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WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127  
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## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Members of our Community,

The days of summer vacation are swiftly passing by and the "Back-to-School" signs in local stores signal the start of a new and exciting school year in Worth School District 127. This issue of ECHO contains information about preparing for the 2006-2007 school year and provides our residents with important school registration information.

As your new superintendent, I am looking forward to working with this community to provide the best possible educational experiences for our children. I officially arrived in the district on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and in the past several weeks have met teachers, staff, parents, and community members who have shown their outstanding dedication and support for our schools. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve a community that puts the needs of its children at the top of its priority list.

I encourage you to be involved in the education of our children. They are the future of our community and our country. Please visit and support the activities of the schools in Worth. You are welcome at Board of Education meetings (held on the second Wednesday of each month) and you are welcome to visit me in my office to talk about the education of our children. We continue to look for the best ways to serve our community and your thoughts and suggestions are very valuable to us.

I look forward to meeting you at school and community events over the next school year. May the remaining days of summer be relaxing and enjoyable for you.

Yours, in the service of our children,

Dr. Rita Wojtylewski  
Superintendent

Registration will take place at the Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center located at 11218 S. Ridgeland Avenue.

If you are unable to register on the above-mentioned dates, you can register at your child's school from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 9 - 2 p.m.

### Registration fees are as follows:

Material Fee:	\$60 per student \$65 after August 7 <sup>th</sup>
Milk Fee:	\$15 per year
Tech Fee:	Kindergarten = \$10 Grades 1-8 = \$20
ID Fee:	Grades K-8 = \$5
Locker Fee:	Grades 6-8 = \$5
Band Fee:	Grades 5-8 = \$30 (if enrolled in band)

### Additional fees for Grades 6-8 could include:

Gym Suit:	\$15 \$8 – shirt only \$7 – shorts only
Goggles:	\$3.50

Application forms for a waiver of fees and/or free lunch/milk will be available for families that qualify under federal income guidelines. Documentation such as a pay stub and current Medicaid Card is required.

A school health aide will be on hand to accept physical forms and shot verification for kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and dental examinations for kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. These records are required by law and failure to submit them will eventually result in exclusion from school.

After paying fees you will receive the name of your child's teacher, room number, and a copy of the 2006-07 Parent/Student Handbook and Calendar.

## New Student Enrollment

Before your child will be enrolled, you must present proof of residency within the District by providing the required number of documents from each of the categories listed on the back, along with your child's original birth certificate. If your child is transferring from another school, please bring any records you have. A Good Standing Form is needed if transferring from another Illinois Public School.

### **REGISTRATION DATES FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS**

#### Wednesday, August 2, 2006

8:30 a.m. – Noon  
5 – 7 p.m.

#### Monday, August 7, 2006

8:30 a.m. – Noon  
5 – 7 p.m.

**Only families new to District 127 will be required to verify residency. (See New Student Enrollment)**

Category I (one document required)

- Most recent property tax bill and proof of payment, e.g. canceled check or form 1098 (homeowners)
- Mortgage papers (homeowners)
- Signed and dated lease and proof of last month's payment, e.g. canceled check or receipts (renters)
- Letter from manager and proof of last month's payment, e.g. canceled check or receipt (trailer park residents)
- Housing letter (military personnel)
- Letter of residence from landlord in lieu of lease
- Letter of residence to be used when the person seeking to enroll a student is living with a District resident

Category II (three documents showing proper address are required)

- Driver's license
- Vehicle registration
- Voter registration
- Most recent cable television and/or credit card bill
- Current public aid card
- Current homeowners/renters insurance policy and premium payment receipt
- Most recent gas, electric, and/or water bill
- Current library card
- Receipt for moving van rental
- Mail received at new residences

**First Day of School**

For Grades 1-8: Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 to Noon

For Kindergartners: Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

For Preschool: Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Start and dismissal times will be available at registration.

**Pre-Kindergarten Screenings**

District 127 will hold Pre-Kindergarten Screenings at the Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, 11218 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth.

**Screening Dates**

**August 23, 24, 25, 2006**

**For an appointment, please call 708.448.2800**

Parent Orientation will be on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and the first day of preschool classes will be on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

***What is a pre-kindergarten screening?***

A screening is provided to identify three and four year old children living in Worth, who would benefit from early intervention services.

***What type of programs and services are available?***

Pre-Kindergarten "**At Risk**" **ABC Program** is a half-day preschool class, five days/week, for children at risk of future academic difficulties that would benefit from a school experience prior to kindergarten. Eligibility is determined by an assessment of at-risk factors.

**Speech/Language Therapy** for children who are eligible is determined through speech/language evaluations.

The **Early Childhood Special Education Program** is a half-day preschool program for children with delays in two or more areas of development. Eligibility is determined through a comprehensive evaluation process.