



Marshfield Public Schools

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Overview of Kindergarten Registration Process

Registration: On Wednesday, December 7, 2016 and Wednesday, January 4, 2017 from 9:00-12:00, Kindergarten registration will be conducted in each of the elementary schools. All required registration forms can be printed from the MPSD website and completed in advance. You will need to indicate your request for full-day (fee based) program or half-day (no fee) program. A lottery for full-day kindergarten will be held on January 18th, 2017 at 10:00 at the Seth Ventress Building. You will also schedule an appointment for a screening to take place later this spring.

Kindergarten Screening: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Regulations require that school districts conduct screening for all children who are of age to enter kindergarten. Kindergarten screening is a brief developmental assessment process intended to identify children who may need further assessment. Screening is not an intelligence test, readiness test, or entrance exam.

Both parent and child must attend the screening. Your child will be seen by the screening team, including kindergarten staff and the school nurse, and you will meet with the school adjustment counselor to complete a questionnaire. Please allow approximately one hour to complete the screening process. Parents/Guardians will be notified of the screening results in writing approximately a week after the screening appointment. Each child will receive a “Growing Together” bag on the day of screening, which contains activities, materials, and resources for children and parents to use during the summer. **Class Assignment:** Your child’s class assignment and appointment for an orientation visit will be mailed to you in August.

Half-Day (no fee) Kindergarten Schedule: The Marshfield Public Schools’ Kindergarten Program is a half-day program. Children attend either the morning or afternoon session for the first half of the year. The sessions switch at the mid-year. The morning session meets Monday – Friday with a longer day on Thursday. Children eat lunch at school on Thursdays. The afternoon session meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with no school on Thursday. The Martinson Elementary School and South River School are **late** schools and the Daniel Webster School, Eames Way School and Governor Winslow School are **early** schools.

Early School Time Schedule: AM Session - M, T, W, F 8:20 AM – 11:10 AM, TH - 8:20 AM – 12:45 PM
PM Session - M, T, W, F 12:05 PM – 3:00 PM

Late School Time Schedule: AM Session - M, T, W, F 8:50 AM – 11:40 AM, TH - 8:50 AM – 1:15 PM
PM Session - M, T, W, F 12:35 PM – 3:30 PM

Full-Day (fee based) Kindergarten Schedule:

Early School Time Schedule: DWS, EWS, GWS – M, T, W, F 8:20 – 3:00 p.m. TH – 8:20 – 12:45 p.m. (Lunch served every day)

Late School Time Schedule: MES, SRS – M, T, W, F 8:50 – 3:30 p.m. TH - 8:50 – 1:15 p.m. (Lunch served every day)

***Please note these times are subject to change.**

Transportation: The school bus routes with bus stops will be published in the local newspaper in August. All Half-Day (no fee) Kindergarten students ride a “kindergarten bus” during the mid-day run. Those students who are eligible for transportation will ride the regular neighborhood bus to school for the AM session and home from school for the PM session. Full-Day (fee based) Kindergarten students will ride the bus with the rest of the school population (Gr. 1 – 5). The district will not be responsible for transporting students not attending their home school.

Kindergarten Orientation: You and your child will visit the kindergarten classroom and meet your child’s teacher in September. The orientation visit will be scheduled during the first week of school. As noted above, you will receive this appointment in August. Following the classroom visit, you and your child will have the opportunity to see and board a school bus.

Members of the Marshfield Public Schools’ Community look forward to welcoming you and your child to kindergarten! Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school with any questions.

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