

Kindergarten Enrollment and Transition Events 2022

Kindergarten transition supports for the 2022-2023 school year include a variety of student and family experiences to support a smooth and successful transition into the K-12 schools in EPS. Below are the significant events and dates:

- **Transitional Kindergarten:** supports 120 students at six elementary schools who will attend kindergarten in Sept. but have not had access to an early learning program. The full-day program runs five days a week from February to June and focuses on supporting students to become familiar with school routines and practices, social emotional learning, and core academic content—reading, writing, math, science.
- **Kindergarten Kick Off:** a virtual event to launch kindergarten enrollment on March 3, 6-7 pm, via a webinar format. Following a welcome by the superintendent, district staff provided information on how to enroll online, required documents, the kindergarten day, WaKIDS, Everett Ready, choice programs and special services. Interpreters were provided for our top four languages. The event was recorded and is available on the EPS website.
- **Preschool to Kindergarten Connections:** the annual spring session is designed for kindergarten teachers and preschool partners and focuses on sharing the enrollment dates and process, kindergarten transition events for families and an opportunity for community partners to get kindergarten information that they can share with their families.
- **Everett Ready:** elementary schools provide an aligned transition program, Aug. 22-26, for all enrolled kindergarten students. The program runs for three hours and includes whole group and center-based activities to prepare students for the routines and procedures of kindergarten. It is also an opportunity for students to ride the bus to school, become familiar with their school campus, meet teachers and their peers. While students are in school, a family meeting is scheduled so parents can meet the school leaders and connect with other kindergarten families.
- **Family Connection Meetings:** as part of WaKIDS (Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills) all kindergarten families have a one-on-one meeting with their students' kindergarten teacher during the first three days of school, Sept. 6, 7, 8. The purpose of this time with families is to get to know the student and begin building a positive relationship with the family. Students then start school, full time, on Sept. 12, 2022.

The Early Learning team also provides all elementary schools with a kindergarten ppt template and resources to support their school's *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* events in the spring.