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Registration

- **How do I register my student for kindergarten?**
 - Here is the [link](#) to the district website with current general information on kindergarten registration. You may register in-person at your child's school anytime during school hours.
- **What if I already registered my student for half day kindergarten?**
 - Now that a full day program is available, if you previously registered, your student will automatically be enrolled in the full day kindergarten programming. If you are considering half day programming, please contact the building administrator.
- **What if I already registered my student for kindergarten and need to update bussing and daycare information?**
 - If you previously registered and would like to make a change to any of your information, you can call the building secretary and they will be able to assist you. Or you may call the district office.
 - ACES: 630-553-4048
 - BBES: 630-553-5121
 - GRES: 630-553-5513
 - CCGS: 630-553-4388
 - BGS: 630-553-4383
 - YGS: 630-553-4390
 - District Office, Cathy Anderson: 630-663-4382
- **How much is the kindergarten registration fee?**
 - The kindergarten registration fee is \$144.
- **I missed the registration event on March 9th. Is there another open house / meet and greet prior to the start of the school year?**
 - If you missed the registration event on March 9th and have not yet registered, please contact your home school to complete registration.
 - Jump Start, which will be held on August 10th is the next opportunity for another Open House opportunity prior to the start of the school year.
- **What if I want to change enrollment during the year (i.e. from half day to full day)?**
 - Please contact the building principal and we will work to accommodate the request.
- **Do we get confirmation that registration is complete?**
 - The best way to confirm registration is complete is to call the building secretary.

Summer Opportunities

- **What is Jump Start?**

- Jump Start is a one day event scheduled for August 10, 2022 (9:00-11:00 or 1:00-3:00) that is open to all students, including incoming kindergarten students. Students can familiarize themselves with their school, meet their principal, and have fun for a couple hours!
- While attending, kindergarten students will be able to take part in a screening that allows the principal and staff to get to know the student personally and academically before the first day of school.
- Keep an eye out for future communication and details regarding Jump Start!

Beginning of the School Year Information

- **Kindergarten Staggered Entry**

- The first two days of the school year include staggered entry days for kindergarten students.
- In a smaller group setting, students have a chance to become familiar with the kindergarten staff, their classroom, the school building, and school procedures.
- Below is an outline of the first 3 days of school for kindergarten students:
 - Thursday, August 25, 2022: Half of the kindergarten students attend.
 - Friday, August 26, 2022: The remaining half of the kindergarten students attend.
 - Monday, August 29, 2022: All kindergarten students attend.
 - Specific information regarding the staggered entry schedule will be provided when class lists are posted.
 - Class lists, bus routes, and staggered entry schedule will be provided August 19, 2022.

- **Will twins or siblings be assigned to attend on the same staggered start date?**

- Principals can accommodate family requests in regards to keeping twins/siblings together or separate. Please reach out to the building principal to let them know your preference for staggered entry.

- **Supply Drop Off & Curriculum Night**

- Kindergarten students will follow the same supply drop off and curriculum night schedule as the other grades in their building.

Full Day Kindergarten

- **What are the hours for kindergarten?**
 - Kindergarten hours will follow the same schedules as the other grade levels in the elementary buildings.
 - ACES: 8:35-3:35
 - BBES: 8:35-3:35
 - GRES: 8:35-3:35
 - CCGS: 8:25-3:25
 - BGS: 8:25-3:25
 - YGS: 8:25-3:25
- **Will there be a new kindergarten curriculum?**
 - D115 has always used a full day kindergarten curriculum. The core content area curriculum will not be changing. However, throughout SY 22/23, Art, Music, ILT & PE will be working through revising and updating curriculum to build on and enhance the current kindergarten curriculum.
- **Where can I get more information on full day kindergarten?**
 - Consider viewing the recording of the [Facebook Live event](#) held on Tuesday, April 26th.
 - Consider viewing the [recording](#) of the in-person informational night that was held on May 18th, 6:30-7:30 at the YMS Auditorium. [Parent Information Night Video](#)
 - Direct additional questions to Dr. Leslie Kressin, lkressin@y115.org.
- **What are the content minutes for the full day programming?**

Full Day Content Minutes		
Content	SY 21/22 [Current] Minutes	SY 22/23 Minutes
ELA CORE w/ SS/Science Integration *includes Rtl	70	135
Math *includes Rtl	35	85
Exploratory Play	0	45
Recess	15	40
Lunch	0	20
PE	25	30
Specials (Art, Music, ILT)	25	45
Morning Meeting/SEL	15	20
Rtl	20	*
Total Minutes	180	420
Dismissal	11:25/11:35	3:25/3:35

