

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If your child turns five before August 1, 2021 follow these steps for kindergarten registration:

- **For full day kindergarten:** Submit your full day kindergarten request form online at strongnet.org beginning January 14, 2021 at 8:00 am. This form lets the district know you are interested in full day kindergarten (FDK). **IT DOES NOT REGISTER YOUR STUDENT FOR SCHOOL.**
- **For full day kindergarten:** After submitting your FDK request form, pay your \$300 deposit by January 22 at 4:00 pm to hold your position in line.
- **For full day kindergarten and half day kindergarten:** **Between February 10 and by March 12, 2021**, go to our website, www.strongnet.org and click on the kindergarten registration link to complete the online registration. Online registration should be completed by March 12.
- **For full day kindergarten and half day kindergarten:** Upload the required documents (listed below) onto the registration site or email the documents to skochheiser@scsmustangs.org.

THERE ARE NO IN PERSON APPOINTMENTS NEEDED TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN.

The following documents are required for registration:

1. Certified **birth certificate** or baptismal certificate; **AND, if the student was not born in the US provide;**
2. **Passport/VISA or green card** for the child and parents (provide a copy of the photo page on the Passport for the student and parents, and also provide a copy of the VISA photo page and the page displaying the entry stamp for the student);
3. **Proof of Residency**-a current utility bill in the parent/guardian's name (gas, electric, water, sewer, or cable); or a lease signed by the parent/guardian and landlord; or a purchase agreement signed by the parent/guardian and seller; or, if the parent/guardian does not have a utility bill in his/her name, a notarized residency affidavit (available for printing during online registration) **and** a utility bill from the person the parent/guardian is living with is required. **A cell phone bill is not acceptable;**
4. **Immunization record;**
5. **Certified verification of legal custody/guardianship**-If the child is not living with both biological parents, provide a certified copy of the Divorce Decree/Dissolution AND Shared Parenting Plan, if applicable; or provide a certified Judgment Entry showing custody. **A certified copy has a stamp showing it has been filed with the court and is signed by a judge.**

Students who attend Strongsville Early Learning Preschool on Lunn Road or at Chapman Elementary School will receive information from the Preschool regarding kindergarten registration and **do not need to do an online registration.** However, if you are **requesting full day kindergarten**, an intent form and payment must be submitted.

Students who turn five after August 1, 2021 must be tested for early entrance to kindergarten and do not need to complete an online registration. Call Brenda Rosala (440)572-7015 to schedule testing for early entrance.

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We at Strongsville City Schools look forward to welcoming your child to kindergarten and forming an educational partnership with you and your family. Some of the first concerns of parents are the kinds of testing your child will have in kindergarten in the fall as well as how to prepare your child for kindergarten.

In response to testing, we will assess each student with Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) during the months of August-October. This child-friendly test is **not** a barrier to kindergarten entry. Rather, the results provide information for teachers and families by identifying individual strengths and educational needs of each child. Results will help pinpoint where each child is with motor development, language and literacy skills, and basics in mathematics, science, social studies, and social development. Students will not experience the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment as a test. Instead, the assessment will be a combination of teacher observations of everyday activities, responses to questions, and other classroom activities. The KRA measures skills that are typically taught in preschool or learned at home. For more information on this assessment, please visit: <http://education.ohio.gov/KRA> and click on the section **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment for Families.**

How do you know if your child is prepared to enter kindergarten? For guidance, please see the attached family support reference sheet created by the Ohio Department of Education which contains helpful tips on ways to support your child. Also, the suggestions below can help serve as guidelines. But please remember, young children change so quickly! If they cannot do something this week, you may see them successfully complete it just a few weeks later. An additional informative and educational website with resources you may want to visit is www.getreadytoread.org.

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The National Association of Elementary School Principals offers the following pointers to help your child make a smooth transition to kindergarten:

- 1. Make “friends” with the school. Attend orientations and take your child to the school playground during the summer.*
- 2. Help your child to practice sharing, waiting, and communicating with words. Explain that crying, hitting, and temper tantrums are not acceptable behaviors in school.*
- 3. Assist in practicing good listening skills. Being able to follow instructions is an important skill.*
- 4. Who am I? Kindergarteners should know their first and last names, those of their parents or caregivers, along with phone numbers and addresses.*
- 5. Your child should be able to zip, snap, tie, button, and be able to attend to bathroom needs independently.*
- 6. Reading readiness is an important skill that starts with letter recognition and phonics. Knowledge of shapes, colors, and simple counting is important. Reading together and simple counting games are good ways to help your child prepare.*
- 7. A child’s bedtime should be adjusted at least a week prior to the start of school.*

