Hagar Township S/D #6
Riverside School

Riverside Hagar #6 School Kindergarten Student Information

Riverside Hagar Township School District #6
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Please Fax, Mail In, or Drop Off the completed forms as soon as possible

Students Name:
_____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian
Name(s):_____

Phone: _____

Current Address:

_____
Street City/State Zip

Email Address:_____

School District Your Address Resides In:_____

School District Currently Enrolled At: _____

Pre-School Information

My child attended a pre-kindergarten program. ___ Yes ___ No

*If yes, please specify below:

___ Head Start
___ Private Preschool
___ Childcare in a Home Setting
___ Public Preschool
___ Childcare in a Public Setting
___ GSRP
___ Other: _____

Welcome to Kindergarten Round-Up!

Children who will be five years old by **September 1st, 2026** are eligible to sign up for our 2026-2027 kindergarten program! In some cases students that are five by Dec. 1st may start kindergarten. Please call an inquire.

You will need to provide the following items **BEFORE** the school year begins:

1. Your child's **birth certificate** with the embossed seal from the country your child was born in.
2. Your child's **shots up to date**, and the **health appraisal form filled out** by their physician.
3. Your child's completed **vision, dental,** and **hearing test** BEFORE enrollment. Please contact the Berrien County Health Department or physician for this.
4. Proof of residency:

a. IF A RESIDENT of Riverside, we need a **copy of three documents confirming your in district address** (driver's license, bills, etc.)

b. IF NOT A RESIDENT, a **completed school of choice form**.

- Immunizations: Public Health officials provide and distribute immunizations against vaccine preventable diseases.
- Location of Services: Berrien County Health Department Offices
- Target Group: Berrien County Residents
- Eligibility Requirements: None
- Contact Person: Ask for the nurse in charge of the Immunization Clinic
    - Benton Harbor – 269-927-5638
    - Niles – 269-684-2800 ext. 6510
    - Three Oaks – 269-756-2008

What can I do between now and the first day of school to help my child be prepared?

1. Have a firm understanding of some pre-k basics such as:

a. Knowing/recognizing colors.

b. Knowing/recognizing/being able to count numbers up to 20.

c. Knowing/recognizing all letters in the alphabet both uppercase and lowercase (we focus on the sounds the letters make and writing them correctly in kindergarten but early practice does not hurt.

d. Knowing how to write their name (first and last).

e. Knowing how to draw a basic picture without scribbling/staying in the lines.

2. Read books together. While reading, follow the words in each sentence with your finger. It is important for your child to know where to begin reading on a page (top), that we read the entire left page before going to the right page, and to follow the words from left to right.

3. Make frequent trips to the library with your child so that they feel comfortable in that environment and know how to act while in the library. We will be going to the St. Joseph Public library during our library times.

4. Keep a journal at home where they feel comfortable drawing pictures to describe how they are feeling, what they are thinking, what they have learned, or what they are interested in.

5. Become introduced to technology. We use chromebooks in our classroom learning environment. It is best to come to school at the beginning of the year with a respect and basic understanding of how to use these items. If you do not have tech in your home, do not feel as though you need to get one.

We will learn a lot this year and having these steps completed before the school year begins will allow your child to feel more confident in their learning abilities.

Dental Screening

Did you know dental screenings are now required for all children before they start kindergarten? It's part of the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment law signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in December 2023. **The dental assessment joins vision and hearing screens as requirements for all Michigan students entering kindergarten**.

Early dental screenings can prevent tooth decay, dental pain and infections as well as identify chronic conditions and bite problems. Children entering school with undiagnosed dental problems can have trouble learning and more absences. To avoid problems and make sure children entering school are ready to learn, it is important they get a dental screening by a professional before starting kindergarten.

Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) is providing assessments free of charge; no dental insurance is needed.

Early dental screenings are beneficial to your child's health to:

- Prevent tooth decay, which can lead to pain and infections
- Detect chronic health conditions
- Identify bite issues
- Reduce dental anxiety
- Learn more about oral hygiene

Parents and guardians can expect the assessment to include a registered dental hygienist briefly looking at the child's teeth and gums then simply noting any findings. There will be no treatment or dental cleaning performed during the painless visit, which should take approximately 5 minutes. These dental screenings are provided in partnership with Van Buren/Cass County District Health Department.

Students Required to Receive Dental Assessment:

- Prekindergarten
- New Students to Michigan

PREFER YOUR OWN DENTAL PROVIDER?

For those who prefer to see their established dental provider, please have your dentist fill out this Certificate of Dental Screening - MDHHS-6280 (DOCX). Return the form to the school the child is attending. Form available at: https://www.berriencounty.org/1965/Dental-Screening

Free Dental Hearing and Vision **Kindergarten / Preschool** Public Clinic Schedule 2026

Appointments are required.*No appointments required for the Back to School Bash event.

Location	Date	Time
Brandywine B.I.A. 1830 South 3rd Street, Niles, MI 49120	June 8, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:30 to 4:30
Hollywood Elementary 143 W. John Beers Rd, Stevensville, MI 49127	June 9, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:30 to 4:30
Roosevelt Elementary 2000 Eldorado Dr, Stevensville, MI 49127	June 15, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:30 to 4:30
Benton Charter Township Hall 1725 Territorial Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022	June 23, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:30 to 4:30
Coloma Junior High School 302 W St. Joseph St, Coloma, MI 49038	June 30, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:30 to 4:30
Lybrook Elementary School 6238 W. Main St, Eau Claire, MI 49111	July 28, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:30 to 4:30
Northside Niles 2020 N. 5th St, Niles, MI 49120	August 10, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:30 to 4:30
Stewart Elementary School 2750 Orchard Ln, Stevensville, MI 49127	August 13, 2026	8:30 to 12 1:00 to 4:30
Benton Harbor Back to School Bash* 2149 East Napier Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022	August 25, 2026	8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Niles Back to School Bash* 1205 Front Street, Niles, MI 49120	August 27, 2026	8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Questions?

Hearing and Vision questions please reach out to our coordinator Melisa at 269.926.7121, ext. 5293.

Dental questions please reach out to Emily Flowers, RDH at 269.621.3143, ext. 1337.

<u>Vaccinations for Riverside School:</u> Consent for Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information and Immunization Information to Local and State Health Departments

Immunizations are an important part of keeping our children healthy. To enroll your child in school, your child must have all the above immunizations on file in your child's educational record or an immunization exemption form.

Schools, State, and Local health departments must monitor immunization levels to ensure that all communities are protected from potentially life threatening diseases and, if necessary, respond promptly to an emerging public health threat. It is important that disease threats be minimized through the monitoring of students being immunized. Sharing information and personally identifiable information including the student's name, date of birth, gender, and address with local and state health departments will help to keep your child safe from vaccine preventable diseases. The (FERPA) Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, requires written parental consent before personally identifiable information and immunization information from your child's educational records are disclosed to the health departments. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the Riverside principal.

___ I authorize Riverside School to release my child's immunization record and personally identifiable information to both the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Local Health Department. I understand that this information will be used to improve the quality and timeliness of immunization services and help Riverside comply with Michigan law. This includes any immunization information and limited personally identifiable information from the school.

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Student Name DOB

_____ _____
Parent Name DOB

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date