- **Will there be nap time?**

- Nap time is not included in the kindergarten schedule. However, teachers have the autonomy, especially at the beginning of the school year, to provide time for students to “rest and restore”.
- **What is “Exploratory Play”?**
 - *Exploratory Play* is a designated time students have free choice of a variety of learning centers such as dramatic play, fine motor, library, blocks, and sensory. Play centers are thoughtfully designed based on student interest, units of study, learning objectives, and needed skill reinforcement. During this time, students have free choice of materials and with whom they will interact. Exploratory play provides exciting and meaningful learning opportunities for students in an environment that is rich in purpose. Careful consideration is given to equity and diversity throughout learning centers.
- **What if my kindergarten student can already read?**
 - Teachers differentiate instruction and challenge children to excel above their current knowledge. If appropriate, teachers can collaborate with first grade teachers to consider flexing into the first grade classroom for further enrichment.
- **Will kindergarten students have a snack?**
 - Yes. Snack time will be built into their daily morning routine/activities.
- **Will kindergarten students receive homework?**
 - This will be discussed during summer work sessions with kindergarten teachers.
- **Does my student need to know how to tie their shoes?**
 - Yes please! Although it is not a requirement, it is greatly appreciated by the classroom teachers and PE teachers.
- **Are kindergarten students required to be potty trained?**
 - Yes. However, we are aware that accidents will happen. If you have a concern, please contact the building principal and we will make sure we have a plan in place to ensure the student is well supported with any needs they have.
- **Are there any staff, besides the kindergarten teachers, assisting in the classroom?**
 - In some cases there are paraprofessionals assigned to classrooms to assist students.
- **How are kindergarten students assessed?**
 - Kindergartners take the M.A.P. ([Measure of Academic Progress](#)) assessment three times a year on their chromebook. Students wear headphones and the questions are read to them. Students select an answer by pressing a button or swiping on their chromebook screen. Kindergarten students also take the [AIMS assessment](#) three times a year. This is a 1:1 assessment with their teacher.
- **How is the weekly curriculum available to parents?**
 - Typically kindergarten teachers email a weekly newsletter, which includes the curriculum for the week, to parents. At the beginning of the year, the classroom teacher will share their communication process for the school year.
- **How does the Specials (Art, Music, ILT, and Flex) block work?**
 - Full day kindergarten students attend a Specials block each day. During each Specials block, students will receive instruction in two of the following four areas: Music, Art, ILT (Information, Literature and Technology) or a Flex block.
- **Where will indoor recess be held?**

- Indoor recess is typically held in the classroom. Students have access to various manipulatives, games, and art supplies during this time.

Dual Language Kindergarten

- **If I have specific questions regarding Dual Language, who do I contact?**
 - Please contact the District 115 Coordinator of Bilingual and English Learner Services, Michael Camp, mcamp@y115.org. Here is the [link](#) to the district website that provides further information on the Dual Language Program.
- **Will Dual Language be offered as full day or half day?**
 - Dual Language will be offered as a full day program similar to the monolingual offering.
- **Will Dual Language have the same sample schedule?**
 - Dual Language will have a similar sample schedule to monolingual.
- **Will the Dual Language Program move?**
 - With current enrollment, the Dual Language program is not moving. ACES will continue as the location for the Dual Language Program.
- **Will you hire more support staff for both the monolingual and Dual Language kindergarten programs?**
 - Yes, we will continue the current practice of being responsive to the needs of students and staff accordingly.
- **Is the Dual Language Program available to all students and is it available in multiple languages?**
 - Spanish/English is the current offering for Dual Language. Please contact Mike Camp, Coordinator for Bilingual and EL Services at mcamp@y115.org, to discuss further opportunities.

Technology in Kindergarten

- **Will kindergarten students receive a chromebook?**
 - Kindergarten students will be issued a district supplied chromebook for use during school. The chromebook will remain at school and will not go home with the students each night. In 1st grade, students will be issued a different chromebook that will be sent home each night.
- **Will SeeSaw be the Learning Management System (LMS)?**
 - Yes, SeeSaw will continue to be the kindergarten LMS. Parents will have access to SeeSaw to review student work, including pictures and videos and communicate with the kindergarten teacher.
- **Will kindergarten students spend an age-appropriate amount of time on a chromebook?**
 - Yes. Students will not be on their chromebook for extended periods of time. Teachers will be incredibly mindful of this. Students will use Dreambox and Lexia, but it is not recommended they are on their chromebook consecutive minutes beyond 15-20 minutes and for limited times throughout the day.
- **Which educational apps will kindergarten students use on their chromebook?**

- Students will have access to educational apps. The main educational apps they will be using are: Seesaw, Lexia, and Dreambox.

