

Kindergarten Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

*Will your child be **5** by midnight **August 31** ?*

Now is the time to enroll your child for kindergarten

ENROLLMENT, DOCUMENTATION, TRANSPORTATION, AND SCHOOL TRANSFERS

Q. Is there a criteria to enroll for kindergarten at Everett Public Schools (EPS)?

Your student must:

- be 5 by midnight on August 31 to enroll for the fall
- reside within Everett Public Schools boundaries

Q. When can we start enrolling our kindergartner for the fall?

Enrollment opens on the **first Monday in March**.

You can enroll your child online and upload scanned copies of the required documentation online too.

Visit our website: <https://www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment> to enroll online, for information on required documentation, or to download a copy of the enrollment forms if you prefer to complete the paper forms and deliver them to your child's home school. You can also go to your home school and pick up the paper enrollment documents there.

Q. How do we find our home school?

Go to the district webpage: <https://www.everettsd.org/transportation> and click on Quicklinks: Find My School & Route' then select Grade '**KK**' and enter your **home address**. If you live within the district boundaries, the school name will be provided. You will also learn whether your child is eligible for transportation.

Q. If a child lives within a certain distance from school, then is the admission guaranteed for the child in that school? Or is there any first-come, first-serve limited quota?

If your student lives within the boundaries (the service area) of the resident area school, then your student may attend that school. We do not have a first-come, first-serve policy. We adjust staffing as needed. To find your home school go to the district website: <https://www.everettsd.org/transportation>.

Q. If we live within walking distance from our homeschool, but our child has a disability / IEP, would our child be eligible for transportation? Is there a separate form to be completed for transportation?

If transportation is named in a student's IEP (Individual Education Plan), it is provided regardless of the distance you live from school. In that case, there is no additional paperwork that needs to be completed.

Q. Since enrollment is open throughout the year, could we enroll our child in July or August?

	<p>Yes, you can. However, enrolling now will ensure that you receive communication about kindergarten orientation or other school events that happen before school starts.</p> <p>Also, complete enrollment is required by end of July to ensure bus transportation (if student is eligible for transportation) for Everett Ready in August at your student's home school. Check website - http://www.everettsd.org/everettready for program dates</p>
Q.	What are the documents required for enrollment?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proof of current address (<i>current utility bill, rental agreement, homeowner's policy, etc .</i>) - Proof of age (<i>birth certificate, passport, physician's certificate, etc .</i>) - Certificate of immunization (<i>printed from Washington MyIR website https://wa.myir.net/rorl?next=/ or signed by a physician</i>) - If relevant: medical records, medication orders, custody documents, etc.
Q.	What is the average class size?
	Class size can vary slightly, depending on enrollment at a specific school, but the goal in EPS is to staff kindergarten classrooms with an average of 20 students.
Q.	We recently moved to the district and are in the process of buying a house. Can we still enroll our child without providing a copy of the Title? Is there any other document that would be acceptable to complete enrollment?
	<p>There are several other options besides the title to a house. Other documents that provide proof of address include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An accepted real estate contract for purchase of home with date of closing. - Utility bills (PUD, PSE, and Water) with name and address of parent/legal guardian - Building construction permit for residence with date of completion - Lease/Rental agreement specifying the date of occupancy within 30 days - Rent receipts <p>Finally, if none of these options work for you, you can complete a housing questionnaire or contact the KIT Office https://www.everettsd.org/KIT at 425-385-4032 for other options that may fit your situation.</p>
Q.	Our child is currently enrolled for speech therapy at 'school.' Do we need to enroll our child for kindergarten?
	<p>If your child is currently receiving services at an EPS school, then they do not need to re-enroll for kindergarten. There are a few additional forms you should work with your service provider or the school office at your home school to make sure are available to the kindergarten team to smooth the transition to kindergarten, like the Kindergarten Questionnaire - available on: www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment. Also be sure to let us know whether your child will be attending Everett Ready - Registration Forms are available on: www.everettsd.org/everettready</p>
Q.	Our child is currently enrolled for an IEP for 30 minutes a week at 'school.' Do we need to enroll our child for kindergarten?
	<p>If your child is currently receiving services at an EPS school, then they do not need to re-enroll for kindergarten. There are a few additional forms you should work with your service provider or the school office at your home school to make sure are available to the kindergarten team to smooth the transition to kindergarten, like the Kindergarten Questionnaire - available on: www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment. Also be sure to let us know whether your child will be attending Everett Ready - Registration Forms are available on: www.everettsd.org/everettready</p>
Q.	How do we know whether our enrollment has been approved?

