

# Newcomer Registration Center for Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools (WSFCS)

The Newcomer Registration Center is the point of entry into Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for new students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Language proficiency tests administered at the center will determine whether new students qualify for services in the English as a Second Language Program (ESL) in the schools.

## **Who has to go to the Newcomer Center?**

The North Carolina Board of Education policies establishes that a home language survey shall be administered to every student at the time of enrollment and maintained in the students' permanent record. If any of the answers indicate that a language other than English is spoken in the home, the student needs to go to the Newcomer Registration Center where an English Proficiency Test will be administered.

In addition, the Newcomer Center provides a variety of services for new students and parents before enrollment at appropriate schools in the district.

## **What other Services are provided by the Newcomer Center?**

- Parent/student orientation
- Grade placement
- School assignment based on residential zone
- Translation and evaluation of transcripts and equivalency with WS/FCS
- Parent Student Handbook
- Graduation requirements
- Transportation and Attendance information
- Community resource information
- Immunization information
- Help with free/reduced lunch applications
- Help with school registration forms
- Help with Apostille or Authentication of School Documents

## **Who needs to register in School?**

North Carolina law states students between 6 and 16 years old must be in school. Children, who will be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, may enroll in kindergarten for the current school year.

## **What documents do parents and students need to bring for registration?**

- Birth certificate
- Proof of residence in Forsyth County (lease agreement, utility bill)
- Proof of guardianship (if student does not live with parents)
- Immunization records
- School records (specially middle and high school student)
- Parent ID

## **What is the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001?**

This act helps to ensure that all children receive a high-quality education and holds schools responsible for making sure that all children are learning.

Students' test results tell states and parents how well both schools and students are performing in important subject areas. As a parent, you must be given your child's test scores and those scores will be kept private. Also, if your child has a disability or can't speak English well, his or her teachers must make sure that your child is tested fairly.

Title III from NCLB states clearly LEP (Limited English Proficiency) students must be assessed yearly with an English language assessment in order to have access to the instructional programs.

**ASSISTANCE ONLY BY APPOINTMENT**

Call 747- 6804

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEWCOMER CENTER AT the DOWNTOWN  
CITY MARKET PLACE  
601 N Cherry St. Suite 270  
Winston Salem, NC 27101

From 40 Business; Take exit 5C- Cherry St to the north. The Downtown City Market Place is in the corner of Cherry St. with 6<sup>th</sup> St. Enter the building through the lateral door on 6<sup>th</sup> St. Parking is available in the open parking lot on 6<sup>th</sup> and Cherry St.