

How do I register my child?

Kindergarten registration is held in January at all of the Wauwatosa School District elementary schools. If you are unsure of your school attendance area, please contact Student Services at (414) 773-1080. At registration, parents need to provide **all** of the following to their neighborhood school:

1. **Child's birth certificate** (*original*)
2. **Proof of residency--two items are required:**
 - 1) Lease or mortgage document or property tax bill; AND
 - 2) WE Energy Bill (*most recent*)
3. **Immunization records**

What if I missed the January registration day? You may still register at your neighborhood school throughout the school year. During summer, registrations are accepted at the Fisher Administration Building, 12121 W. North Ave.

Great Summer Opportunity

This summer enroll your child in **Jump Start Into K4**, a two-week program for all four-year-olds. The class is designed to acclimate incoming junior kindergartners to school. Look for details in the Wauwatosa School District Recreation Department Summer Activity Guide which is mailed in March to all Wauwatosa residents.

Elementary Schools (All 414 Area Code)

Eisenhower	11600 W. Center St.	773-1100
Jefferson	6927 Maple Terr.	773-1200
Lincoln	1741 Wauwatosa Ave.	773-1300
Madison	9925 W. Glendale Ave.	773-1400
McKinley	2435 N. 89 St.	773-1500
Roosevelt	2535 N. 73 St.	773-1600
Underwood	11132 W. Potter Rd.	773-1700
Washington	2166 N. 68 St.	773-1800
Wilson	1060 Glenview Ave.	773-1900

Note: Wauwatosa Montessori and STEM school registrations are a separate process.

Dear Parents:

You have already marked many “firsts” with your child, and another “first” is fast approaching as you prepare for kindergarten.

Kindergarten is an important transition for children--a time to nurture a curiosity and eagerness for learning, to develop social skills and to feel comfortable and at ease in school.

This brochure was prepared to answer many of your questions about kindergarten — how you register, what your child will learn and how you can help. We encourage both you and your child to visit the school before kindergarten begins to make the transition from home to school easier. Please call the principal to make an appointment. We believe the partnership between home and school is vital, and we hope you will continue to be a visible part of your child's education.

If you have specific questions about the kindergarten program at your neighborhood school, please feel free to call the principal.

Sincerely,



Phillip J. Ertl



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Kindergarten

United with parents and the community the Wauwatosa School District delivers an outstanding education that equips and inspires our students to conquer their challenges now and in the future.

Why is kindergarten important?

Kindergarten provides a solid foundation for all learning and centers on the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of children. Kindergarten classrooms and curriculum are designed to meet the needs of different types of learners. Kindergartners learn to develop confidence, work and play together and develop and use their own curiosity. Thus, the kindergarten experience is the beginning of preparing children to be independent learners.



Is my child ready?

Wisconsin law requires that a child be four years old on or before September 1st in order to begin junior kindergarten.

Ask yourself if your child:

- Enjoys being with others
- Can follow simple rules
- Stays with an activity for 15 or 20 minutes
- Feels comfortable away from home
- Identifies some colors
- Understands some number ideas
- Draws simple figures
- Can catch a large ball
- Enjoys listening to stories
- Follows simple instructions

What will my child learn?

Your child's academic education emphasizes the whole child. Kindergarten students are taught English Language Arts, mathematics, science, social studies, as well as physical education, music and art.

In **English Language Arts** kindergartners develop basic literacy concepts, such as letter identification, recognizing sounds that make up words and beginning phonics principles. Students learn about the parts of a book, how books are organized and the basic features of print. They learn to read a book with purpose and understanding. Reading, writing, listening and speaking activities occur daily.

Number concepts are the key focus in kindergarten **mathematics**. Students will develop a strong number sense through counting, comparing and modeling sets and numerals; solving addition and subtraction story problems and building corresponding equations; and composing/decomposing numbers for place value understanding. Students will also learn and use math vocabulary as they classify and describe objects by various attributes; analyze, compare and build two- and three-dimensional shapes; and connect math learning to their environment.

Through four inquiry-centered units, kindergartners are instilled with a love of **science**. They learn to be inquisitive when they *Think Like a Scientist*. In *Motion and Energy*, students learn how to investigate. *Weather and Seasons* offers students the opportunity to be impressed with the science found in nature. Students ask and answer questions to learn about the *Traits of Living Things*.

In **social studies** kindergarten students develop an awareness of themselves and their world. They study American symbols, family traditions and cultures. Kindergartners learn about good citizenship characteristics, such as the importance of rules and responsible behavior.

What is the schedule?

Junior kindergarten is a 2½-hour program; senior kindergarten is offered as a full day program. Kindergarten teachers plan the day to provide ample time for play, large group activities and structured classroom learning.

Do you screen kindergartners?

In summer the Wauwatosa School District sends a screening checklist to parents of three-year-olds. Using the checklist, parents can evaluate their child's development in large and small motor skills, language development and the learning of basic concepts. In Fall, specialists observe junior kindergartners in the classroom to identify potential learning issues. If you have any concerns about your child's development or need additional information about the screening process, please call the Student Services office at (414) 773-1080.

Do you offer day care services?

Privately-operated, all-day child care within a school and before- and/or after-school services are available in some schools. Please call your neighborhood school to find out what type of service is available to you.

How can I get involved?

Each school has a parents' organization which sponsors a variety of activities. Parents can volunteer in the classroom, office or health room. Conferences, held twice each school year, will keep you informed about your child's development.