

# Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten

## 1. What is the difference between half-day and all-day kindergarten?

The curriculum is the same in both half-day and all-day. However, all-day kindergarten allows more time to focus on the curriculum, as well as some additional enrichment activities.

## 2. Is there a half-day and all-day program at every school?

Yes, as long as enrollment warrants it. For the last three years we have had a least one class of each program at every school.

## 3. Is there a cost involved for kindergarten?

There is no cost for half-day kindergarten. The cost for all-day kindergarten is \$3,100 for the year. You will need to put down a deposit of \$310 with your registration, and then starting in September you will make a payment of \$310 each month through May. All payments must be made through automatic payment deductions from a checking or savings account.

## 4. Where do I register for kindergarten?

You register at your home school. If you don't know which is your home school you may either call the closest neighborhood school or call the Instruction office at 206.393.4211. If you are applying to Room Nine Community School, you still need to register at your home school.

## 5. What do I need to bring when I register my child?

- Birth certificate or passport
- Immunization records
- Verification of address, such as tax statement, utility/phone bill (Shoreline residents only)
- Emergency contact numbers, cell phone numbers etc.
- Phone numbers for doctor

## 6. Does it matter when I register my child?

Registration for in-district students begins on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. After February 9<sup>th</sup>, if there are more than 23 students registered, there will be a drawing establishing the first class (see #9). Registration for those living outside of Shoreline will also begin on January 31<sup>st</sup>. A drawing on February 10<sup>th</sup> will determine the wait list for non-residents. Those registering after the 9<sup>th</sup> will be added as they register. Our intent is to give families more than one day to register.

## 7. How many students are in a kindergarten class?

Traditionally the kindergarten classes have 23 students.

## 8. Is transportation provided for kindergarten students?

Transportation is provided for both half-day and all-day, if your student attends the home school.

## 9. What happens if more than 23 students register?

If there are more than 23 students registered at a specific school by February 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a drawing the next day to determine which students will be placed in the class. The school will notify you within two school days as to the outcome of the drawing.

## 10. What if my child is not one of the 23 students?

Students not drawn for the class will be put on a wait list in the order their name is drawn. If you applied for all-day kindergarten and did not make it into the class, you will need to decide if you want to go into the half-day program at your home school, or if you want to apply for a resident transfer to attend another school (the resident transfer paperwork needs to be submitted to the Instruction office). If a spot opens up in the all-day program at your home school, the next person on the wait list will be called and moved into the spot.

**11. Would a second class ever be added?**

If numbers warrant a second class being added, we will add another class. For the 2010-2011 school year, three all-day classes were added and three half-day classes were added.

**12. What happens if the half-day program at my home school is full?**

If the half-day program is full at your home school, and there are not enough students to add another class, the Shoreline School District will determine an appropriate half-day placement for your child, and transportation will be provided. The district is required to provide a half-day program for all students in the district.

**13. What happens if the all-day program at my home school is full?**

The all-day is an optional program. If we have enough students to add an additional class of 23, we will. If not, you may apply for a resident transfer to another school that has room. Transportation is NOT provided.

**14. What if I want my child to go to a different school in Shoreline?**

You need to register at your home school and complete a *Resident Transfer* form and submit it to the Shoreline School District Instruction office. The *Resident Transfer* form may be downloaded from the Shoreline website ([www.shorelineschools.org](http://www.shorelineschools.org)), District Information, Enrollment. **If your resident transfer request is granted, you are required to transport your child to & from school.**

**15. What if I live outside of the Shoreline School District?**

Registration for students living outside of the Shoreline School District will begin on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. You must register at the Instruction office (18560 – 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE). On February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a drawing to determine your place on the wait list. Our intent is to give families more than one day to register their child.

You will need to complete a *Non-Resident Transfer* form, which may be downloaded from the Shoreline website. **If your non-resident transfer request is granted, you will be required to transport your child to & from school.**

**16. If I submit a resident or non-resident transfer request, when will I receive an answer?**

You will be notified no later than April 15, 2011. (Again, if your resident or non-resident transfer request is approved, transportation is NOT provided.)

**17. Is there before and after school care?**

There is before and after school care available at all school sites. After school care begins at the end of the full day of school. Please contact the Shoreline Children's Center at 206.393.4256 for information about the cost and to register.

**18. Is there on site after school care for half-day kindergarten?**

No, only before school care. The Shoreline Children's Center may have programs available. Please call 206.393.4256.

**19. What if my child is not yet 5 years old by August 31?**

Children whose birthday falls between September 1 and October 31 may qualify for early entrance. Parents are responsible for having their child evaluated by a Washington licensed psychologist. For information about the process, please contact Cathy Allred at 206.393.4211.

**20. When will we receive information from the school about next year?**

Most schools send a back-to-school letter towards the end of August, which includes a supply list. Many schools also post the supply list on their website.

**21. When does the school office open in August?**

School offices should be open by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please contact your home school or Cathy Allred in the Instruction office at 206.393.4211.