

Parent Agreement / Contract for School Year 2023-24



Kinder Academy

****Note - Forms to be turned in to the Welcome Center for a complete enrollment: Birth Certificate, Enrollment Documents, Immunizations, Health Form, proof of residency and Signed Parent Agreement / Contract.**

Practices to Ensure Program Excellence:

- Your registration date is confirmed when the Welcome Center receives **all** documents needed to register for Kinder Academy including: *application documents, birth certificate, and this parent agreement*. Kindergarten families should also supply their child's up-to-date immunization records and preschool screening results. *For assistance please contact the Welcome Center at (952) 556-6112 or welcomecenter@district112.org.*
- ***Kinder Academy*** is a proactive program that prepares students for success in school.
- ***Kinder Academy*** is an alternate Kindergarten experience designed for young five year old children. Those who will turn five in the summer are the most likely candidates.
- The program goals include developing academic aptitude and social-emotional maturity.
- Personalized instruction will be enhanced by allowing students to meet Kindergarten standards.
- An inquiry based, hands-on, classroom environment will encourage active learning along with small and large motor development.
- Young five year old students may attend ***Kinder Academy*** for either one or two years before transitioning to first grade at their boundary school.
- In the second trimester, Kindergarten benchmarks and standardized assessments will be used to inform conversations between teachers and parents. Together they will determine the best placement option for the following year during Winter Conferences (Late Feb/ Early March).
- Transition options include advancing to first grade at their boundary school, attending kindergarten at La Academia, or spending a second year at ***Kinder Academy***. Academic achievement records including assessments, maturity, and other readiness-milestones will be used to inform educators and parents and help determine the best placement option for each child following the first year in the program.
- Kinder Academy is a full day kindergarten option at no cost. The program is housed at La Academia.
- The Kinder Academy program has a lower average class size target than the average class size for kindergarten across the district (approximately 20 for the 2023-24 school year). Completed enrollments received by 4:00 p.m. January 20, 2023 with all necessary forms, including this contract, will be considered for initial enrollment. If the number of initial enrollment requests exceed the seats available, a lottery will be used to identify students for placement. Siblings entering Kinder Academy the same year will receive the lowest lottery number between the two. Students not admitted through the lottery will be added to a wait list based on the number assigned in the lottery process. Any enrollments completed after January 20, 2023 will be admitted if space still exists in the program or will be placed in order on the waitlist based on the completion date of all enrollment materials.

*I support the vision of the **Kinder Academy** Program. I will support one of the following outcomes for my child in consultation with the educational professionals at Kinder Academy: transitioning directly to first grade, entering La Academia for kindergarten, **or** completing a second year in **Kinder Academy**.*

Parent's signature

Date

Print Child's full name