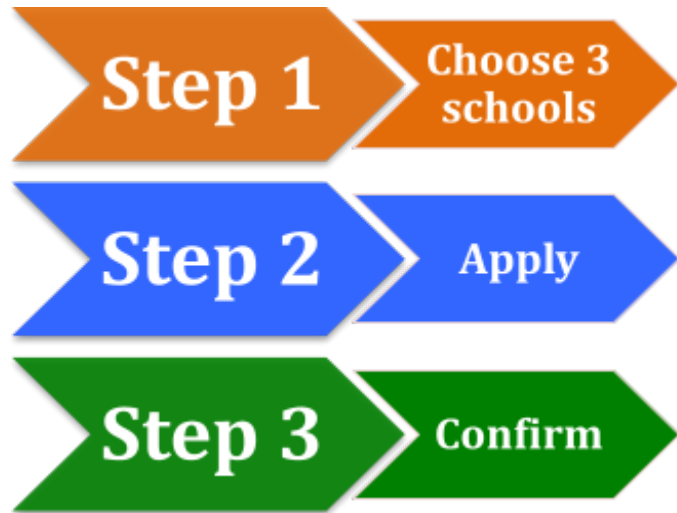
No, but my child will be turning 5 years old later in the year

- Your child is not eligible to start Kindergarten this fall. However, you have two options:
 1. Wait until next Fall. Kindergarten registration will begin in Jan 2020 for the 2021-21 school year
 2. Consider applying for your child to begin Kindergarten early at the Carlton Innovation School. Carlton accepts those who turn 5 by December 1 for entry in the Winter (Nov 2019) trimester or turn 5 by March 1 for entry in the Spring (March 2020) trimester. **NOTE: Spaces are limited – apply early – by March 1st if interested**

No, my child is only 3 or 4 yrs old

- SPS offers a limited number of spaces for both ½ and full day integrated programs for 3 and 4 year olds at the Salem Early Childhood Center (ECC). Please contact the ECC for tuition rates (tuition assistance may be available).

How do I register my child for Kindergarten in Salem Public Schools?



- Learn about available school options for your child
- Visit prospective schools
- Select your top 3 schools

- Complete and submit all student registration forms
- Submit all required documentation
- Apply as early as possible (more choices if submit by March 1st)

- Assignment policy criteria (see below) applied
- Wait for and receive assignment notification
- Confirm acceptance of seat as soon as possible

What criteria are used to assign students to schools?



What if I don't get into my first choice school?

- If your child is not assigned to your first or second choice school, you will automatically be put on a waiting list. Waiting lists are maintained through September 30th.