

SCHOOLING

If a child is five (5) years old on or before September 1, he/she is required to attend kindergarten and if the child turns six by February, they must be enrolled into school by fall of the same year.

The following documentation is required for enrollment:

1. Proof of Residency (Parents or Guardians may prove residency by providing 2 of the following:
2. Immunization Certificate
3. Physical Examination
4. Proof of Age
5. The complete name, address, zip code and phone number of the school the student previously attended, along with the last report card or withdrawal form must be provided.
6. An Emergency Contact/Health Contact Card must be completed and submitted to the school at the time of enrollment and annually thereafter.

You may reach **Collier County Public Schools** by calling or stopping by:

Administrative Office
5775 Osceola Trail
Naples FL 34109-0919
239-377-0001

If your child(ren) is too young to begin school and you feel they are in need of specialized help, a program for younger children may be available and would be recommended. The Collier County Public School Board is available to help with any concerns you may have regarding your child(ren).

Remember a physical and shots (if needed) are required before the child(ren) can start school. If you do not have a doctor or the money to pay for a physical, call the Collier County Health Department.(239) 252-8205. or CHS Healthcare at (239)658-3000.

A few questions you may want to ask:

- Times school starts and ends
- Where is the bus stop
- Principals name and Teachers name
- Remember you do not have to do this alone.
- Let the School Know All Details of Changes in Living Situation.

EDUCATION ISSUES

If the children are already enrolled in school it is important to let the school know that there have been changes in the lives of the child(ren). Don't hesitate to speak to the principal, social worker or guidance counselor.

Give the school instructions regarding:

- The persons allowed to pick up child(ren)
- Custody/restraining order information
- Special medical or medicine needs

Help with Clothes or Supplies

You can get the school dress code information from the principal or social worker at the school. You may request that a referral be made to one of the area "close closets" to get some clothing for your child..

Where you can look for help

- The school counselor and the principal can be helpful in getting service either to help the child academically or to deal with emotional and psychological problems
- Your school can inform you about special education services and programs for other special needs your child may have.
- Your school developmental disabilities office can tell you how to get services for children with special needs, such as children with learning disabilities.
- Mental health agencies can offer or know about programs that provide counseling or peer support groups for your grandchild
- **Call Naples Alliance for Children for information and referral, (239) 649-5260.**

DROP OUT PREVENTION

If Your Child(ren) is Thinking About Dropping Out Of School

The legal age for "dropping out" is 16, but the schools now have programs for children who are thinking about quitting. If you are having problems with your child(ren), and feel they are re thinking about quitting school, please call the **Drop Out Prevention Program** at the child(ren)'s school. They can help.

TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF

Caring for your children is a rewarding but stressful task. Don't forget that your health and well being are important parts of your grandchild's future. You need to take care of yourself and your health. Find others who understand the many feeling you will experience, as you become a parent again. Many parents and caregivers find that support groups help tremendously. They offer a place to share information, solutions and feeling with peers going through the same experience.