



Poudre School District 2020-21 Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten in PSD

Kindergarten is an exciting and important first step in your child's educational journey in Poudre School District. By motivating all students to learn, challenging them to excel, and supporting them along the way, we work with families to ensure they graduate prepared to succeed in our changing world. PSD students are supported in many ways, including by collaborative teachers and staff, through a strong instructional framework, and in a safe and welcoming learning environment. Together, we foster the whole child and build on each other's strengths in a community of learners. Together, we are committed to student success. Together, we are PSD!

Free All-Day Kindergarten

PSD offers free all-day kindergarten. Prior to the 2019-20 school year, PSD families paid tuition for all-day kindergarten because state funding did not cover all of the costs for full-day kindergarten programs. With the passage of House Bill 1262, Colorado started funding a student enrolled in a full-day kindergarten program at the same amount as students enrolled full-time in other grades, as of the 2019-20 school year. This allows Colorado school districts to offer free all-day kindergarten.

Half-Day Kindergarten

Parents who are interested in discussing options for their child to attend a half-day program should contact their respective school principal.

Transportation

Transportation eligibility for students is based upon the distance between their home and neighborhood school. Elementary school students are eligible for transportation if they live more than one mile from the neighborhood school in their attendance area. Contact the Transportation Department at 970-490-3155 with questions.

- One-way transportation is provided for half-day kindergarten.
- Round trip transportation is provided for full-day programs.
- Transportation is not provided for school choice students.

School Lunches

Meals offered in PSD are balanced, nutritious, and tasty, exceeding all federal and USDA nutritional guidelines. Students may be eligible for free or reduced-price lunches if they receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or if the household income is within the eligibility limits set by the federal government. Contact the Child Nutrition Department at 970-490-3557 for more information.



Visit Schools

PSD has 36 elementary schools, including 28 neighborhood schools, four option schools, and four charter schools. The majority of PSD families choose to send their children to their neighborhood school, the school located within the attendance area in which they live. In addition to using a rigorous standards-based curriculum, neighborhood schools offer various instructional and enrichment programs designed to fit individual student needs.

Starting in December 2019 and January 2020, PSD elementary schools will host open house nights and orientation meetings for parents of upcoming kindergartners. Plan to attend schools' open houses to learn more about individual schools. To plan your visit(s), check out the listing of visitation and open house dates included in this brochure.

Register Your Student

Online kindergarten registration starts **Jan. 6, 2020**. Register online at olr.psdschools.org. Even if you opt to send your child to a school outside your local neighborhood through school choice, you must still register your child at your neighborhood school. You may register your student online as of **Jan. 6, 2020**, or in-person (at your neighborhood school) on **Jan. 16, 2020**. For more information on registration or school choice, visit psdschools.org, using the "Student Registration" Quick Link on the home page.



Educate . . . Every Child, Every Day.

Kindergarten Checklist

Determine Eligibility

Student must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1 of the respective school year to register for kindergarten for the fall 2020 school year.

Locate Your Neighborhood School

Use the school locator tool on the PSD website found under "Schools/Programs" to enter your address and locate your neighborhood school.

Learn about School Options

Detailed information on the wide variety of educational options available to your child can be found on the PSD website under the "Student Registration" QuickLink.

Instructional program options include Core Knowledge, International Baccalaureate, Expeditionary Learning and Bilingual/Dual Immersion. Some schools also feature programs such as Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM), Gifted & Talented, Arts & Technology, and Leader in Me. Learn more about each of these programs on the PSD website or by visiting the school open house nights.

Attend Informational Meetings

Kindergarten information meetings, open houses and orientation nights are listed within this brochure. A current schedule is also available online.

Utilize these times to meet teachers and principals, ask questions, tour the building, and learn about the curriculum, enrichment and other programming available for your student.

Register Online

Your child must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1 to register for kindergarten for the fall 2020 school year. Kindergarten online registration starts **Jan. 6, 2020** for all neighborhood schools. Register online at olr.psdschools.org or register in-person at your neighborhood school on **Jan. 16, 2020**. Hours vary by school; check online or call the school directly for a schedule. Even if you register online, the following documents must be delivered to your neighborhood school to complete the registration process.

