

School Readiness Transition Plan 2015-2016

The Greater Latrobe School District partners with local preschool providers and the United Way of Westmoreland County to provide meaningful activities to assure a seamless transition for our students entering kindergarten.

Each year, representatives from the school district and local preschool providers meet to develop a Transition Plan for our incoming kindergarten students and their families. The plan is designed to allow for interaction with the parents and the district, the home school building and the families, and the kindergarten classroom teachers and the incoming students.

When registration for kindergarten opens, letters are sent home to parents, informing them of the registration process. There is an online registration process which is completed on the district's website. After that, parents will be invited to the Center for Student Creativity at the Senior High School complex to complete the paperwork that is needed (birth certificate, proof of residence, and immunization records) to finalize the registration process.

Parents are invited to a Parent Information Night in February at the Center for Student Creativity to learn about the kindergarten program at a district level.

There is a Family Story Night which will take place in each elementary building in March. This activity gives the families an opportunity to come into the elementary buildings and meet the teachers and see parts of the building.

Kindergarten Screening takes place in April. The screening is brief and designed to address very basic foundational skills in reading and math. The results are shared with parents. This provides good information when creating homeroom groups for the upcoming school year.

In the month of May, incoming kindergartens students are invited to school for a visit during the day. They spend a half hour in a kindergarten classroom and take a half hour tour of the building.

Just before school is scheduled to start in the fall, the incoming kindergarten students will be invited to a Meet and Greet Night on the playground at the school and they will meet their teacher and the students in their classroom.

All of these activities are designed to help the children and their families feel comfortable by the start of the new school year!