

# Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1

## 2023-24 Kindergarten FAQ



### Q. When will I know my child's teacher assignment?

A. The schools will notify parents of teacher assignments in late August.

### Q. How is my child's class determined?

A. Parents can expect to receive a Readiness Survey link sent to their primary email address the week of June 19th asking about basic academic and social skills that their children may possess. It is important for parents to complete this survey as soon as they receive it; these results are instrumental in determining balanced classes.

### Q. Does the WaKIDS program affect when my child will start school?

A. Due to the requirements of OSPI's WaKIDS program ([Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills](#)), the first few days of school for your Kindergartener will be unlike those of other students (see "Important Dates" below). One of these requirements is a 30-minute individual "[Family Connection](#)" conference, which allows teachers to get to know their future students and their families. This will occur on Thurs. 8/31 and Fri. 9/1; you will be contacted by your child's school in late August with your scheduled conference time.

### Q. Does the district provide transportation?

A. Bus transportation is provided for all resident students who live farther than one-mile away from school; students living within a one-mile radius are not eligible for bus transportation. Parents of kindergarten students are required to be at the bus stop for pick-up and drop-off.

### Q. Where can I find more information about Kindergarten in Steilacoom Historical School District?

A. Updated information about Kindergarten in our District can be found on our District Webpage > Departments > Enrollment > [Kindergarten](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023-24

**Week of 6/19** — Readiness Survey emailed this week to all enrolled families to help determine classes.

**Thurs. 8/31 & Fri. 9/1** — 30-min. WaKIDS individual Family Connection conferences (by appointment).

**Mon. 9/4** — Labor Day / No School

**Tues. 9/5 & Wed. 9/6** — "Soft Start" Schedule – Half of the students will attend on Tuesday and stay home on Wednesday, and the other half will stay home on Tuesday and attend on Wednesday. Students will be assigned their "Soft Start" date by their schools.

**Thurs. 9/7** — First day ALL kindergarten students will attend school on the same day.