- Verification of child's birth date (birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, military ID, original or certified copies acceptable).
- Immunization records or signed State of Colorado Exemption Certificate.
- Proof of residency (example: ID or utility bill).

Paper student enrollment forms will be available through the PSD website or at school sites.

School Choice Options

To apply to attend a school other than your neighborhood school, you must complete the online school choice application on the PSD website. Deadline for first consideration for elementary and secondary schools is **noon (MST) on January 17**. Once the application period closes, applications will be processed and you will be notified by email of your status. This process can take up to two weeks once the deadline has closed.

- If you are applying to send your child to another school through school choice, you should still register at your neighborhood school on January 16. This ensures your student is registered and accounted for should your school choice option not be available.
- Charter schools DO NOT follow the PSD school choice procedures. Contact the charter school directly for application procedures.



PSD Preschool Programs

Apply Today!



Interested in Early Childhood programs? PSD's Early Childhood Education (ECE) program serves about 1,000 children, ranging ages 3 to 5, providing support and resources for families including:

- Highly-qualified, licensed teachers
- Social/emotional skills, literacy and language development
- Individualized academic plans
- Your youngster will become an emotionally strong and capable, student, able to navigate social settings with ease by the time they go to kindergarten.

Many factors other than income are considered for tuition-free preschool. Learn more on PSD's Early Childhood Education web page.

Do you have questions about the early development of your child? Call the Child Find Specialist at 970-490-3040.

The sooner you submit an application for a preschool program, the sooner you may find out that your child qualifies.

Contact the Early Childhood office:

220 N. Grant Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521 • 970-490-3204 • psdschools.org/programs-services/childhood-education

Plan your school visit today!

All PSD neighborhood and option schools teach board-approved curriculum aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards.

