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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to invite you to register your child for kindergarten! In order to enter kindergarten, your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2024. Bristol Public Schools makes it easy for you to register through its Central Registration Office at 129 Church Street in Bristol or online by using this link, [Kindergarten Registration - Bristol Public Schools](#).

If your child will not be five years old by September 1, 2024, there is a waiver process to request if you would like your child to enroll in school early. If you request a waiver, an assessment of your child's academic, social, behavioral, health, and communication skills will be scheduled. Bristol Public Schools will work together with all families to ensure you have the best option available to them. Please contact your school principal for more information.

To determine which school your child will attend, please use this [interactive map](#) to determine your school assignment.

Registration for kindergarten is a two-step process.

- STEP ONE - upload documents, including proof of identity, proof of your child's identity, and proof of residency. Specific documents that Bristol requires are listed on the website.
- STEP TWO - obtain medical clearance prior to the first day of in-person school. You will need to upload your child's medical information to the online registration form or submit it to the Bristol-Burlington Health District via email at [BBHDSchoolHealth@bristolct.gov](mailto:BBHDSchoolHealth@bristolct.gov) or fax to Liz McGuire, RN - School Health Services Coordinator at 860-584-3814. Your child's healthcare provider can send medical information via fax to the attention of Liz McGuire - Bristol-Burlington Health District. Parents will be contacted directly if there are any questions or concerns about the medical information submitted.

Transitioning to Kindergarten is an exciting time, to help your child transition with confidence, please consider the following suggestions:

- Read to your child EVERY day. Make it fun and interesting!
- Visit your local library. Our public libraries have numerous events available for families.
- Engage in conversations with your child asking them "who, what, where, when, and why" questions and encourage your child to respond with more than a "yes" and "no" answer.
- Have your child read environmental print (i.e., identify road signs, store names, cereal boxes, etc.)
- Playing pretend is a great way to let your child take on roles such as teacher, nurse, doctor, etc.
- Encourage play dates, to support play with others, collaboration, and sharing.

We are excited to welcome you and your family to our Bristol Public Schools family. All students enrolled in Kindergarten prior to April 30, 2024, will receive an invitation to your assigned school's kindergarten orientation in May 2024.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine M. Carbone".

Catherine Carbone, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools