

# Kindergarten In District 303

## Frequently Asked Questions

Parents have the option of an All Day Kindergarten (ADK) or Half Day Kindergarten program. All Day Kindergarten is a fee-based program.

The following are answers to some commonly asked questions. Please review this list for the answer to your question. If you find that you still need additional information, please contact the elementary school where children in your neighborhood attend.

### **What does the curriculum look like for All Day Kindergarten?**

District 303's Kindergarten curriculum is a rigorous, academic experience. Literacy and math focus on the Early Learning Standards for Kindergarten. The academic and elementary report card competencies can be viewed by visiting the Instruction Overview page under "Departments" and scrolling to *Academics & Curriculum*.

### **What is the difference between the curriculum for the All Day and the Half Day Kindergarten programs?**

All students will receive the core curriculum in a half day kindergarten program. Those students who attend the all day kindergarten program will engage in more in-depth learning experiences of the core curriculum during the additional time they are in class.

### **If I select Half Day for my child, how will the first grade teacher handle teaching my child? How are you going to meet the needs of my child?**

District 303 teachers are prepared to meet the needs of all learners. There is great variability among children's experiences in kindergarten, first and second grade. District 303 teachers will address the needs of students in the same way they address the various needs of students coming from different preschool experiences.

### **If I select the Half Day program, is it possible that my child will be moved from the school assigned to our attendance area?**

Kindergarten students will be placed in schools based on enrollment numbers. Half day or all day kindergarten students may be combined with students from other schools and hosted at a school other than their attendance area school. Efforts will be made to move the least amount of students from an attendance area.

**What is the length of the All Day Kindergarten program?**

The All Day Kindergarten program times are consistent with the school day for grades 1-5. Students attend from 8:40 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Students will remain in school for lunch; they may purchase lunch or may bring their own lunch.

**How will transportation be provided?**

The [Transportation Department](#) will provide their normal bussing services for all grade levels, including kindergarten. In a case where a student needs to attend a different school other than their assigned school due to enrollment, that student will be bussed to their newly assigned school.

**Is there a nap or relaxation time?**

No.

**What is the difference between the All Day Kindergarten program and daycare?**

Academic curriculum is delivered by certified teachers.

**Is there any special screening or qualifications for All Day Kindergarten?**

No.

**Will I have the opportunity to select AM or PM if I enroll my child in the Half Day program?**

No.

**What is the cost to enroll in the All Day Kindergarten Program?**

***2018-19 All Day Kindergarten costs:***

- The All Day Kindergarten fee is \$2,025 per student (payable in 9 monthly payments of \$225.00 per month, per student)
  - Note: a 10% discount will be given for full payment made by July 1, 2018 (\$1,822.50)
- The fee will be pro-rated for families eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program
  - Free - \$25.00 per month

- Reduced - \$100.00 per month
- A registration fee of \$100.00 (\*\$90 if paid by 4/27/2018) is required

***2019-20 All Day Kindergarten costs (pending School Board Approval):***

- The All Day Kindergarten fee will be \$2,025 per student (payable in 9 monthly payments of \$225.00 per month, per student)
  - Note: a 10% discount will be given for full payment made by July 1, 2019 (\$1,822.50)
- The fee will be pro-rated for families eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program
  - Free - \$25.00 per month
  - Reduced - \$100.00 per month
- A registration fee of \$100.00 (\*\$90 if paid by 4/28/2019) is required

**I have twins. Is there a reduced rate for twins?**

There is nothing at this time.

**Will class sizes of 1st through 5th grade classes in a school building be affected by the number of students signing up for All Day Kindergarten?**

No. The determination as to whether or not classes at other levels need to be added or subtracted is based on the number of students at that particular grade level and independent of interest in that school for All Day Kindergarten.

**Will students participating in All Day Kindergarten have the same classroom teacher for the full day?**

Yes.

**How do I register for All Day Kindergarten?**

***Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-20 school year is on February 6, 2019.***

Register at the elementary school where children in your area currently attend. Reliable proof of a child's identity and age is required (original birth certificate, passport, visa). Families must provide two documents as proof of residency.

District 303 can accommodate all families wishing to enroll their children in All Day or Half Day Kindergarten. To be guaranteed a placement in all day kindergarten, families must have completed all the registration forms.

**\*\*All Day Kindergarten (ADK) and Half Day Kindergarten (HDK) classroom placement is dependent upon enrollment numbers at each individual school. ADK and/or HDK students may be combined with other schools and will attend the school site determined by District Administration.\*\***