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you and your child in the upcoming school year and beyond. Please feel free to contact me at 440-572-7015 or Eringreen@scsmustangs.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Erin Green

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Director of Curriculum



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

In order to attend Kindergarten, Ohio law sections 3313.671, 3701.13 and 5104 (E) of the Ohio Revised Code requires the following immunizations prior to the start of school:

- ✓ **Five (5) DTP - (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)** – If the 4th dose was administered prior to the 4th birthday.
- ✓ **Four (4) Polio** - The 4th dose **must be** administered on or after the 4th birthday.
- ✓ **Three (3) Hepatitis B** - If your child has not have this vaccine, please make arrangements to begin the series as soon as possible as it takes six (6) months to complete the series.
- ✓ **Two (2) MMR - (measles, mumps, rubella)** - The first dose must have been received on or after the student's 1st birthday. The second dose must be received before entering kindergarten.
- ✓ **Two (2) Varicella- (chicken pox)**

According to section 3313.671, on the 15th day after school entrance, it will be necessary to exclude all pupils from school who do not meet the above requirements.

*Note: Exemptions are provided for under the law, call for more information.

****Please bring your child's immunization record to kindergarten registration
Or fax to 440.846.3226 or email to lkonopinski@scsmustangs.org***



*Medical authorities and school educators urge that every child
have a complete medical examination before entering school.*

**Strongsville City Schools
School Health Services**
18199 Cook Ave. Strongsville, OH 44136
Call 440-846-4137 Fax 440-846-3226



BUS REGULATIONS

Strongsville City Schools

TRANSPORTATION

Half day kindergarten students attending their assigned building who live on a non-busing street will be provided transportation at the midday dismissal for am kindergarten, and at the afternoon start for pm kindergarten. Full day kindergarten students that live on a non-busing street will not be provided transportation.

If a parent chooses, and is able to change the kindergarten building or session their student is assigned to, **NO TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Students that use a babysitter service must observe the following guidelines:

- A Babysitter Form must be filed with the Transportation Department.
- The sitter must be in the school's attendance boundary and must be in the same session for midday transportation.
- Full day students **and** babysitters will use existing stop locations.

GENERAL SAFETY PRACTICE

1. Keep children away from the street except when walking to or from school or the bus stop.
2. Look both ways before crossing the street.
3. Cross at the cross walks.
4. Instruct your children never to accept rides from strangers.
5. Instruct your children in all the normal precautions you take yourself.

BOARDING THE BUS-ON THE ROAD AND AT SCHOOL

1. You can help the driver maintain the schedule by arriving five minutes before the scheduled stop time. Prior to loading, keep a safe distance from the bus.
2. Look both ways before crossing the street.
3. Do not move toward the bus from your **place of safety** until it comes to a complete stop. Wait for the bus driver to signal.
4. Walk quickly. You may be holding up traffic.
5. Do not push or crowd when getting on or off the bus.
6. Move quietly, quickly, and carefully.

CONDUCT ON THE BUS

1. Take the first available seat or the seat assigned by the driver.
2. Take your seat as soon as you get on the bus.
3. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. Do not litter. Put trash in the box provided by the driver.
4. Do not throw anything inside the bus or out the open windows.
5. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
6. Keep head and arms inside the bus.
7. Treat bus equipment carefully and never tamper with the bus in any way. Damage to the seats, etc. must be paid for by the offender.
8. Remain in your seat while the bus is in motion with your back to the back of the seat, your seat on the seat, and your feet on the floor.
9. Keep absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad crossing.
10. Remember that loud talking and horseplay divert the driver's attention and could cause an accident.
11. Do not distract the driver. Your life is in his/her hands.
12. Remain in the bus in case of a road emergency unless directed by the driver to do otherwise.
13. Learn how to get off the bus in case of an emergency. Your driver will be glad to show you.
14. Behavior is an extension of your classroom.

RULES OF CONDUCT

The driver is responsible for orderly conduct on the bus.

In the event of misbehavior the driver will turn in the pupil's name to the principal. The principal may suspend a student's bus privileges.

UNLOADING

1. Remain seated until the bus stops.
2. Don't crowd or push.
3. Move quietly, quickly, and carefully.
4. You may not leave the bus at any place other than your regular bus stop unless proper authorization has been given in advance by the transportation office.
5. After getting off the bus, cross the street when necessary at least **10 feet in front of the bus**, but only after the driver signals that it is safe and you have looked both ways. Go to your **place of safety** and wait for the bus to leave.
6. Be alert to danger signals from the driver (Tooting horn)
7. Go straight to your home from the place of safety. Do not play on snow banks or tree lawns near the bus. You must cross to the side where you live.