Half Day Kindergarten

- **Is half day kindergarten still available?**
 - Half day kindergarten will still be an available option. Please contact the building administrator to make this request.
- **Is half day kindergarten available at my home school or a different location?**
 - Half day kindergarten students will attend at their home building. Students will attend with full day kindergarten students in the same classroom and will leave prior to lunch.
- **What will my child miss if I opt for half day programming?**
 - Students enrolled as half day kindergarten students will attend school in the morning and will be dismissed at 12:10/12:20.
 - Half day students will miss the following:
 - 70 minutes of extended CORE instruction (ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies)
 - Lunch
 - (2) Recesses
 - 30 min. Exploratory play
 - ILT, Music, Art
 - This excludes participation in related school activities such as music performances and art shows.
 - Additionally, library read aloud and checkout may be infrequent.
- **If I opt for half day programming for my child, what will I pay for half day registration?**
 - Registration for half day students will be \$72. Once the request for half day programming has been processed by the building principal and secretary, the accurate registration fee will be reflected in the parent portal.

Building Capacity, Classroom Assignments, Bussing & Lunch

- **Will kindergarten be located at a specific location?**
 - Currently, registration numbers allow for kindergarten students to attend at their home school building. We will continue to monitor registration numbers and sections needed at each building. If registration numbers surpass building capacity, YGS & BGS will be used as overflow buildings.
- **How will enrollment with overflow work if parents have already made arrangements for a daycare to pick up a child from their home school? For example: a daycare may be willing to pick up a child from GRES, but not willing to pick up a child from BGS?**
 - Although we don't anticipate using overflow buildings currently, if this situation arises, we can make special accommodations with bussing services to ensure the student is still provided bussing.
- **If YGS & BGS need to be used as overflow schools, how will it be determined which students attend at the overflow school versus their own building?**

- If enrollment requires the use of overflow building options, we would first ask for volunteers to attend the overflow schools.
- Every effort will be made to keep families with multiple children in the same building.
- **Will full day kindergarten result in larger class sizes?**
 - Larger class sizes are not anticipated. Enrollment at all grade levels will continue to be monitored in accordance with existing practice.
- **Will twins and/or siblings be in the same classroom?**
 - Please reach out to the building principal, we can accommodate your preference of the same or different classrooms.
- **What are the kindergarten class sizes?**
 - Generally kindergarten class sizes have been in the low 20's or under. We hope to continue with that small class size.
- **How many kindergarten classes will there be at each school?**
 - Sections of kindergarten classes per building will depend on enrollment. However, we anticipate every building having at least two sections.
- **Are kindergarten students separated from older students on the bus?**
 - Kindergarten students are typically seated near the front of the bus before older students get onto the bus, however, kindergarten students may prefer to sit with older siblings. If you have a specific request, please contact the building principal.
- **Will kindergarten students who ride the bus still be picked up / dropped off at their house?**
 - Full day kindergarten students who ride the bus will be picked up / dropped off at "bucket stops" with students in other grade-levels in their neighborhood. The location for drop off for half-day kindergarten students will be determined based on other bus riders in their neighborhood. Bus route information is typically shared the week prior to school starting.
- **Can I request for my child to take a different bus home for childcare purposes?**
 - This arrangement may be permissible if it will be consistent day-to-day. Please complete the [Transportation Inquiry Form](#) and contact the building principal to discuss the request.
- **How much does hot lunch cost?**
 - Lunch costs will be updated for the 2022-2023 school year. Lunch will no longer be free for all. If you would like more information on enrolling in free and reduced lunch, please see the [Food Services page](#) on the district website.
- **Is 20 minutes enough time for lunch?**
 - Extra transition time will absolutely be given to kindergarten students, especially at the beginning of the year. We will also have extra supervision and support staff during kindergarten lunch to assist with any student needs.

Outside of the School Day Questions

- **What are the before and after school care options?**
 - Before and after school care is offered through the SAFE program with the YMCA.
 - Here is a [link](#) to the information on that program.

Early Childhood

- **How do I register my child for Early Childhood?**
 - Here is the [link](#) to the district website with all the information to register your child. Please note that students do have to qualify to receive placement in the specialized early childhood program. Other questions can be directed to the District 115 Early Childhood Coordinator, Cory Mehnert, cmehnert@y115.org.
- **Will the Early Childhood programs still be available at YGS, CCGS and BGS?**
 - No. The Early Childhood program will no longer be housed in separate school buildings. All students will attend the new Early Childhood Center located at 101 Garden St, Yorkville, IL 60560.