Elementary School	Principal	Phone		Orientation/Information Meetings	Open Houses/Classroom Visitation
Neighborhood Schools	Bacon	Joe Horky	488-5300	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/9: 6-7 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Bauder	Brian Carpenter	488-4150	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/14: 6-7 p.m. School tours - 1/15: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
	Beattie	David Patterson	488-4225	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/14: 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Bennett, an IB World School	Amy Smythe	488-4750	■ ▲ ♦ —	1/9: 6-7 p.m. School tours - 1/10: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
	Bethke	Ann Alfonso	488-4300	■ ▲ ♦ ♦	1/15: 6 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Cache La Poudre, an IB World School	Landus Boucher	488-7600	● ■ ▲ ♦ — *	1/9: 6-7 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Dunn, an IB World School	Deborah Ellis	488-4825	■ ▲ ♦ —	1/9: 6-7 p.m. Open Houses: 1/10: 9:15-11:15 a.m., 1/14: 1:15-3:15 p.m. & 1/15: 9:15-11:15 a.m.
	Eyestone	Kristin Broadbelt	488-8600	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/9: 6-7 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Irish	Lindsey Walton	488-6900	★ ▲ ♦ X *	1/14: 6-7 p.m. 1/15: 9:10:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.
	Johnson	Georgianna Dawson	488-5000	● ■ ▲ ♦ *	1/10: 6-7 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Kruse	Kirk Samples	488-5625	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/8: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. 1/9 and 1/13: 3:45-4:15 p.m.
	Laurel	Tommi Sue Cox	488-5925	★ ▲ ♦ *	1/9: 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Visitation and Kinderstar concert – 4/22: 9:30 a.m.; tours by appt.
	Linton	Kristin Stolte	488-5850	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/8: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Call 970-488-5854 to schedule school tours.
	Livermore	Tom Schachet	488-6520	★	1/15: 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Lopez	Traci Gile	488-8800	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/9: 7-8 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	McGraw, an IB World School*	Amy Smith	488-8335	■ ▲ ♦ — *	1/14: 6-7 p.m. School tours - 1/9: 8-10 a.m.
	O'Dea Core Knowledge	Laurie Corso	488-4450	■ ▲ ♦ ♦	1/9: 6-7 p.m. School tours - 1/8 and 1/9: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
	Olander School for Project-Based Learning	Mark Strasberg	488-8410	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/9: 5-6 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Putnam	Steve Apodaca	488-7700	★ ▲ ♦ *	1/8: 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 1/10: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Red Feather Lakes	Tom Schachet	488-6550	★ *	1/9: 11:30 a.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Rice	Melissa Duve	488-8700	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/8: 6-7:30 p.m. 1/8: 5:30-6 p.m., parents only.
Option Schools (100% Choice)	Riffenburgh, an IB World School	Melanie Mierzwa	488-7935	■ ▲ ♦ —	1/9: 6-7 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Shepardson STEM Elementary*	Alissa Poduska	488-4525	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/9: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Stove Prairie	Tom Schachet	488-6575	★ *	1/9: 11:45 a.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Tavelli	Christine Hendricks	488-6725	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/9: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Open house tours - 1/7: 1:30-3 p.m., 1/9: 9:30-11 a.m.
	Timnath	Lori Sander	488-6825	■ ▲ ♦ *	1/14: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Werner	Hayden Camp	488-5550	■ ▲ ♦	1/8: 6-7 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Zach Core Knowledge	Aisha Thomas	488-5100	■ ▲ ♦ ♦	1/9: 6-7:30 p.m. Bring your kindergartener to explore classrooms/meet teachers.
Charter Schools	Harris Bilingual	Norma Huerta-Kelley	488-5200	■ ▲ ♦ X *	1/15: Info night (English) 6-7 p.m. 1/16: Info night (Spanish) 6-7 p.m. School tours - 1/15 and 1/16: 8-10:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Contact main office to sign up.
	Polaris Expeditionary Learning (K-12)	Joe Gawronski	488-8260	■ ♦ +	Schedule visits by calling the front office. 1/9: 5-6 p.m.; parents only.
	Poudre School District Global Academy* (K-12)	Cheryl Fenlon	490-3086	★	Information nights for K-12 grade students - 1/8 and 2/12: 5:30 p.m.
	Traut Core Knowledge	Alissa McEachern	488-7500	● ■ ▲ ♦ ♦ *	Monthly on second Monday of the month: 6-7 p.m. Contact main office to schedule tours.
	Fort Collins Montessori	Frank Vincent	631-8612	● ■ ▲ ♦ *	Open house: 1/9: 5 p.m. at 1709 Elizabeth St.
	Liberty Common School	Elementary: Keith Churchill	482-9800	● ■ ♦ ♦	Elementary school info meetings - 1/13 and 4/27: 6:30 p.m. K-12 info nights available. School tours - every Tuesday: 10 a.m.
	Mountain Sage Community School	Liv Helmericks	568-5456	● ■	Elementary family evening 1/9: 5:30-7 p.m. School tours - 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 1/8, 1/15: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
	Ridgeview Classical Academy*	Derek Anderson	494-4620	■ ♦ ♦	Elementary school info meetings - 11/11, 12/2, 12/16, 1/7, 1/21: 7 p.m. K-12 tours and school/classroom visit available by appointment.

Key

- Half Day
- Full Day
- ★ Full Day No Tuition
- ▲ Before School Care
- ♦ Core Knowledge
- ◆ After School Care
- + Expeditionary Learning
- X Dual Language
- * Early Childhood
- International Baccalaureate
- Non-traditional Kindergarten schedule. Contact school for details.

For the most up-to-date information or to schedule a personal tour, please contact each school directly.



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Kindergarten
registration:
Online or in-person
Jan. 16, 2020.
Plan to attend
an informational
meeting!

Poudre School District...

- Serves **8 communities** throughout Northern Colorado
- PSD students consistently **outperform** statewide peers on assessments
- Offers **early childhood programming**
- Has numerous **state, national awards and recognitions**



PSD Instructional Options Include:

- Arts & Technology
- Bilingual/Dual Language Immersion
- Core Knowledge
- Early Childhood
- Expeditionary Learning
- Gifted & Talented
- Hybrid/Online Options

- International Baccalaureate
- Leader in Me
- Project-Based Learning
- Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art & Math (STEM
and STEAM)

Got Questions? Contact Us!

- Customer Service:** 970-490-3333
Child Nutrition: 970-490-3557
Transportation: 970-490-3232
Finance: 970-490-3654
Elementary School Services: 970-490-3302
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Email: info@psdschools.org

Facebook: [Facebook.com/PoudreSchoolDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/PoudreSchoolDistrict)

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Please call your school directly with questions pertaining to registration, school choice, open houses, and moving to the area.