



WHITE PLAINS CSD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

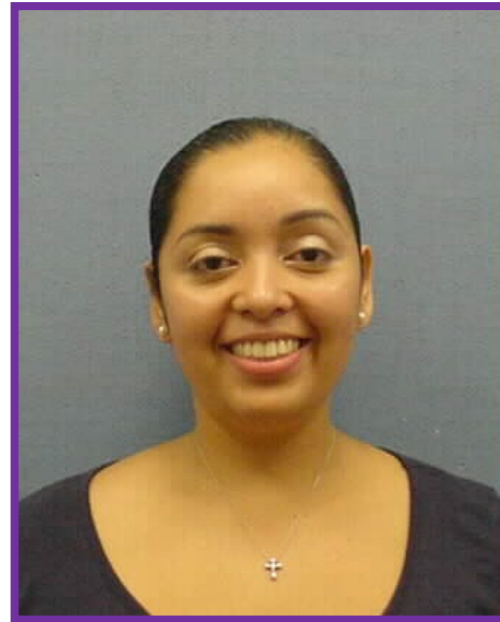
District Mission

The mission of the White Plains City School District is to educate and inspire all students, while nurturing their dreams, so they learn continually, think critically, pursue their aspirations, and contribute to a diverse and dynamic world.



Our Schools

Church Street School



Myra Castillo, Principal

George Washington School



Laura Mungin, Principal

Mamaroneck Avenue School



Rob Janowitz, Principal

Post Road School



Jesimae Ossorio, Principal

Ridgeway School



Kimberly Crawford EDD, Principal

More information about our schools

- **Hours:**

George Washington, Mamaroneck Ave, Post Road, Ridgeway hours from 8:25 am
3:30 pm

Church Street: 7:45 am-2:45 pm

- **Class sizes:**

Kindergarten classes range from 18-22 students with one teacher and one teaching assistant

- **Before and After School Care:**

7:00 am-beginning of school day and/or after school-6:00 pm

<https://whiteplainsyouthbureau.org/elementary-school/>

- **Bus Transportation:**

For all students who live more than .5 miles from their school



Kindergarten Registration Process

During the week of December 11, 2023, information packets will be mailed to families.

All kindergarten registration information, including links, will also be available on the White Plains Schools website under Family Information Center and Registration.

Registration begins on February 5, 2024.

Applications are online. Once the application is received by the Family Information Center, you will be contacted for an in-person appointment to review required documents.

Welcome /
Bienvenidos

Universal Pre-
Kindergarten (UPK)

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STUDENT REGISTRATION / REGISTRO DE ESTUDIANTES



To enroll students in the White Plains City School District, parents/legal guardians must provide the following documents:

- Proof of Residency
- Birth certificate
- Photo identification of parent/legal guardian
- Recent health exam document and required immunizations record
- School records from all schools and grades attended. You may sign a release so we can request educational records; one is available at Family Information Center or [click here](#).

BEGIN ONLINE REGISTRATION



Controlled Parents' Choice Program

- Parents may attend Kindergarten Tours at each of the elementary schools during January and February to assist in selecting their preferred three schools.
- The online application includes school preference selection.

Registration and Controlled Parent's Choice selection must be completed by March 8, 2024, to participate in the school choice program. Applications received after March 8th will not have school preference factored into their school assignment.



Kindergarten Tour Schedule January - February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22(C)	23(D) GW – 1:15 PM	24 (E) PR – 1:00 PM GW- 6:00PM	25 (F) MAS – 9:15 AM CS – 1:00 PM RW – 6:00 PM	26 (A) GW – 9:15 AM
29 (B) CS – 9:15AM RW– 1:00 PM	30 (C) CS – 6:00 PM	31 (D) PR – 9:15 AM MAS – 1:00 PM	1 (E) RW – 9:15 AM	2 (F)

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 (A)	6 (B) PR – 6 PM	7 (C) MAS – 6:00 PM	8 (D)	9 (E)

More about the Controlled Parents' Choice Program...

- ❖ Parents may indicate their preference for a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice of schools.
- ❖ Our sibling guarantee policy assigns students to a building where their siblings attend school.
- ❖ The District makes school assignments and informs parents by May.
- ❖ A waiting list is created for parents who did not receive their top choice school. The waiting list expires at the end of first full week of school in September.

Kindergarten Flow of the Day



- Morning Meeting
- Read Aloud
- Literacy Work: Readers Workshop, Writers Workshop, Foundational Reading Skills
- Math
- Learning and Play Centers
- Science / Social Studies
- STEM Enrichment through Project Lead the Way
- Specials classes: Art, PE, Music, Library
- Recess and outdoor play



Dual Language Enrollment

White Plains offers a K-5 Spanish/English Dual Language Program at the following elementary schools:

Church Street School

George Washington School

Post Road School

- Your child must first be assigned to one of these three schools before you can apply to the Dual Language Program.
- Half of the seats in the program are designated for English Language Learners whose home Language is Spanish; the other half of the seats are designated for students whose home language is English.
- We use a 50-50 model in our dual language classes which typically means that students alternate between the paired classroom every other day.
- There is a sibling guarantee for the dual language program if parents would like to enroll younger children.



Dual Language Program Informational Meetings

January 10, 2024 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

White Plains High School~Media Center

January 12, 2024 from 9:00 – 10:00 am

Eastview Middle School~Room 118

How do we determine if your child qualifies as an English Language Learner?



- ❖ As part of the registration process, we will ask you to complete a Home Language survey.
- ❖ If you indicate that your child speaks and understands a language other than English, a certified staff member will evaluate your child for his/her proficiency in English.
- ❖ Students who are not proficient in English must be assessed with the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL) before entering kindergarten. This assessment will take place as part of the kindergarten screening process.

Students with Special Needs

Parents of students with special needs are encouraged to complete the School Choice form. When possible, students will be placed in the preferred school. However, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) may require a different building placement based on the child's needs and availability of required services.

Special Education Meetings for parents of pre-school special needs students (students who currently have an IEP) will be held:

- December 5, 2023 at 7:00pm: Education House Assembly Room (English)
- December 7, 2023 at 7:00pm: Education House Assembly Room (Spanish)



The Kindergarten Screening Process...

- ❖ Incoming kindergarten parents are contacted by their school to make an appointment for screening in late May/early June
- ❖ Screening takes place at the elementary school where the child is assigned
- ❖ Conducted by kindergarten teachers and other school staff
- ❖ Each student is administered the DIAL 4 Test of School Readiness to assess motor, language, and concepts. Parents complete a questionnaire that assesses social and self-help skills.
- ❖ The NYSITELL is administered to students who have been identified as speaking/understanding a language other than English.
- ❖ Information from the screenings are used to understand the strengths and needs of the incoming kindergarten students and to plan for support and instruction.



How can I help my child to be ready for Kindergarten?



- Encourage self-help skills.
- Read aloud to your child every day and take time to discuss the books you are enjoying together.
- Develop fine motor skills through play with lots of manipulatives.
- Talking and listening through shared experiences in your home language.
- Practice counting objects and using "math" words: *more, less, bigger, smaller, same, different, greater, less, equal.*
- Be problem solvers together.



Questions

If you have specific question about the kindergarten registration process, please call the White Plains Family Information Center at: **914-422-2038** or email:

familyinformationcenter@wpcsd.k12.ny.us

If you have questions about the kindergarten program, you may email:

kathybarpoulis@wpcsd.k12.ny.us

or

debbiehand@wpcsd.k12.ny.us

If you have question about the Dual Language program, you may email:

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