Welcome to Kindergarten:

A handbook for families



Together We Build...
Relationships, Learners, Leaders

Kindergarten - Important Dates 2026/2027

Pre-registration
Complete online pre-registration, for 2026 kindergarten students on our website: www.d52schools.com

Please contact the Lincoln Grade School office at 309-444-2326

Official District Online Registration Opens
All Lincoln Grade School families register online beginning Monday, July 13, 2026 including families with new kindergarten students

Student Registration Fees
Pay student registration fees through Skyward under Fee Management after Skyward registration is processed and complete.

Required Health Documents
Submit updated student health documents to LGS office

Please submit as early as possible, prior to August 13th, 2026

Transportation Information
Available in your students skyward account (available after registration in early August)

Classroom Teacher Assignment
Classroom Teacher Assignments Announced in August

These are posted and available on Skyward

School Opens
Thursday, August 13, 2026
Half Day of School 11:25 dismissal

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten is a special time when children are introduced to new learning experiences, friendships and environments. We are excited to have your child start his or her journey here at Lincoln Grade School District 52.

This booklet will answer questions regarding kindergarten basic classroom information, enrollment requirements, transportation information and more.

We look forward to getting to know your child and watching him or her learn and explore. Welcome to Lincoln Grade School District 52.



Enrollment Requirements

Age requirements: Children who are residents of the district and turn 5-years-old on or before September 1st the year of enrollment are eligible.

Pre-registration: Kindergarten Pre-registration begins on **Monday, February 2, 2026** at www.d52schools.com

Schedule screening: After you pre-register, call Lincoln Grade School at 309-444-2326 between the hours of 9 a.m and 2 p.m. to set up an appointment.

Documents required to pre-register

- ❏ Original Birth Certificate
- ❏ 2 Proofs of Residency
- ❏ Medical Requirements:
  - ❏ IL Eye Exam
  - ❏ IL Dental Exam
  - ❏ Physical with updated immunizations

Examples of **Proofs of Residency**:
(Provide Office with 1 POR from Category 1 and 1 POR from Category 2 **OR** 2 POR from Category 1)

Category 1	**Category 2**
o Mortgage Document (Homeowners)	o Driver's License or State Identification card
o Current Lease (signed and dated-Must include contact phone number for landlord)	o Paycheck or pay stub
o Property Tax Bill (most recent)	o Home/Rental Insurance Policy
o Most recent gas, electric or water bill listing current address	o Vehicle Insurance Card with address

Health Requirements

Before your child can begin Kindergarten

- **Physical Examination**:
  We accept the examination documents at any time upon screening or registration. **Please submit early** to assure your child has met the health requirements and any health issues are planned for in advance of school entry. Submit completed health exams to the school office at 303 Jackson Street. We accept proof of appointment for those unable to complete a health examination prior to the first day of school. **DUE before the start of school.**

- **Immunizations:**
  We accept the vaccine documents at any time upon screening or registration. **Please submit early** to assure your child has met the State of Illinois vaccine requirements. The month/day/year and the correct number of doses at the correct intervals must be verified by a health care provider. Additional immunization information is available on the District 52 website under the Parent tab. **Due before the start of school.**

- **Vision Examination:**
  We accept the examination documents at any time upon screening or registration. **Please submit early** to assure your child has met the vision requirements in advance of school entry. Submit completed vision exam to the school office at 303 Jackson Street. **Due before the start of school.**

- **Dental Examination:**
  We accept the examination documents at any time upon screening or registration. Please submit early to assure your child has met the dental requirements in advance of school entry. Submit to the school office at 303 Jackson Street. We accept proof of appointment for those unable to complete a dental exam prior to the first day of school. **Due before the start of school.**

  Please keep a copy of your child's health examination/immunization for your records.

Kindergarten Fees

Kindergarten fees will be $130 per student for the 2026-2027 school year. Fees will be assigned in Skyward after all proof of residency, medical and birth certificates are received and registration is complete.

Transportation

In most cases, students who live more than 1.5 miles from Lincoln will be provided bus service through D52 Transportation. If you have transportation changes throughout the school year, always contact the LGS Office at 309-444-2326. They will notify the classroom teacher.

Extra Care Program

ECP provides quality care to your child before and after school. Please contact Jennifer Davenport at (309) 444-2326 or d52jdave@d52schools.com if you are interested.



