

Kindergarten Plus

West Bloomfield School District is proud to offer a unique program geared toward young learners at three locations (Doherty Elementary, Gretchko Elementary and Roosevelt).

Kindergarten Plus is the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program that provides a bridge between preschool and Traditional Kindergarten. Kindergarten Plus (K+) gives young learners the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment tailored to their academic and social needs. The second year, students will be dispersed among traditional Kindergarten classes. The class moves onto a new teacher for the second year with the opportunity for new growth and new friends. Kindergarten Plus is a program which gives the student the gift of time to be better prepared for future successes.

We offer a variety of academic and enrichment activities within the full day/five day a week program:

- Extended Social/ Emotional development
- Problem solving and conflict resolution
- Prekindergarten Bridges Math program (which will be followed up by the Kindergarten Bridges Math program in the second year)
- Science and Project Based Learning
- Instruction on letters, letter sounds, rhyme, phonics and phonemic awareness
- Hands-on learning/manipulatives
- Developmental Reading and Writing Skills
- Art, Music, Physical Education, iCenter and Technology

What is the minimum age for a child to be enrolled in Kindergarten Plus?

Students must be 5 years old by September 1 to enroll, or up to December 1 with a signed waiver.

How is Kindergarten Plus different from preschool or other child development programs?

Kindergarten Plus is not an enriched preschool or a “young fives” program. It is part of West Bloomfield’s K-12 school system and it is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience taught by certified teachers. Students complete K+, then Kindergarten, then first grade and on.

Is there a charge for Kindergarten Plus?

No, there is no charge for the program.

How many students are in a K+ classroom?

In general, the class sizes are smaller and we have no more than 20 students per class.

How do I apply for Kindergarten Plus?

There is no special application process for Kindergarten Plus, it is the same as if you were applying for Traditional Kindergarten. West Bloomfield School District residents may enroll at the elementary school in their attendance area (Gretchko, Doherty or Roosevelt). Parents are encouraged to attend the annual Kindergarten Round-Up, visit the schools or call the principal to learn more about this amazing program.