



Full Day Kindergarten in the Issaquah School District

“Each child is viewed as a unique person with an individual pattern and timing of growth...”

Full Day Kindergarten is an optional program provided by the Issaquah School District on a limited, space-available basis.

The program is funded by a tuition fee which covers the difference between the state funded half-day program and the full day session.

While the curriculum is consistent in both programs, the full day program provides added enrichment and extended activities.

Each year, principals decide if they are able to offer a full-day program based on available space and staff. Following registration and, if necessary, a lottery process, principals determine whether there is sufficient need to provide the program for that year.

Class size parallels the district standard for other regular kindergarten classes with a base size starting at 21 students.

Curriculum for the Full Day Kindergarten program is based on the regular district kindergarten curriculum. Additional emphasis is placed on problem-solving skills, language development, and language experience activities. The full day session allows more in-depth study of curriculum units and opportunities for the development of social skills in both individual and cooperative group activities. A physical activity period and lunch are incorporated into each day. Full Day Kindergarten students are brought together with other kindergarten students for various academic activities.

A lottery drawing will be held if more than the allotted number of students register for Full Day Kindergarten. Once notified, parents have five days to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$75, plus 1 of 10 tuition payments of \$360.00 (\$435.00) or the full tuition amount of \$3600.00 (\$3,675.00) to the school office. This will reserve a space in the class. Registered students interested in the Full Day Kindergarten program will be included in the lottery. Students may register and participate in only one building lottery. If the class is not filled, enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students in the Full Day Kindergarten class who qualify for free and reduced meals may participate in the 3% district scholarship lottery. If you wish to participate, please notify the school secretary and complete the Free and Reduced Meal qualifying form. The 3% scholarship lottery will be conducted two weeks after the building lottery. If you are successful in obtaining a scholarship in the scholarship lottery, tuition will be at a reduced rate.

Tuition covers the unfunded portion of the Full Day Kindergarten program. It pays for additional materials, supplies, teacher time, educational assistant time, and the administrative cost of processing the tuition payments. It also supports the 3% scholarship program.



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The building's multi-disciplinary team will determine if the Full Day Kindergarten program is appropriate for students with special needs. Out-of-district students will be allowed to enroll on a space available basis on the first day of the school year. Students who move out of district during the school year may continue the program for the duration of the school year.

If you have questions concerning the Full Day Kindergarten program, please call your school or the Office of the Executive Director of Elementary Education, (425)837-7025 or contact the Issaquah School District Elementary Bookkeeper at (425)837-7149 regarding tuition payments.