Tips To Prepare Your Child For School

- Speak positively about school so your child is excited about starting kindergarten and learning new things
- Help your child be more independent with meals, using the bathroom, zipping jackets, putting on and tying shoes
- Practice with your child to learn basic numbers and letters and how to write his or her first name
- Encourage your child to express wants or needs and to be a good listener and friend
- Review transportation routines with your child so he or she is familiar with how they will get to and from school
- Make home a place for learning. Designate a spot to do school activities with your child after school



Kindergarten Core Curriculum

Lincoln Grade School District 52's kindergarten core curriculum is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards. For more information about the standards or materials used for kindergarten instruction, please see the District 52 website under Curriculum.

Literacy (Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening):
District 52 follows a Structured Literacy Framework for Grades K-8. The IL English Language Arts Standards are used for instruction and practices rooted in the Science of Reading to teach literacy at the Kindergarten level. In Kindergarten, topics in Science and Social Studies are integrated into literacy instruction. Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, and Handwriting are explicitly taught as part of the core literacy instruction in Kindergarten.

Mathematics:
District 52 uses the IL Learning Standards to teach Mathematics to students in Grades K-8. Kindergarten uses the *Illustrative Math* Curriculum. The Math Content Standards for Kindergarten include Counting and Cardinality, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Number and Operations in Base Ten, Measurement and Data, and Geometry. In Kindergarten, some of these skills are integrated into daily Calendar activities.

Social/Emotional:
District 52 addresses the IL Social Emotional Standards using the *Second Step* curriculum in Grades K-8. With age-appropriate lessons, the *Second Step* Program for K-5 features catchy songs, fun games, and other engaging activities that develop social-emotional skills. Children learn how to make friends, manage their emotions, solve problems, and deal with peer pressure. These lessons are taught a few times per week. To further develop social skills, Kindergarten classes have scheduled social centers/play time at the end of each day.

Specials:
Students in Kindergarten participate in PE each day. They have Art and Library once per week and Music twice per week. They have STEM once a week for one trimester.

Technology:
Students have access to Chromebooks in District 52. In addition, Kindergarten classes have a small set of tablets that are used for literacy stations. Kindergarten teachers utilize *Seesaw* to communicate with parents on a regular basis.

Kindergarten Timeline

February: Kindergarten Pre-Registration

March-May: Submit paperwork to the LGS office. Office hours are M-F from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

July: District-wide registration opens on July 14 for all incoming students grades K-8.

August: Kindergarten Orientation

- Tuesday, August 11, 2026 6-7 p.m.

Meet the Teacher Night

- Wednesday, August 12, 2026 5:00-6:30 p.m.

First Day of School

- Thursday, August 13, 2026 ~8:25am-11:25am-early dismissal
- No busing for Kindergarteners

Kindergarten shortened day

- Friday, August 14, 2026 8:25 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Busing will be available



Frequently Asked Health Questions

When do I keep my child home from school?

- **Fever:** Keep your child home for a period of 24 hours after the fever has passed, without fever reducing medications.
- **Vomiting or diarrhea:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the symptoms have stopped.
- **Communicable disease:** Keep your child home for a period of 24 hours of antibiotic treatment or after the contagious period for the illness is over. This time frame may be longer for more serious communicable diseases.
- **Report illness symptoms completely** on the attendance line at school.

When will my child be sent home from school?

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or greater
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Unidentified skin rash
- Communicable illness suspected: pink eye, strep throat, chicken pox, impetigo, whooping cough, or other.
- Injury and/or illness requiring medical attention
- Other as decided upon by the nurse and parent/guardian

If my child takes medication, what do I do?

District 52 believes that prescription and nonprescription medication should be administered in the home. However, if it is in the best educational and health interest of the child to take prescribed medication during the school day, then a Medication Authorization Form must be completed. This pertains to all mediations (prescription, over the counter, and emergency). You may obtain the medication form at the district website in the medical corner under the Parent tab. **Medication must be brought to the school by the parent or guardian in the original container.**

How do I make changes for emergency contacts and health information?

It is frightening for an ill or injured child when we are unable to reach a parent or guardian. Emergency contacts and parent phone numbers can be added during registration in Skyward. If changes need to be made after registration is submitted please contact the school's office. Also, **please notify the office/nurse** regarding changes in your child's health condition or medication, so that we can best meet his/her health needs at school.

For more information, visit
www.d52schools.com