



First Day of School

Welcome to the Atlanta School of Excellence! The first day of school is an exciting milestone in your child's life. Your child is embarking on a journey that will lead them on many roads of discovery and learning. As wonderful as this new experience may be, it can also be quite stressful for the young child. New situations and change can, at times, be unsettling for all of us. For many children this may be their first experience of separation from parents or care givers at home. It is common for even the most outgoing child to be anxious the first day of school.

We have provided a few suggestions for assisting your child during this time. Remember the staff will be available to provide support and assistance; making your child's first school days happy days.

- Prepare your child for the new school experience by explaining what to expect. Answer all questions directly and honestly.
- Convey a positive attitude. Young children are aware of your feelings. Your enthusiasm will assure the child that school can be a fun and exciting place.
- Establish a routine involving both the night before a school day as well as morning preparation. Rituals and routines will add predictability and are comforting in unfamiliar situations.
- Clearly state to your child where you will be and when you will return. It may also be helpful to discuss what will happen when you are reunited.
- Maintain a clear good-bye routine. This may include warning the child you are leaving in 3 minutes, a kiss and hug, or a wave from the window. Once you tell your child you are leaving, it is important to follow through. Extending the good-bye with, "Ok just one more kiss, and then I really have to go" tends to heighten anxiety rather than relieve it. Avoid sneaking out, as this seems to encourage children to become less trusting and makes the second day of school even harder.

Again, please know we are here to help make the first day of school a happy transition and we look forward to an exciting and fun year. Welcome!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shemeka Maddox
Executive Director

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To ensure your file is complete

GA PRE-K (ONLY)

- Proof of birth (your child must be four years old on or before September 1, 2016)**
- Original certified birth certificate; or child's passport;
- Proof of legal guardianship (If applicable)**
- Parent/guardian proof of identification**
- Valid state or government issued photo ID, including a Voter ID card, or a Georgia Driver's license; or valid employee photo ID from any branch, agency, or entity of the U.S. government, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state; or valid U.S. passport ID;
- Proof of Parent/Guardian Georgia Residency**
- Mortgage OR lease/rental agreement in your name, OR electric, gas, or water bill in your name; (Cable and phone bill are not acceptable)
- **If you are living with someone and you **do not** have a lease, mortgage or utility bill in your name, you must submit the following: Signed and notarized Affidavit of Residency **AND** a lease/mortgage statement or utility bill in the name of the person that you are living with **AND** 3 forms of mail in the name of the child's guardian showing a matching address to the affidavit.
- Child's original Social Security Card**
- Proof of income**
- W2, tax return, SSI income, TANF, non-income declaration statement from the Department of Labor
- Child's Peachcare Card, Medicaid Card, or health insurance card**
- Immunization Certificate (3231)**
- Vision, Hearing, and Dental Screening Certificate (3300)**

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Atlanta School of Excellence at gaprek@atlschool.com

Atlanta School of Excellence **GA Pre-K** Supply List

- Uniforms- Red Shirts, Khaki Bottoms & Black Shoes (Shoes with Lights are not permitted)
- 2 Plastic Pocket Folders with Prongs (Red & Yellow)
- 3- Packs of 16 or 24 count crayons
- 2- Compositions notebooks (for Journaling)
- 2 Handwriting Tablets (Wide Rule)
- 2 Bottles of Glue
- 2 Large Pencils
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 1 Standard Size Supply Box (Plastic & Labeled)
- 1 pair of blunt ended scissors (4 year olds)
- 1 box of Facial Tissue
- 2 packs of Washable Markers
- 1 White T-shirt
- 1 box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 box of Quart Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 Family Photo
- 1 Complete Change of Clothes (No Book Bags)
- 1 Happi Nappi Blanket (purchased at ASOE)
\$25.00 required * replacement for daily rest time covers. Due at Orientation

Atlanta School of Excellence **Preschool** Supply List

- Uniforms- ASOE Logo Red Shirts, Khaki Bottoms & Black Shoes (Shoes with Lights are not permitted)
- 1- 2 inch 3 ring Binder (White)
- 3- Packs of 16 or 24 count crayons
- 2- Compositions notebooks (for Journaling)
- 2 Handwriting Tablets (Wide Rule)
- 2 Bottles of Glue
- 2 Large Pencils
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 1 Standard Size Supply Box (Plastic & Labeled)
- 1 pair of blunt ended scissors (3 year olds)
- 1 box of Facial Tissue
- 2 packs of Washable Markers
- 1 White T-shirt
- 1 box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 box of Quart Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 Family Photo
- 1 Complete Change of Clothes (No Book Bags)
- 1 Happi Nappi Blanket (purchased at ASOE)
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Atlanta School of Excellence **Toddler** Supply List

- Uniforms- ASOE Logo Red Shirts, Khaki Bottoms & Black Shoes (Shoes with Lights are not permitted)
- 2 Plastic Pocket Folders with Prongs (Red & Yellow)
- 2- Packs of Large Crayons
- 2 Bottles of Glue
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 1 Standard Size Supply Box (Plastic & Labeled)
- 1 box of Facial Tissue
- 2 packs of Washable Markers
- 1 White T-shirt
- 1 box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 box of Quart Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 Family Photo
- 2 Complete Change of Clothes (No Book Bags)
- 1 Happi Nappi Blanket (purchased at ASOE) \$25.00 required * replacement for daily rest time covers. Due at Orientation