

Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten for 2022-23

1. Is there a cost involved for Kindergarten?

No, Kindergarten is free.

2. Where do I register for Kindergarten?

You can register online <https://www.shorelineschools.org/enrollment> or through your neighborhood school. If you don't know which elementary school is your neighborhood site, please email trinitee.king@shorelineschools.org. 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 – **REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL** ([click here](#))
- Verification of residency such as a utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage statement
- Emergency contact numbers, cell phone numbers, etc.
- Phone number(s) for doctor

4. Does it matter when I register my child?

Registration for in-district students begins on Wednesday, February 2nd and ends on Monday, February 28th. 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 14th 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 2022-23 school year, the primary overload host site for those Kindergarten students unable to attend their neighborhood school due to lack of space is TBD. 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?

Effective June 1, 2022, Shoreline School District elementary schools will be open to transfer requests from out-of-district students this coming 2022-23 school year. In recent years, our K-5 schools have been closed to Choice Transfer Requests from students who live outside the district boundaries, but a recent decline in enrollment and projected decreasing numbers means we have room in the coming school year.

If a family that lives outside of the Shoreline Schools boundary would like to be considered, the first step is to visit this state portal and complete a [Choice Transfer Request](#) for their child. Each building will consider the transfer request based on factors such as space in the school/grade and a student's attendance history (see [Board Policy 3141P](#) for a full list). Choice Transfer Requests are submitted and considered annually. Once notified of acceptance, the family may then complete the standard enrollment process for their child.

9. What if I am a District employee and live outside of the Shoreline School District?

Out of district employees may enroll their student during the Open Enrollment period (2/2 – 2/28). Non-resident students who are the children of District employees may enroll 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.

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 2022-23 Extended Care registration dates and tuition. Or, you can email elc.office@shorelineschools.org or 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 state licensed psychologist. For further information about the process, please contact Trinitee King at trinitee.king@shorelineschools.org or 206.393.4365 **after** March 14th.

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?

TBD

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