



DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Desert Sands Unified School District New Student Registration April 27, 2026 to June 18, 2026

Desert Sands Unified School District, serving the communities of Bermuda Dunes, Coachella, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Rancho Mirage, is now enrolling all students attending a DSUSD school including transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, the dual immersion program, and students new to our schools. Parents are to call the school their child will be attending for information on how to complete the registration process.

Kindergarten registration opens on April 27, 2026, and is available for children who will be five years old as of September 1, 2026. **Transitional kindergarten** registration also opens on April 27, 2026, for children who will be four years old as of September 1, 2026. Both transitional kindergarten and kindergarten in Desert Sands Unified School District are full day programs. **Registration packets are for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any student attending a DSUSD school for the first time. Contained in the registration packet are forms needed to enroll your students. The following documents will need to accompany completed forms.**

The following documents are required for a completed registration:

- ___ 1. Proof of Residency – one of the following is required:
 - current utility bill (gas or electric) – with physical address – P.O. Box is not acceptable
 - **or**, lease or rental agreement on letterhead, listing name of the parent/guardian
 - **or**, escrow papers listing the name of the parent/guardian; closing date must be within 4 weeks of the start of the school term
 - **or** current property tax payment receipt, current Voter registration card, correspondence from a government agency
 - **or** current pay stubs with address printed on them
 - **or**, Declaration of Residency from person with whom the guardian and student are residing with, and a current utility bill (gas or electric) of that resident, and a copy of both parties' driver licenses parties must be present to sign forms.

- ___ 2. Proof of Birth – one of the following is required: **(NO PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED)**
 - Birth Certificate
 - Hospital Certificate
 - Affidavit
 - Immigration Document
 - Baptismal Record/Church Certificate
 - Physician's Certificate
 - Other; Adoption Papers, Court Decree, Passport

For admission to **Kindergarten**, child will have had their 5th birthday on or before September 1, 2026. **Transitional Kindergarten** child will be age 4 on or before September 1, 2026.

- ___ 3. Proof of Guardianship, if student does not live with parents – one of the following is required:
 - Legal Guardianship – Court Ordered (Foster Care, etc.)
 - Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit (signature must be witnessed by school district official). Definition: a "qualified relative" of the minor child and with whom the minor child resides, and the parents are not accessible to give consent. (F.C. Div 11, Sect. 6550). "Qualified relative," means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, half-brother, uncle,

aunt, niece, nephew, first cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix, “grand” or “great,” or the spouse of any of the persons specified in this definition, even after the marriage has been terminated by death or dissolution.

___ 4. Transcripts and withdrawal grades

___ 5. **Approved** Transfer is necessary, if student lives outside the school boundaries:

- **Intra**-District Transfer (resides **within** the boundaries of DSUSD) - transfers are initiated online at www.k12transfers.com.
- **Inter**-District Transfer (resides **outside** the boundaries of DSUSD) - transfers are initiated online at www.k12transfers.com. Transfers can be denied/revoked by DSUSD if there is no space at requested site or if student has attendance, citizenship, or scholarship issues.

___ 6. Immunization Record – one of the following is required:

- Stamped immunization booklet with dates and physician signature for all required immunizations
- or, a copy of a school immunization card

IMMUNIZATION REQUIRMENTS:

- **MMR** – Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten and up through grade 12 students require two (2) doses given on or after the first birthday.
- **Hepatitis B** – Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten above require 3 doses.
- **Polio** – Four (4) doses at any age, but three (3) doses meet the requirement for ages 4-6 if at least one (1) was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- **DTP/DTaP** – Five (5) doses, at any age, but four (4) doses meet requirements for ages 4-6, if at least one (1) was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- **Tdap**– One dose is given on or after the 7th birthday for ALL students promoting to 7th grade and all NEW students entering 7th -12th grade.
- **Varicella/Chickenpox Immunization**- verification/vaccine prior to enrolling in school. Two (2) doses of the varicella vaccine are required for all children who have not had the disease. If the child has already had chickenpox, a medical exemption must be filed through CAIR-ME.
- **As of January 1, 2021, all new medical exemptions for schools and child-care entry must be issued through CAIR-ME medical exemptions can only be issued by MDs or DOs licensed in California.**

Dental Exam – oral health assessment completed by a licensed dental professional for children entering public school for the first time at Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten or first (1st) grade. The exam may be completed 12 months prior to school entry or by May 31st of the school year during which the child is enrolled.