PARENTS TRANSPORTING CHILDREN

1. **Do not drive your car into the bus loading area** during the time buses are due.
2. Never double park in a school yard to pick up or discharge children.
3. Do not pass a bus that is picking up or discharging pupils in a school yard.
4. Do not park in any area that would cause problems for the buses coming in or out of loading areas.

REMEMBER: Bus and traffic safety is a cooperative enterprise between parents, pupils, and the school. None of us can do the job alone. Please go over these suggestions with your children and help us assure their safety.

A Transportation Flier from Strongsville City Schools
18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, OH 44136
Transportation Dept. - 440-572-7060



SAFETY TOWN 2021 REGISTRATION INFORMATION – ON-LINE ONLY

Safety Town is a Strongsville Police Program. The Strongsville Rotary and other civic groups sponsor this program. Safety Town is not mandatory prior to entering kindergarten but is an excellent opportunity for the children to explore their community through class activities and field trips while learning important safety precautions.

Registration will open on April 1, 2021 for Strongsville residents and/or those who attend a Strongsville school and will be starting kindergarten this year. Registration for non-residents (depending on space availability) will begin on April 22. *All Registration will be on-line.* A non-refundable fee of **\$50** per child is required at time of registration. The **Waiver & Release** form will also be part of the on-line registration process.

Safety Town classes will be held rain or shine at the beautiful Safety Town village, on the West side of the Strongsville Recreation Center behind the Senior Center near the baseball fields. For more information, please see the “Parent Guide” attached. Direct questions to the Youth Program Coordinator: Marie McManus at the Strongsville Police Department: marie.mcmanus@strongsville.org or (440) 580-3257.

Safety Town 2021 Sessions and Class Times (on a first come bases subject to availability):

Session One
(June 7th – June 11th)
8:30am – 10:30am
11:00am – 1:00pm
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Session Two
(June 14th – June 18th)
8:30am – 10:30am
11:00am – 1:00pm

Session Three
(June 21st – June 25th)
8:30am – 10:30am
11:00am – 1:00pm

Session Four
(July 12th – July 16th)
8:30am – 10:30am
11:00am – 1:00pm

Session Five
(July 19th – July 23rd)
8:30am – 10:30am
11:00am – 1:00pm

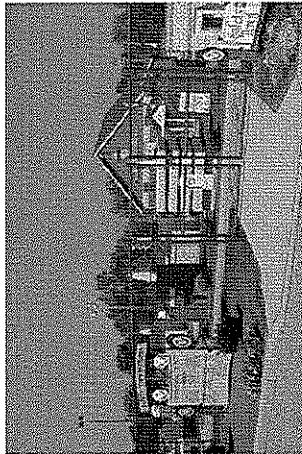
Session Six
(July 26th – July 30th)
8:30am – 10:30am

All classes have size limits so once it reaches capacity it will no longer be available. The Safety Town on-line sign-up is on the City of Strongsville website under the Police Department. Here is a link for you convenience: <https://forms.strongsville.org/safety-town-registration/>. It will become **active on April 1, 2021.**

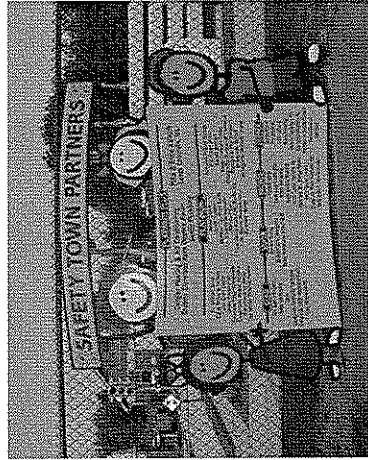
Please note that children with Special Needs may require a 1:1 aide that will be provided by the parent. If your child has any special emergency medication requirements (i.e. EpiPen, etc. please be sure to note this on the registration. We are doing more classes this year and they will be smaller than normal. We will also practice Social Distancing.

**For additional information, please contact Youth Program Coordinator Marie McManus:
Strongsville Police Department - 18688 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH 44136
marie.mcmanus@strongsville.org or (440) 580-3257**

A Special Thanks To
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Beautiful Building!

