

Frequently Requested Information Onslow County Schools



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- ❖ **[Onslow County Schools](#):** Onslow County is a growing district and many schools are at or above capacity. For this reason, Onslow County rarely approves out-of-district requests. Please contact the district at 910-455-2211 before purchasing or renting a home to verify the school district for that address. For additional information on New Student Enrollment, click [HERE](#).
- ❖ **[New Student Enrollment](#):** Requirements include birth certificate and immunization records, proof of residency, parent ID, custody documents, address of previous school, and final or last report card.
- ❖ **[School Hours and fees](#):** A list of 17-18 start and end times for schools. Please verify for School Year 18-19 since that information was not available at print time.
- ❖ **[Health Assessment Form](#):** Onslow County requires health assessments for all Kindergarten students as well as all students who are new to the district. The health assessment should include a vision screening.
- ❖ **[Before and After School Care](#)**- Some school sites offer before or after care and a few offer both. Check out this link for a full listing and fees. Private companies also provide before and after schools care including school transportation. Please contact individual schools to get a list of options.
- ❖ **[Parent Communication](#):** Onslow County Schools utilize *Powerschool* with [parent portals](#) to stay in communication with the school. To request access fill out this [FORM](#) and return it to your child’s school.
- ❖ **[School Calendars](#) – Elementary/Middle, High School, Year-Round School**
- ❖ **[Preschool](#):** Onslow County Schools do not have universal Pre-K. They do participate in several programs for preschool aged children including: Head Start, Exceptional Children, NC Pre-K, and Title I. The [Onslow County Partnership for Children](#) can help you determine eligibility and options for free and paid preschool in Onslow County. Children who are at-risk or have a developmental delay or disability have priority in some programs.
- ❖ **[Kindergarten Registration](#):** A child must be five by August 31st to register for Kindergarten in Onslow County Schools. Registration begins the first week of May and continues through the summer. Please call the school prior to visiting, some schools operate on an abbreviated summer schedule. This link can provide information related to early admission to Kindergarten as well as Frequently Asked Questions. A School Readiness Fair (PreK-2nd grade) is offered by the School Liaison Program from 0900-1130 on Saturday, August 18th at the Russell Marine and Family Service Center (Bldg. 40) on Brewster Blvd. For information on early admission to kindergarten please see the requirements.

- ❖ **Elementary School Options:** Onslow County Elementary Schools are themed. If your child has a particular interest you can choose a home located in the district for that particular themed school. [Click here](#) to see a list of the themed schools. [SPLASH](#) (Spanish language immersion programs) are available in five elementary schools and out of district requests can be made to two of those.
- ❖ **Middle School Course of Study:** Middle Schools offer a variety of curriculum and elective courses as well as extra-curricular activities including competitive team sports for 7th and 8th graders.
- ❖ **High School:** [Graduation requirements](#) and the [Standard Course of Study](#) allow parents to begin planning the path to graduation with their students. Onslow County also requires the completion of a graduation project which includes a research paper, product, and presentation as well as several hours documented with a mentor. More information is available [here](#). Some special [career and technical education \(CTE\) courses/programs](#) are offered at various high schools. Students may live in one district and participate in the CTE courses in another district if approved. In January 2019 the Eastern North Carolina Regional Skills Center will open and offer courses leading to certifications. Construction trades, automotive, Information Technology including CyberSecurity, and classes in Culinary Arts will all be part of the Skills Center Curriculum. Talk with your child's high school counselor for more information.
- ❖ **Onslow Virtual Academy** – Student who would like to take some or all of their high school credits through virtual classes may apply to attend the OVA. They will still register at their home school and request OVA classes. Priority is given to transitioning military students. For more information on OVA visit their website.
- ❖ **Early College High School:** Onslow County School's Early College High School meets on the campus of Coastal Carolina Community College. Each year approximately 50 rising 9th graders are admitted to the Early College. Military students who have been enrolled in an early college at their previous duty station are eligible to apply for a transfer.
- ❖ **Magnet Schools:** Onslow County has three magnet schools, Clyde Erwin Elementary International Baccalaureate Magnet School and Northwoods Elementary School which has a technology focus. Both elementary magnet schools are on a year round schedule. New Bridge Middle School has a math and science focus. [Click here for timelines and application](#). Check out the [FAQ's](#) including information about transportation. Parents can apply to the magnet schools prior to moving to the area, but must be able to provide an Onslow County address by the first day of school.
- ❖ **Exceptional Children:** Military children are protected by the [Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military children](#) in [Article V Section C](#), as they transition into Onslow County Schools. Please bring copies of your child's I.E.P. or 504 plan. Where available, your child should receive the same or similar services until a new I.E.P. team can convene and discuss any necessary changes. Please make contact with your local [EFMP](#) case manager to discuss any special education transition concerns.
- ❖ **State support for military children:** NC Department of Public Instruction provides contact information and educational resources for military families. Onslow County families can also contact the Military Liaison Counselor for Onslow County Schools, [Ms. Brittany Norman](#) at 910-455-2211 ext. 20274.
- ❖ **Other Information:** For other questions about the school district you may contact the district office at 910-455-2211 or see the [district website](#).