



Levittown Public Schools
Success for Every Student



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN



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The First Day of Kindergarten

I used to be little, but not anymore,
Tomorrow I'll get up and walk out the door.
I'm going to Kindergarten--it's the first time for
me.
It's great to be big, but I'm scared as can be.
My tummy's in knots. You want to know why?
I'm thinking that maybe, just maybe I'll cry.
When Dad leaves the school and I'm there all alone,
I'm thinking that maybe I'll want to go home.
But wait--Mommy said I'll play lots of new games,
And meet lots of friends--I can learn all their names.
The first day of Kindergarten, oh there's so much to
do!
There's painting and books and a big playground, too!
I used to be little, but not anymore.
Tomorrow I'll get up and walk out the door.
I'm going to Kindergarten--it's my first day, you see.
It's great to be big! I'm so glad that I'm me.



HEALTH SERVICES

The major emphasis of school health services is to assist all pupils to function at their highest level of health in order to obtain maximum benefits from their educational program. The primary role of the registered nurse in the schools is to provide health services to the children. Following are some of the services, other than first aid, which are provided by the school nurse, and the general policies of the school's health office.

SCREENING PROCEDURES: In addition to the height and weight screening that takes place each year, children are also screened as follows:

- K: hearing, vision, depth & color perception
- 1: hearing, vision
- 2: hearing, vision
- 3: hearing, vision
- 4: hearing, vision
- 5: hearing, vision & scoliosis

PHYSICALS: New York state law mandates that each child entering a new school district and in grades K, 2, 4, 7, and 10 have an annual physical exam. You may have this done by your private physician or by the school doctor. If your child has not returned the physical exam report by October 1, he/she will be scheduled to have a physical done by the school doctor. Physical exam forms will be sent home at the end of the school year.

EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEETS: Should your child become ill or injured in school, or should an emergency occur, we will need to contact you. Please be sure we have parents' business numbers, child caretaker's name and number (if applicable) and the names and telephone numbers of two people nearby with transportation who would care for your child should the need occur. We can only release your child to the people you have designated on the emergency card.

ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN ILLNESS: In case of accident, first aid will be administered and the parent contacted. Please remember that New York State law prohibits diagnosis or treatment by school health personnel.

MEDICATIONS: If your child is required to take medication during the school year, please provide a consent form, signed by you and your doctor. The medication must be in its original container, stating:

- (1) the patient's name
- (2) the name of the medication
- (3) times to be given, and
- (4) dosage

The medication should be delivered directly to the school nurse by the parent. No medication will be accepted from the student. **This policy must be strictly enforced.**

ABSENCES: Please call the health office of your school between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M. and leave a message on the voicemail if your child will be absent for the day. If he/she has a communicable disease—strep throat, chicken pox, etc.— please notify the health office as soon as possible, as that information must be reported to the Nassau County Department of Health on a monthly basis. No children's names are used in that monthly report.

EXCUSES FROM GYM OR OUTDOOR PLAY: A doctor's note is necessary for your child to be excused from gym or outdoor play.



OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Abbey Lane School

239 Gardiners Avenue, Levittown, NY 11756

(516) 434-7400

Principal: Dr. George Maurer

School Nurse: Ms. Karen Gallo

East Broadway School

751 Seamans Neck Road, Seaford, NY 11783

(516) 434-7425

Principal: Mrs. Jeanmarie Wink

School Nurse: Ms. Janet Cohen

Gardiners Avenue School

610 Gardiners Avenue, Levittown, NY 11756

(516) 434-7450

Principal: Mr. Jared Vanderbeck

School Nurse: Ms. Diane Bowles

Lee Road School

901 Lee Road, Wantagh, NY 11793

(516) 434-7475

Principal: Mr. Anthony Goss

School Nurse: Ms. Joanne Kusky

Northside School

35 Pelican Road, Levittown, NY 11756

(516) 434-7500

Principal: Mr. Frank Mortillaro

School Nurse: Ms. Cara Rutzel

Summit Lane School

4 Summit Lane, Levittown, NY 11756

(516) 434-7525

Principal: Mr. Keith Squillacioti

School Nurse: Ms. Jean Jannetti

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Before entering kindergarten each child is evaluated individually by a staff of school specialists. The aim of this evaluation is to determine the child's readiness for school and to identify whether or not further assessment is needed to assure appropriate placement. Each child is assessed in the following areas; gross and fine motor development (gym teacher and classroom teacher), conceptual development (school psychologist), communication skills (speech specialist), and hearing and vision (school nurse). The instrument used is called the Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning 4th Edition (DIAL-IV).

If this first "DIAL" Screening indicates that your child may need additional services (see below), follow-up testing will take place. In the event that these additional tests are warranted, you will be contacted.

SPEECH SERVICES: Speech refers to the production of sounds. A baby begins practicing sounds with his first gurgles and coos, then steadily progresses until he has mastered all sounds by about age 7. Articulation disorders can range from mild (one or two sound errors) to severe (multiple sound errors resulting in unintelligible speech).

Language refers to both the understanding and usage of spoken language. Language development is a complex process. Some examples of behaviors that may indicate a language problem would be difficulty understanding verbal directions, difficulty "finding" words, difficulty putting thoughts into words or minimal verbal expression.

Speech and language skills play an important role in the child's learning experience. The acquisition of speech and language skills is a developmental process and each child will progress slowly or rapidly according to his/her pace.

As part of the DIAL Screening, your child will be seen by the speech/language therapist. Depending on the results of the screening, further testing may or may not be necessary.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES: If a language other than English is noted on the Home Language Survey, the ELL determination process will begin. The NYSITELL exam may be administered. NYS requires that this test be administered whenever a student's ability to learn may be compromised due to lack of sufficient understanding of the English language. Students who do not score Proficient on this test will receive ENL (English as a New Language) services pursuant to NYS Law Part 154. Parents may not "opt out" of ENL services.



TRANSPORTATION

ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS (if student is eligible for a bus):

Children are picked up and dropped off at the designated bus stop.

Transportation Telephone Number: (516) 434-7585



RELEVANT DISTRICT POLICIES

AGE OF ENTRY: A child must be five (5) years of age on or before December 1st to be eligible for admission to Kindergarten in September of a given school year.

IMMUNIZATIONS: NYS law requires that children are immunized before they may enter school. Following are all the immunizations required for entry into Kindergarten :

<u>Immunization</u>	<u>Amount of doses</u>
Polio	4
Diphtheria	5
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 for K
Hepatitis B	3
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	2
HIB	3 (preschool only)
Prevnar	1 (preschool only)

CLASS ASSIGNMENT: Although every effort will be made to accommodate the request of parents when making class assignments, we cannot guarantee that your request will be granted. Class Assignments are sent out the end of August.

REPORTING PROGRAM: Report cards will be issued three times during the school year.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: One will be scheduled per year for each student. Additional conferences may be held before or after the regularly scheduled conference, if either the parent or teacher makes such a request.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS: 9:10am to 3:28 pm