	<p>If you enroll online, you will receive several emails from the enrollment system. The first is a submission confirmation email that is sent once you have successfully submitted your enrollment form. This email does not confirm that your student's enrollment has been processed or approved by school staff. After the first email, you may receive emails requesting follow up documentation, or an email that confirms that your student's enrollment has been approved and contains your student's ID number. Families that are new to Everett Public Schools can log in to Home Access Center starting in August before Everett Ready and the start of school in the Fall. Once your Home Access Center account is created, you will also receive an email with your login details for that system.</p> <p>For information regarding your enrollment, please contact your home school - www.everettsd.org and select your home school or www.everettsd.org/schoolnamees examples: www.everettsd.org/cedarwoodes - www.everettsd.org/emersones</p>
Q.	What is the difference between Early and Late Start?
	<p>Some Everett Public Schools elementary schools run on an early start schedule while others run on a late start schedule. The school schedule is available at the bottom of each school home web page.</p> <p>The information is also available in the table below and webpage www.everettsd.org/everettready</p>
Q.	If our student is at an Early Start school and that does not work for us, can we join a Late Start school?
	<p>Your homeschool is either a Late Start or an Early Start. If you want to go to another school that is not your resident area school, you would have to follow the transfer process - https://www.everettsd.org/schooltransfers</p>
Q.	Is the specialist class something that we need to choose or is it going to be on a rotational basis, meaning a child gets to do all the activities like art, stem, physical education, etc?
	<p>Schools provide a variety of specialist classes--PE, library, music, etc. Students rotate through them during the week. Students typically attend one specialist class each day. Parents don't have to choose or register for specialist classes.</p>
Q.	We started the online enrollment process but are now unable to access the enrollment again / forgot our login / etc. Who do we contact?
	<p>You can contact your home school office or send an email to LMS@everettsd.org for assistance.</p>
Q.	My child will be 5 after August 31. Is there a process to enroll our child in kindergarten in the fall?
	<p>Your child should be 5 prior to September 1 of that school year to be eligible to enroll for kindergarten in the fall. This is the Washington State uniform entry age. EPS does not offer an early entrance to kindergarten option for students who turn 5 after August 31.</p> <p>EPS offers options for students prior to kindergarten, including ECEAP Preschool, Play & Learn, and Transitional Kindergarten.</p> <p>For students who are academically gifted, the Highly Capable program offers testing and services beginning in kindergarten. Visit www.everettsd.org/earlylearning for additional information on these programs</p>
CHOICE PROGRAMS	
Q.	Choice Program: is the program in addition to normal class or will replace the normal class? For example, if we apply for the virtual Choice Program, will our child be at home all day?

	<p>The Choice Program that you select will be your student's program for the entire day/week/school year. For example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program: In the Dual Language classroom for kindergarten, your student will be immersed in 90% Spanish instruction, 10% English. This program follows the Emerson bell schedule - https://www.everettsd.org/emersones - Lighthouse Cooperative: Lighthouse Cooperative uses the adopted curriculum for Everett Public Schools and overlays parent involvement and enrichment activities. This program is in person and follows the Jefferson bell schedule - https://www.everettsd.org/jeffersones - Port Gardner Parent Partnership: This program provides a blend of on-site classes taught by certificated teachers, and remote classes taught by parents/guardians in the home. There are choices for on-site classes. Please visit Port Gardner School's website for more information: https://www.everettsd.org/portgardner. <p>For an overview on Choice Program and applications, visit website: www.everettsd.org/choiceprograms</p>
Q.	What is the approval process for Choice Programs? How often are new seats offered for new students?
	It varies by program. Please contact the program/school of interest directly to learn about their application process.
Q.	If we select a Choice Program that is offered at a school other than our home school, would transportation be provided?
	Yes, transportation will be provided.
Q.	If our child is currently attending a Choice Program at an elementary school other than our home school, could we enroll our kindergartner at that same school? Or should we enroll our kindergartner at our home school?
	You would either need to apply for a transfer into that school or apply for the choice program at that school. To learn more about School Transfers, visit the EPS website: www.everettsd.org/schooltransfers .
Q.	For school transfer, when will I be notified if my children are successfully enrolled in the choice program?
	<p>School transfer is different than applying to a choice program. To transfer to a school different from your home school complete the process outlined on the website. Email: schooltransfer@everettsd.org.</p> <p>If you are interested in a choice program, you will have to follow the application process for that program and follow up with the contacts that support that program for more detailed questions - refer to information in the table below.</p>
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK) TO KINDERGARTEN	
Q.	Our child is now enrolled / attending Transitional Kindergarten. Do we still need to enroll our child for kindergarten?
	No, your child is already enrolled and will be rolled up to kindergarten at the end of school year.
Q.	Our child is currently attending Transitional Kindergarten at a school different than our neighborhood school. We want our child to continue in kindergarten at that site. Do we need to enroll again?

