



May 1, 2020

Family Resource Center
Department of Community, Family & Student Engagement
237 Essex Street, 4 FL., Lawrence, MA 01840
(Phone) 978-975-5900 (Fax) 978-722-8551

Dear LPS Family,

Even as remote learning continues through the remainder of this school year, we continue to plan for next school year's enrollment. As such, we want to share a helpful reminder about two important LPS policies that may impact you. Upcoming schedules for both school registration and the LPS variance policy support families with earlier knowledge about school assignments, enabling students and schools to be ready for a strong start when we return in August.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Paris
Superintendent of Lawrence Public Schools

Remote Preschool and Kindergarten Registration:

May 18 – June 30, 2020

Appointments for remote registration for Preschool and Kindergarten will be available starting May 18 through June 30, 2020. This timeline and centralized, remote support will ensure that students have their neighborhood school assignments as soon as possible, and are ready to begin the year off right.

Visit www.LawrenceLearns.org for more information and to review the list of required documents. Starting May 18, families may use the same link to begin the registration process from home and then make a virtual appointment with an Enrollment Specialist at the FRC to complete the process.

LPS Variance Policy:

Variances, which are requests to attend a school other than your neighborhood school, are considered for the following conditions only:

1. The student will be entering the last grade of the current school and would benefit by remaining for the final year, even though s/he has moved and would otherwise be assigned to a new school. (Note: Not applicable for schools with only two grades, such as PK and K.)
2. The student has a sibling, who lives in the same household, and who already attends the requested school.
3. The requested school is physically located closer to the student's home than the assigned school.

Applications for 2020-2021 are due by the last day of *this* school year: **June 22**.

Variance applications will be accepted from **May 1 through June 22**, for the following school year.

Variance applications are available on the LPS website, under Policies (see below). Late applications will not be considered. Decisions will be communicated by July 1.

To view the updated policy or to download an application, visit our web page:
<http://www.lawrence.k12.ma.us/parents> and click on *Policies*.