

Antioch Elementary Kindergarten FAQ

Fall 2026 Updated 2/16/26

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| 1. What does a typical Kindergarten day look like? | Students will receive instruction in phonological & phonemic awareness, phonics, language/reading comprehension, writing, Science, Social Studies and Math. Students will have lunch and 30 minutes of recess as well as a special area class each day (music, art, p.e., brain house, gator time, computers and media). |
| 2. How many students will be in my child's Kindergarten classroom? | Each classroom will have 18-23. |
| 3. Will my child's classroom have a teacher assistant? | Yes. Each Kindergarten classroom has a teacher assistant assigned. The assistants are not assigned for the entire school day. |
| 4. What does my child need to know before entering Kindergarten? | Parents may access "Everything you need to know about Your Child Entering Kindergarten" by clicking here. This is a complete guide to help you prepare for Kindergarten in UCPS. |
| 5. What is staggered enrollment? | During the first week of school, your child will only attend school one day. This provides each teacher the opportunity to spend quality time with your child. The teacher will inform you of your child's staggered enrollment day. You may request a day if you have a conflict. |
| 6. How can I access the Kindergarten Curriculum? | Parents may access the complete North Carolina Standard Course of Study with this link. |
| 7. What are the procedures to request changes to transportation? | Contact your data manager if you have questions. deirdra.bortny@ucps.k12.nc.us |
| 8. Will the bus driver let my Kindergarten child get off the bus with an older sibling? | Yes. Kindergarten students may get off the bus with an older sibling. Please use this link to access additional information regarding bus forms. |

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| <p>9. Is there a bus app to see when the bus will drop off my child?</p> | <p>Parents may click this link for full details.</p> |
| <p>10. How will the teachers help with students who show signs of being either above or below grade level expectations?</p> | <p>Our staff follows the Multi Tier System of Support process or MTSS for short to identify students who are in need of additional support. Teachers and Teacher Assistants provide support in small groups or in a one-on-one setting as appropriate. Our staff strives to provide challenge activities to engage and enhance instructional opportunities for students who are performing above the grade level expectation.</p> |
| <p>11. Will parents be permitted to walk students to class?</p> | <p>Parents may drop off Kindergarten students by entering the gym via the bus parking lot. Our staff will collect students and escort them to class. This option is ONLY for the staggered enrollment day. Parents may send their child on the bus (if registered), drop off in the car rider line or park and walk your child to the front door. Our staff will assist them with finding the classroom. Parents will NOT be permitted to walk their child to class unless special circumstances exist.</p> |
| <p>12. Are parents permitted to have lunch with their child?</p> | <p>Yes. However we request that parents wait until mid September to begin this activity. This will give our students and staff time to learn procedures. Parents are asked to follow a rotating schedule due to seating capacity limitations. Details will be shared weekly with families.</p> |
| <p>13. Will Kindergarten students have homework?</p> | <p>Students in Kindergarten typically have minimal homework to read. Students in the DLI program will have more work at home due to the nature of learning a new language.</p> |
| <p>14. Will Afterschool Care be offered at Antioch?</p> | <p>Yes. We currently offer after school childcare. Use this link for more information. Click here to access the information.</p> |

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| <p>15. What should I expect during the first few weeks of school?</p> | <p>August 24th - First Day of School and Staggered Enrollment begins for Kindergarten Students. Your child will only attend school one day during the week of August 26th..</p> <p>August 28th - NO Kindergarten Students attend school on this day. Kindergarten Curriculum Meeting @ 10:00am. This is a parents only session. Your child's teacher will discuss instruction, communication and curriculum.</p> <p>August 31st - All Kindergarten students attend school.</p> |
| <p>16. Does the school offer lunch and breakfast?</p> | <p>Parents may use this link to access more information about School Nutrition Services.</p> |
| <p>17. Does my child need a health assessment prior to starting school?</p> | <p>All students are required to have certain immunizations as determined by NC statute and a health assessment. Your Primary Health Care Provider must complete this form. Health Assessment Form.</p> |
| <p>18. How do I volunteer at the school?</p> | <p>If you would like to become a volunteer for Union County Public Schools, complete a volunteer application. Once your application is submitted, you will receive an automated email correspondence instructing you to confirm your email address. Additionally, you will receive an automated email when your application is approved or denied.</p> |
| <p>19. How do I get involved with the Antioch Elementary Parent Teacher Organization?</p> | <p>Click here to learn more about the Antioch PTO.</p> |
| <p>20. What are Kindergarten Assessments?</p> | <p>Parents of rising Kindergarten students should complete this form to schedule an assessment for your child. Parents will receive information regarding their child's assessment performance once the school year has begun.</p> |
| <p>21. DLI Lottery</p> | <p>Application period opens 3/9/26 in scribbles, closes 4/6/26 You must be enrolled with your homeschool via Infinite Campus prior to completing a DLI application. You will be notified by 4/20/26 You must claim your spot by 4/27/26</p> |

22. Additional Resources

[Antioch Elementary Calendar 26/27](#)- Scroll to the bottom of the page.

[Antioch Elementary Student Handbook 25-26](#)

[Antioch Elementary Student Supply List 26-27](#)