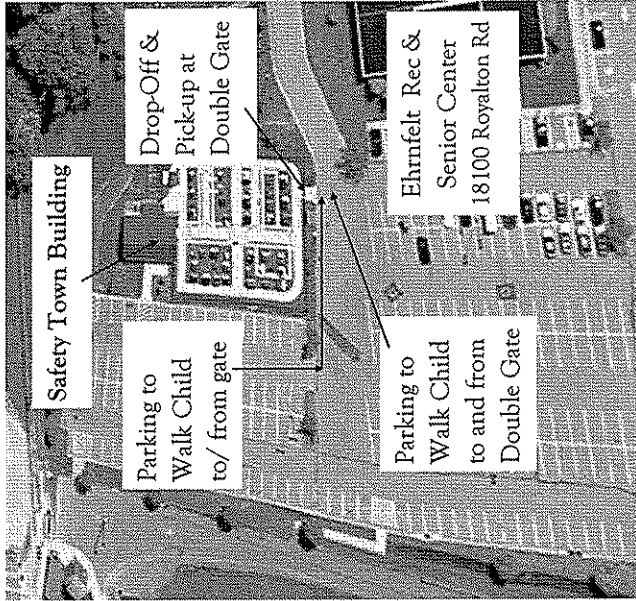


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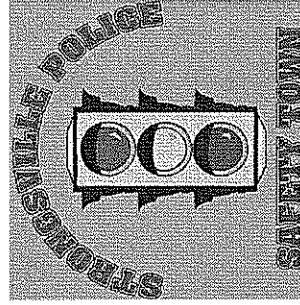
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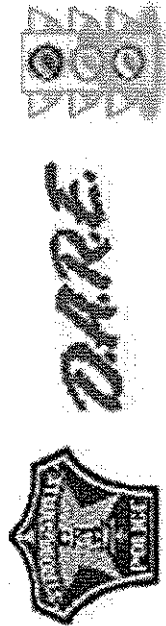
Child Drop Off / Pick Up Procedure

On the 1st day you will come into the classroom with your child, thereafter you will drop off your child at the double gate and their volunteer will walk them into the building. At the end of the first day, your child's volunteer will introduce themselves to you so they will know who will be receiving the child each day. In the event you will not be able to pick up your child or your child is involved in a car pool you must let the person picking up know what safety sign table that your child is assigned too.

Following these procedures will help ensure the safety of the children and keep order. Thanks for your help!



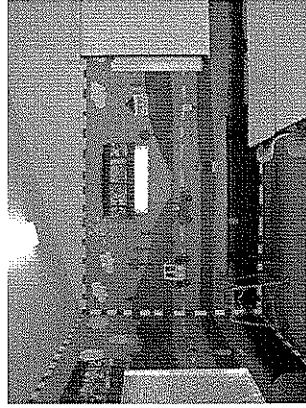
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children understand the
importance of safety in
their lives.



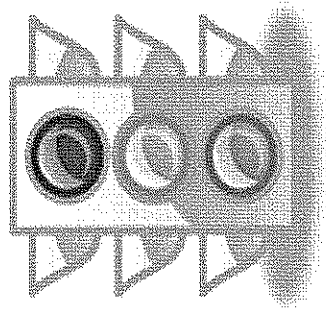
Welcome to Safety Town!

Safety Town is designed to help children gain a better understanding of the importance of safety in their own lives. Safety Town is a Strongsville Police Department program. Safety Town is not mandatory prior to entering kindergarten, but is an excellent opportunity for the children to explore their community through class activities and field trips while learning important safety precautions.

This is a general overview of the skills your child will be learning at Safety Town. We believe that the job we are doing here at Safety Town is important and vital in teaching your child to become a more responsible young person. We also believe that your child would benefit even further from our program if you as a parent could help enforce the safety lessons at home.



Safety Town Topics



- Personal Identification
- Fire Safety
- Railroad Safety
- Pedestrian Safety
- Driver Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- School Bus Safety
- Stranger Danger
- Safety in the Community
- Everyday Safety Rules
- 911 Instruction & Demonstration

Schedule

5 day class: 2 hours a day with 2 certified teachers & 1 police officer.

Parents: Please apply sun screen to your child every day!

- Day 1: (*Drop off at Safety Town*) Personal Identification, Pedestrian Safety and Craft
- Day 2: (*Drop off at Safety Town*) Field Trip to Fire Station (Bus Safety: Bus will pick up and drop off at Safety Town). No open toed shoes today!
- Day 3: (*Drop off at Safety Town*) Group PICTURE DAY! Today we will cover Bike Safety and Stranger Danger!
- Day 4: (*Drop off at Safety Town*) Field Trip to Police Station, 911 instruction & demonstration and craft.
- Day 5: (*Drop off at Safety Town*) Graduation Day!!! Parents and family are invited to the ceremony at the Strongsville Rec. Center the last 30 minutes of class. Drop off at the normal time.

Strongsville Safety Town
Coordinator: Marie McManus
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