

Newton County STEAM Academy 2024-2025 Kindergarten Application Information

- Applications for students entering Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted on the NCSA website on Friday, March 1, 2024, and will be accepted in-person only on the following dates:
 - Thursday, March 14, 2024, from 3:00 – 6:00 pm
 - Friday, March 15, 2024 (early release day), from 12:00 – 3:00 pm
- Parents must submit the completed application along with all required documentation during the acceptance window.
- ***Applications will not be accepted after 3:00 pm on Friday, March 15, 2024.***
- A lottery for open Kindergarten seats is scheduled for 10:00 am on Friday, March 29, 2024, via livestream. Parents will be notified via email of their student's acceptance or placement on a waiting list by April 30, 2024.

Kindergarten Academic & Behavior Entrance Requirements

- ❖ There are no academic entrance requirements for students applying for kindergarten.
- ❖ Students must have zero out-of-school suspensions and have never been expelled.
- ❖ Students may have no more than two detentions or in-school suspension/time-out referrals.

Faxed, emailed, late, incomplete, or unsigned applications will not be accepted.

Two Proofs of Residency: Acceptable Proofs of Newton County Residency MUST be:

- (1) a signed lease or rental agreement, deed, monthly mortgage statement or current property tax bill AND
- (2) at least one current utility bill (gas, electric or water bill only)

****The name(s) on the proof of residency MUST be the parent named on the birth certificate or designated as the official guardian on the official court paperwork. If the proof of residency is in the name of a stepparent, a marriage certificate MUST be presented that proves the stepparent and official parent/guardian are married. ****

Parent/Guardian Photo ID

Proof of Custody/Guardianship *See explanation below*****

Certified copy of Student's Birth Certificate

Social Security Card or Signed waiver

Immunization Record – GA Form 3231

GA Eye, Ear & Dental Form 3300 – All sections must be completed

Special Education (IEP) or 504 Records for students receiving these services

Certified Discipline Report from current School or Pre-School Center/Learning Center on Letterhead and signed by the school Principal, Director, or designee must be hand delivered in a sealed envelope along with the completed application *A Discipline Report is required for ALL applicants even if there is no history of disciplinary infractions (This does not apply to homeschooled applicants)*

- The person applying for the student MUST be the parent named on the birth certificate unless official guardianship papers are presented. **** "Notarized letters" will NOT be accepted in lieu of official court mandated guardianship papers.*
- In the case of divorced parents, only the parent who has "primary physical custody" as designated in the final divorce decree will be permitted to apply for the student. ****A final divorce decree MUST be presented with the application.*

Completed applications and required documentation must be hand delivered by the parent/legal guardian or designee to Newton County STEAM Academy located at 10245 Eagle Drive Covington, GA 30014 during the designated dates and times listed below:

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Please contact the front office at 770-784-2959 if you have any questions