	No, your child is already enrolled. You will, however, need to submit a request for School Transfer. Visit our website: https://www.everettsd.org/schooltransfers for more information on the process or speak with the Office Manager at your current school for assistance.
Q.	Our child is currently attending Transitional Kindergarten, do we need to register our child in Everett Ready or are they automatically registered?
	Every student entering kindergarten in the fall is eligible to attend Everett Ready. Registration is required. At the end of TK school year, your student's teacher will send you a Registration Form for you to complete and return to your school or email to P-5earlylearning@everettsd.org confirming whether your student will be attending the program or not. Registration Forms are required by the end of July.
EVERETT READY	
Q.	What is Everett Ready? And when will this program be held?
	In Everett Public Schools, kindergarten starts with Everett Ready, a transition program offered in August to every student entering kindergarten in the fall. Everett Ready is held in August at your child's home school - four days / 3 hours per day in the morning - Early Start schools will start at 8:35 a.m. and Late Start schools at 9:15 a.m. For more information and program dates, visit the district website: https://www.everettsd.org/everettready .
Q.	Is there a separate registration for Everett Ready?
	No, there is not a separate registration for Everett Ready. If you are enrolling online, there is a check box at the bottom of the questionnaire to let us know if your child will be attending Everett Ready. If you are submitting a paper enrollment, complete and return the Everett Ready form included in the packet, to your school.
Q.	If we are out of town at Everett Ready start / end, could our child attend upon our return / prior to our travel for less than the program four days?
	Yes, your child can attend any number of days during Everett Ready as long as they are fully enrolled for kindergarten in EPS.
Q.	When would we be notified of the Everett Ready Family Meeting date and time?
	Your school team will connect with you by email and will inform you of the meeting date and time in early August.
Q.	Is transportation available for Everett Ready? When will we receive the bus route details?
	Yes, transportation is provided if your child lives outside of a one radius mile from your home school. Also, your student's enrollment must be completed and approved by the end of July for the transportation team to include your child on the bus route for Everett Ready (if eligible for transportation) . That's why it is important to complete kindergarten enrollment now. If eligible for bus transportation, you will receive a letter with Everett Ready bus route in early August.
IMMUNIZATION	
Q.	Can the enrollment be finished without the immunization form? I have the form from the doctor's office, but don't have it signed yet. I may need some time to get the signed form. Is it okay to submit it later?

	Yes, but it must be submitted before enrollment is complete and your student attends any school program.
Q.	We have immunization records from our country of origin. Are these records accepted as proof of immunization?
	Yes, as long as it is an official medical form.
Q.	We have immunization records from a different state. Are these records accepted or do we need a physician signed statement?
	If the vaccination is coming from a doctor, it will meet the requirements.
Q.	Could the enrollment be finished without the immunization form?
	If completing enrollment online, you can still submit your student's information and then bring the form to the school later or follow-up with an emailed document. Online enrollments can be submitted without documents so that families can bring their documentation to their school later in person.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Q.	Do the schools offer ABA therapy for children with an autism diagnosis? Can the child's behavior therapist attend class with them to provide in-class therapy? Would the school pay for the therapist if we show a medical diagnosis for autism with ABA recommended?
	Not in the same sense as a clinic, but we base all of our interventions on behavior theory. We would not expect families to bring their behavior therapist to the school. The IEP (Individual Education Plan) team will assess the student's needs and provide all of the in-school support needed. Medical diagnosis, while helpful, is not the same as educational impact. The IEP team, including the family, will design a program that will meet the needs of the student's education.
Q.	Our child is currently attending Developmental Preschool. Will our child attend a regular kindergarten next year?
	This is up to the IEP (Individual Education Plan) team to decide what program will serve your child. You should be having a "riser" meeting soon to determine placement. Reach out to your student's teacher if you have yet to have the meeting.
Q.	If our child has an IEP, how / when would we know whether our child will attend a general education kindergarten, developmental kindergarten, or life skills program?
	This is up to the IEP (Individual Education Plan) team to decide what program will serve your child. You should be having a "riser" meeting soon to determine placement. Reach out to your student's teacher if you have yet to have the meeting.

BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Q.	Is there a before/after care option? How do we find that and how do we know how/when to register for this program?
	Contact your student's home school to inquire if they house a program on site or if transportation is available from a program site to your student's home school.
Q.	Do the schools offer an earlier drop-off?
	Most school doors open 15 minutes prior to the school start time. Contact your home school for detailed information.

EPS Elementary Schools	Office Manager	Early/Late Start	Choice Program Located in the School	Special Services	Before/After School Care	Region
Cedar Wood 3414-168th St. SE, Bothell, WA 98012	Stephanie Ortiz Contreras 425-385-7700 / 7701	Late Start		Life Skills	service at site	3
Emerson 8702-7th Ave. SE, Everett, WA 98208	Laine Palabrica 425-385-6200 / 6201	Late Start	Dual Language* Spanish Immersion Program		service at Lowell	1
Forest View 5601-156th St. SE, Everett, WA 98208	Kristi Davidson 425-385-7900 / 7901	Late Start			service at site	3
Garfield 2215 Pine St., Everett, WA 98208	Janise Woebke 425-385-4700 / 4701	Late Start			service at Whittier	1
Hawthorne 1110 Poplar St. Everett, WA, 98201	Heather Harris 425-385-4600 / 4601	Early Start			service at Whittier	1
Jackson 3700 Federal Ave. Everett, WA 98201	Criss Bowsher 425-385-7400 / 7401	Late Start			service at site	1
Jefferson 2500 Cadet Way, Everett, WA 98208	Heidi Easterling 425-385-6200 / 6201	Late Start	Lighthouse Cooperative one class per grade level	Life Skills	service at Silver Lake	2
Lowell 5010 View Dr., Everett, WA 98203	Wayne Hagin 425-385-5300 / 5301	Early Start			service at site	1
Madison 616 Pecks Drive Everett, WA, 98203	Wendy Shaver 425-385-5900 / 5901	Early Start	STEAM Academy once per week	Developmental Kindergarten	service at Lowell	1
Mill Creek 3400 148th St. SE Mill Creek, WA, 98012	Becky Hitchcock 425-385-6800 / 6801	Late Start			service at Cedar Wood	3
Monroe 10901 27th Ave. SE Everett, WA, 98208	Bianca Lewis 425-385-7300 / 7301	Early Start		Developmental Kindergarten	service at Silver Lake	2
Penny Creek 4117 132nd St. SE ,Everett, WA, 98208	Julie Yamamoto 425-385-7200 / 7201	Late Start			service at site	2
Port Gardner (K-12) 3516 rucker Ave, Everett, WA, 98201	Megan Slaker 425-385-5100 / 5101		Parent Partnership onsite & remote classes			
Silver Firs 5909 146th Pl. SE Everett, WA, 98208	Mary Fuda 425-385-6500 / 6501	Late Start			service at site	3

Silver Lake	Lori Shuffelen-Lip	Late Start		Developmental Kindergarten	service at site	2
12815 Bothell-Everett Hwy. Everett, WA 98208	425-385-6900 / 6901					
Tambark Creek	Patty Tetrault	Late Start			service at site	3
4419 180th Street SE Bothell, WA 98012	425-302-9200 / 9201					
View Ridge	Kara Reintegrado	Late Start		Life Skills	service at Forest View	2
202 Alder St. Everett, WA, 98203	425-385-5400 / 5401					
Whittier	Marci Cooper	Early Start			service at site	2
916 Oakes Ave Everett, WA, 98201	425-385-4300 / 4301					
Woodside	Salli Smith	Early Start	STEAM Academy once per week		service at site	3
17000 23rd Ave. SE Bothell, WA, 98012	425-385-7800 / 7801					

School Hours

Early Start

8:35 am to 2:50 pm

Late Start

9:15 a.m to 3:30 pm

Before & After School Care

<https://www.ymca-snoco.org/programs/1044/school-age-care/>

- For Before School Care, families / guardians will transport their students to their service site
e.g. if student's school is Cedar Wood, drop-off will be at Cedar Wood - if student's school is Mill Creek, drop-off will be at Cedar Wood
- For After School Care, families / guardians will pick-up their students from their service site
- For Before & After School Care, families / guardians will drop-off & pick-up their students at / from their service site

* **Dual Language Program** was launched in 2021-2022 with kindergarten

