

# TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

Too often, preparation for kindergarten does not begin until a month or two just before kindergarten begins. However, transition to kindergarten is a process that is most successful when it is carefully planned out over the entire pre-kindergarten year. Whether a child is in preschool, child care, or spending time with parents or caregivers at home, there are many ways to make the transition to kindergarten successful for children and for their families.

The year before kindergarten is also the time for parents and teachers to think about a child's strengths, talents, weaknesses, and personality as well as how that information will be passed on to the child's new school. Social skills such as feeling comfortable in a group, asking for help when it's needed and knowing personal information (such as name, age, gender) are important skills for young children to develop as they get ready for school.

This first step is to identify the school district for your home. Usually based on your county, visit their website and input your home address. Your home school will come up. Check with your local district for their requirements.

You *may* be asked to provide the following:

- Proof of your child's age and identity: either a birth certificate or another reliable document stating the child's
  identity and age (such as a passport, school ID card, school record, report card, military ID, hospital birth record,
  adoption record or baptismal certificate). If you need another copy of your child's birth certificate, see Vital
  Records Information.
- Proof of residence, such as a driver's license, voter/motor registration card, utility bill, rent statement, income tax return statement, proof of home ownership (including a mortgage statement) or any official document showing both your name and address.
- Records of vaccination and immunization against specified diseases. Check with your school district to find out which immunizations are required.

#### **CHARTER SCHOOLS IN ATLANTA**

#### **Atlanta Classical Academy**

3260 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30305 (404) 369-3500 atlantaclassical.org

#### **Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School**

688 Grant Street, Atlanta, GA 30315 (404) 624-6226 atlncs.org

#### **Atlanta Heights Charter School**

3712 M.L.K. Jr Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30331 (404) 472-3003 | nhaschools.com/schools/atlantaheights

#### **Charles Drew Charter School**

301 E Lake Blvd SE, Atlanta, GA 30317 (404) 687-0001 | drewcharterschool.org

### **Kindezi Schools**

386 Pine Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 404-719-4005 | kindezi.org

Kipp Charter Schools | kippmetroatlanta.org

## **Wesley International Academy**

211 Memorial Drive Atlanta, GA 30312 (678) 904-9137 wesleyacademy.org

### **Westside Atlanta Charter School**

1903 Drew Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30318 (404) 228-9678 | wacs.us

### **CHARTER SCHOOLS IN AVONDALE**

### **Museum School**

923 Forrest Blvd.
Decatur GA 30030
(404) 289- 0320 | themuseumschool.org

### **CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DEKALB**

### **DeKalb Preparatory Academy**

1402 Austin Drive Decatur, GA 30032 (404) 937-2000 dekalbprep.org

### **DeKalb Academy of Technology**

1492 Kelton Drive Stone Mountain, GA 30083 (678) 999-9290 | dekalbacademy.org/

### **Ivy Prep Academy**

1807 Memorial Drive SE Atlanta, GA 30317 (404) 622-2727 | ipa.ivyprepacademy.org/