Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten for 2020-21

1. Is there a cost involved for Kindergarten?
   No, Kindergarten is free.

2. Where do I register for Kindergarten?
   You register at your neighborhood school. If you don’t know which elementary school is your
   neighborhood site, please call the Instruction office at 206.393.4365. If you are applying to Cascade K-
   8 Community School, you still need to register at your neighborhood school as well as Cascade K-8
   Community School.

3. What do I need to bring when I register my child?
   • Birth certificate, passport or USCIS document
   • Immunization records – IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL
   • Verification of residency such as a utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage statement
   • Emergency contact numbers, cell phone numbers, etc.
   • Phone numbers for doctor

4. Does it matter when I register my child?
   Registration for in-district students begins on Tuesday, February 4th at your neighborhood school.
   Registration is not on a first-come, first-served basis. All students registered by the close of business on
   February 28th will be put in a drawing on March 13th to fill Kindergarten spaces available at their
   neighborhood schools. Only in-district, neighborhood families will be placed in the drawing for the initial
   classroom placements. Incoming kindergarten students who have a sibling at their neighborhood
   school will be given priority placement (at their neighborhood school) if registered prior to the close of
   business on February 28th. Those registering after February 28th will be added to the wait list as they
   register.

5. How many Kindergarten classrooms will there be at each school?
   At this time, we do not know how many Kindergarten classes will be at each school. Students not
   drawn for a class will be put on a wait list in the order their name was drawn. If a spot opens up at your
   neighborhood school, the next student on the wait list will be called and moved into that spot. If we are
   unable to get you into your neighborhood school, the District will provide transportation to the
   designated school. For the 2020-21 school year, the primary overload host site for those Kindergarten
   students unable to attend their neighborhood school due to lack of space will be Brookside Elementary
   and Meridian Park Elementary. In certain situations the district will consider other sites nearer in
   proximity to the student’s residence, if space is available. The District’s intent is to return all
   Kindergarten students to their neighborhood school for grades 1-5.

6. Is transportation provided for Kindergarten students?
   Eligibility for transportation is based on the distance from your home to the school. If you live outside of
   the 1-mile walk area or in an area designated as a hazardous walk area by the district, your student will
   be eligible for bus transportation. Please visit our Transportation page on our district website
   www.shorelineschools.org/transportation for more information.

7. What if I want my child to go to a different school in Shoreline?
   You need to register at your neighborhood school and complete a Resident Transfer form and submit
   it to the school in which you are requesting to transfer to. HOWEVER, resident transfers are only
   accepted on or after the first day of school and are considered after the fourth day count is recorded. If
   any of the schools are under 95% capacity, resident transfers will be considered with siblings of
   current resident transfers in that school having priority. Families are encouraged to secure
   enrollment in their resident school.
The Resident Transfer form may be downloaded from the Shoreline School District website (https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/58). If your resident transfer request is granted, you are required to transport your child to and from school.

8. What if I live outside of the Shoreline School District?
Shoreline School District is not accepting any new non-resident students in grades K-5.

9. What if I am a District employee and live outside of the Shoreline School District?
The District shall enroll nonresident students who are the children of District employees at the school to which the employee is assigned or at a school forming the district's K-12 continuum, which includes the school to which the employee is assigned. (This practice meets state law and our negotiated agreements.)

All children of District employees are guaranteed placement in one of Shoreline's elementary schools. On the first business day, following February 28th, your child will either be assigned a school or placed on a waiting list.

10. Is there before and after school care?
There is limited before and after school care available at all school sites. Please check the Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center website www.shorelineschools.org/earlylearningcenter for an announcement of the 2020-21 Extended Care registration dates and tuition. Or, you can call 206.393.4350.

11. 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 further information about the process, please contact Trinitee King at trinitee.king@shorelineschools.org or 206.393.4365 after February 18th.

12. When will we receive information from the school about the new school 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.

13. When does the school office open in August?
August 17, 2020.

For any additional enrollment information, please contact your home school.