

Students entering public school kindergarten in Transylvania County shall be five years old on or before August 31 of that year. They must be presented for enrollment during the first 120 days of the school year. The initial point of entry shall be at the kindergarten level unless otherwise determined by the school principal/designee.

Students entering Transylvania County Schools shall meet all state and local requirements pertaining to first-time enrollees or transfers. All students initially entering, transferring to, or receiving services on any campus in the Transylvania County School System shall, within 30 calendar days of enrollment or the beginning of any service, submit the following items:

1. ~~The principal shall have the authority to require the parents/guardians of any child presented for admission for the first time to furnish a certified copy of the birth certificate of such child or other satisfactory evidence of date of birth.~~ A certified copy of the child's birth certificate, which shall be furnished by the register of deeds of the county having on file the record of the birth of the child, or other satisfactory evidence of the child's date of birth. School authorities may accept only competent and verifiable evidence as secondary proof of age, specifically including but not limited to (1) a certified copy of any medical record of the child's birth issued by the treating physician or the hospital in which the child was born, or (2) a certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a church, mosque, temple, or other religious institution that maintains birth records of its members.
2. A current up-to-date copy of the student's immunization record.
3. The Kindergarten Health Assessment Report when applicable. This Health Assessment Report must be completed within 12 months prior to the date of school entry.
4. A completed Home Language Survey.

All parents/guardians enrolling their child for the first time into Transylvania County Schools shall complete the Educational Residency Affidavit/Disciplinary Status Affidavit form. The parent/guardian of a student transferring within the county shall be required to fill out the Educational Residency Affidavit/Disciplinary Status Affidavit at their new school. Parents/guardians refusing to complete this form may be subject to tuition/local funding fees. The section of this form dealing with suspension/expulsion is not required of a student who has never been enrolled in or attended another private or public school in this or any other state.

School officials with questions about medical or religious exemptions and/or exceptions to specific immunizations required should refer to the North Carolina's Immunization Rules (15A N.C.A.C. 19A.0400) or call the Transylvania County Health Department.

Failure to submit all required documents within 30 calendar days of enrollment shall result in the suspension of the student from the school until all documents are on file at the school. Students considered homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act cannot be suspended within this time frame.

Legal references: ~~G.S. N. C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-364~~; ~~G.S. N. C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-440~~; ~~G.S. N. C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-152 through 156~~ **157**; 15A N.C.A.C. 19A.0400

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