

# **Rose Drive Elementary School Enrollment/Registration Frequently Asked Questions**

## **What information/documents do I need to enroll my child at Rose Drive?**

- A valid address in Yorba Linda within our school boundaries (unless you have previously been to our district's Child Welfare and Attendance Office). Verification is by a current electric or gas bill, copy of an escrow agreement, or a copy of rental or lease agreement.
- Proof of age:
  - Official birth certificate (not hospital document)
  - Passport
  - Baptismal certificate
- Official immunization records are required for certifying up-to-date immunizations for each student.
- All first grade students must have completed a physical examination no more than 18 months prior to first grade entry. Kindergarten students may complete the physical examination no more than six months prior to entering kindergarten.
- Kindergarten and first grade students (whichever is their first year in public school) must have an oral health (dental check-up) assessment by May 31, 2011, by a licensed dentist or registered dental health professional.
- A student and parent/guardian living in the home of another person or relative must have a letter stating that the student lives with them and a copy of their electric or gas bill.
- Verification of licensed foster parent, or legal guardian may be required.
- Emergency telephone numbers are required
- Name, address and district of previous school

## **Helpful documents/information:**

- An academic transcript or report card from your former school
- For Special Education students: Prior IEP and Assessments
- For GATE students: Prior test scores and/or certification forms

## **Where do I go to enroll?**

Enrollment takes place at your neighborhood school during regular office hours. Rose Drive will have a Kindergarten/New Student Registration Day on Thursday, April 15, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **What is the minimum age for enrollment in school?**

Only children who reach the age of five on or before December 2 of the school year are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten.

## **What are the procedures for enrollment?**

You will receive an instruction sheet with the registration packet.

## **May I take the enrollment/registration packet home with me to complete?**

Yes. After signing the register, you may take the packet home. We would like you to return the packet to school within a week.

## **May I enroll my child in a school other than the neighborhood school?**

Street name and number determine assigned neighborhood attendance areas. The majority of our students in our district attend their neighborhood school.

Students residing in the Placentia Yorba Linda School District may elect to attend a priority 1 school within the district. All requests for school choice transfers will be given the opportunity to enroll in schools designated as priority 1 for placement and will be approved for enrollment upon application. Rose Drive designated as priority 1 school.

You will need to go through the district's Child Welfare and Attendance Office. Their phone number is 714.985.8670.

## **What are the school's starting and ending times?**

Rose Drive's regular school hours for grades 1 – 5 are 7:50 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Kindergarten hours are different.

Early Birds is 7:50 – 11:10 a.m. and Late Birds is 9:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

The times for these classes are as above to allow a smaller ratio of students per teacher during the core academic time such as Language Arts and Mathematics.

## **Do you provide Child Care at the Rose Drive School?**

Yes. You may call Rose Drive Child Care directly at 714-993-1665. Although Child Care is housed at school sites, the site does not operate the program. This is done through our district's Child Care. If you cannot reach our site's Child Care because of holiday or vacation, you may call the district Child Care for more information: 714-986-7030.

## **Is language assessment required?**

Language assessment is required if:

- A language other than English is frequently spoken in your home
- If your child spoke another language when he/she began speaking
- If your child most frequently speaks another language at home
- If your child was born outside of the U.S.

Language Assessment is done through our Assessment Center, located at Topaz Elementary School: 714-985-8723; address – 3232 Topaz Ln, Fullerton 92831-2609

Papers must be received back from the Assessment Center before final registration can be completed.

## **When are classes assigned?**

Rose Drive's classes are assigned during the summer months. Kindergarten classes are not completed until the Friday before school starts. As much as we would love to accommodate your schedules, we cannot make class assignments before that time due to last-minute enrollment and growth in the area.

## **May I request a particular teacher for my child?**

Requests are not taken for particular teachers as our staff works diligently at trying to put together classes according to a variety of factors. We look at enrollment numbers, the size of classes and your child's report card and/or test scores to help determine where a new student will be placed.

## **May I request a class time for my Kindergarten child?**

At the time of registration you will be given a request form with the kindergarten times. Please be very specific in your reason for a particular time slot. We try to accommodate all requests. However, if a particular time fills, we will prioritize the reasons. Be sure, if you are enrolled in the on-campus child care, that you check the child care box on the request. Many factors go into placing kindergarten students into their classes.

## **When will my Kindergarten child be able to meet his/her teacher?**

In August we hope to have kindergarten assessment days. The Assessment will depend on the District budget. If we have the assessment days, you will receive a letter in early August scheduling your child to be assessed on a one-on-one with the teacher. This is an informal time for you and your child to meet your child's teacher.

## **Do you have a GATE program?**

Our district supports a GATE program. At the elementary level there are two schools designated as GATE schools: Woodsboro Elementary and Golden Elementary. Rose Drive and Lakeview students qualifying for GATE and choosing to go to the magnet school, go to Golden Elementary. Your child must be identified through testing to be placed in these programs.

A parent may elect to have a GATE-identified student remain at their home school. GATE-identified students are clustered in a classroom with staff that have been trained in providing differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all of the students. The instructional program provided for students at Rose Drive includes a standards-based curriculum with enriched and challenging activities. Each school site has a GATE coordinator who works closely with the students and teachers to ensure that their academic and emotional needs are being met.

The process for GATE identification is in alignment with the state GATE Program Standards. These standards call for the use of both traditional (test scores) and nontraditional (portfolio, gifted student characteristics) instruments and procedures. The process begins in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for identification and recommendations for placement in a GATE program in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Placement procedures and guidelines are reviewed constantly. For further information, you may want to call the GATE office at the district at 714.985.8675.

## **What Special Education Programs are provided?**

Placement for Special Ed students is done through our district office: 714.985.8660. If your child has been in a resource class (RSP), special day class or speech class, please bring his/her current IEP and assessments with you when you enroll.

Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions you may have at 714-986-7250.

