

2017-2018 REGISTRATION INFORMATION KINDERGARTEN & OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN

HOW DO I DECIDE BETWEEN OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN FOR MY CHILD?

Optional Kindergarten is a program for students who are old enough to enroll in Kindergarten but may need an extra year to prepare for full-day Kindergarten. The Optional Kindergarten program focuses on the same skills and concepts as Kindergarten, but there is much more time allowed for mastery. If you are interested in more information regarding the Optional Kindergarten program, please click [here](#).

HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BE TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN OR OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

In order for your child to be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten or Optional Kindergarten, he/she must be five years old on or before September 15th.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN OR OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

The registration window will be open between **March 1st and March 18th, 2017**. Registration will still be available after March 18th, and there will be computer kiosks available in the offices at North Ridge Elementary, South Prairie Elementary, and Dallas Center Elementary.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR KINDERGARTEN AND OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

Kindergarten classes meet Monday-Friday, beginning at 8:10 AM and dismissing at 3:15 PM.

Optional Kindergarten classes meet on a half-day schedule Monday-Friday. There will not be Optional classes on early dismissal days.

- Morning Section: 8:10-11:10 AM
- Afternoon Section: 12:15-3:15 PM

DOES THE DISTRICT DO A “KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP?”

The district will do a “Kindergarten Round-Up” in the spring for students that will be eligible for Kindergarten or Optional Kindergarten in the fall. Parents will receive more information regarding the dates, times, and what to expect after the registration window.

IF I LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE DC-G SCHOOL DISTRICT, CAN I STILL REGISTER MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN OR OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

If you live outside of the district and would like to register your child, please call the District Office at (515) 992-3866 and speak with Cindy Ford to complete the open enrollment process and the required paperwork.

Even if you already have students open-enrolled in the DC-G school district, you must also complete the application for your Kindergarten student.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN OR OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

Please refer to the Registration Webpage and follow the process for either an existing family or a new family to the district.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD IF I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

There will also be registration kiosks available at South Prairie Elementary, North Ridge Elementary, Dallas Center Elementary, DC-G Middle School, Meadows, and DC-G High School on March 1st, 2017. Please come between 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

You may also visit the public library to complete the online registration, as they have computers available for public use.

I HAVE OLDER CHILDREN ALREADY ENROLLED AT DC-G SCHOOLS. CAN I REGISTER THEM ALL AT ONCE WITH MY KINDERGARTENER?

Yes! Please refer to the Registration Webpage and follow the process for an existing family. Just be sure to add your Kindergarten child to the list of students you're registering for the upcoming school year.

WHAT PAPERWORK SHOULD I HAVE READY BEFORE REGISTERING MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Existing families with Parent Portal accounts will need a digital copy of your child's **birth certificate** and your child's **immunization record**.

New families will need the paperwork listed above along with a digital copy of **proof of residence** (ex: a scanned copy of a utility bill with your name and address).

WHAT IS THE COST FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN OR OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

All students in Optional Kindergarten through 12th grade require payment of a \$55 book fee.

I JUST REGISTERED MY KINDERGARTENER. WHY DON'T I SEE THEM IN MY PARENT PORTAL?

Your Kindergartener will not be visible in your Parent Portal until the 2017-18 school year, which starts on July 1st, 2017. This is also why you are unable to pay registration fees for them until July 1st, 2017.

WHEN WILL I KNOW THE BUILDING ASSIGNMENT FOR MY KINDERGARTENER?

The district uses neighborhood boundaries to determine child placement for elementary. Your child will be enrolled in the elementary building within your neighborhood boundaries.

For students who are open-enrolled, your child's placement will be determined based upon enrollment numbers at each building. This information may not be available until July or August. You will receive an email, letter, or a phone call once the decisions have been made.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have additional questions, please contact the office at one of the elementary buildings. They may be reached at the contact phone numbers listed below:

- South Prairie Elementary: (515) 986-4057
- North Ridge Elementary: (515) 986-5674
- Dallas Center Elementary: (515) 992-3838