

Cougar Ridge Elementary Kindergarten 2024 - 25



Agenda



- Introductions
- Kindergarten Program (K Teachers)
- PTSA & ISF
- Cougar Ridge, Registration Process, and Immunization Info.
- Questions



Kindergarten Team:

Mrs. Carroll
Ms. Erlandson
Mrs. Koch
Mrs. Stevens



Preparing for Kindergarten!

You can
help your
child be
ready.





Literacy

- Read, read, and read some more to your child!
- Letters and sounds
- Talk about stories together

Writing

- Write first name correctly
- Have paper and crayons available at home
- Hold pencil correctly



Math



- Practice:

- Sorting (laundry, toys, blocks)
- Colors
- Shapes
- Numbers (identifying, writing)
- Counting

Science

- Visit the zoo, science center, aquarium, and a variety of outdoor parks.
- Encourage curiosity.
- Talk with your child - what can they see, hear, smell, and touch?



A group of diverse young children, including boys and girls of various ethnicities, are running happily in a grassy field. They are all wearing red hats. The children are dressed in casual clothing like t-shirts, dresses, and shorts. Some are holding hands, and they all appear to be having a great time. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with green grass and a blurred horizon.

Social Studies

- Attend parades and cultural celebrations.
- Model an appreciation for diversity.
- Model an inclusive attitude. Try to invite everyone in group when possible.
- Model thinking about how other people feel, choosing kindness.

Independence



- Practice:
 - Putting on coat
 - Eating independently
 - tying shoes
 - Cutting with scissors
 - Cleaning up after themselves
 - Toys
 - Bathroom needs



Play-Based Learning in Kindergarten

- 45-60 minutes of structured play daily
 - Centers may include:
 - Dramatic play
 - Art
 - Blocks
 - Literacy
 - Science/technology

- Centers promote independence, problem-solving skills, and reinforce content & vocabulary development



Is My Child Ready to be a Kindergartener?

We want your child to thrive.
Please consider:

- Does your child tire easily and still take long naps?
- Is your child able to use the bathroom completely by him/herself?
- Is your child comfortable separating from you?

Not all children are ready for kindergarten at age 5.

Social Emotional Learning



- Takes turns
- Sits quietly and focuses for about 15 minutes
- Solves social problems appropriately
- Follows directions the first time asked



See You In August!

PTA & ISF

- PTA President – Sara Woody
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- ISF Liaison – Crista Kem
– crista.kem@gmail.com



Cougar Ridge Elementary

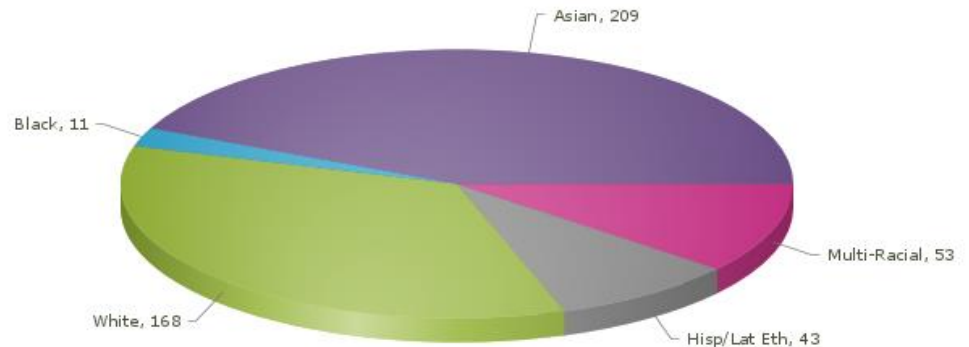
- Current Staffing
 - 3 to 5 classes at each grade level
- Current Enrollment - 484
- The “New” Cougar Ridge:
 - Cougar Ridge was under construction during the 2017 – 18 school year. The office and Special Education wing were remodeled and 6 new classrooms were added.

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Demographics:

- Cougar Ridge has as a “Community” feel. Many volunteers...
- Current Enrollment: 484 students (K-5)
- More and More Ethnically Diverse
 - 2005 – 06: 40.7%
 - 2017 – 18: 49.8%
 - 2018 – 19: 55.1%
 - 2019 – 20: 59.0%
 - 2020 – 21: 61.1%
 - 2021 – 22: 62.3%
 - 2022 – 23: 64.7%
 - **2023 – 24: 65.3%**

Race Distribution for Males and Females in All Grades at Entity 121



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Programs:

- LRC I...Special Education-Pull-out/Push-in Model
- LRC II...Special Education-Inclusionary Model
- Highly Capable (K-5)

Many Activities

- *After School/Before School Clubs
- *Before and After School Childcare (BASC)
- *Numerous PTSA Events

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School Wide Focus:

- School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Math is our Current Focus School Wide (Year 2). Gap Closing emphasis with students receiving direct language services (MLL).



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Parent and Community Involvement:

- Highly involved and active [PTSA](#)
- Numerous Parent and Community Volunteers and Mentors
- V.O.I.C.E.
- Classroom Volunteers



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- Full day kindergarten is now free for all students
- Funding provided through the State of Washington
- Requirements for all kindergarten teachers
 - Teacher Training
 - Family Connection Meeting (Aug. 29 – Sept. 3)
 - WaKids Assessment (fall)
 - Early Learning Collaboration w/preschools



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Bell Times:

- Full Day Kindergarten

 - 9:15 am – 3:40 pm (M, T, TH, F)

 - 9:15 am – 1:30 pm (W)

- Transportation to and from school is provided. Please ride the bus.



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Bell Times:

- Half-Day Kindergarten (3 hour day)
9:15 am – 12:15 am (M - F)
- AM transportation to school only.
 - No mid-day transportation.
- No lunch is served.



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Kindergarten Classes (Anticipated):

- Typically 4 Sections
- 21 Students \pm 3 on Average per Class (ISD Ratio)



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Communication:

- Sign up for [Cougar Ridge E-News](#)
- Sign up for [ISD E-News](#)
- Visit Our Websites [ISD](#)
- [Cougar Ridge Elementary](#)
- [Cougar Ridge PTSA](#)
- [Issaquah Schools Foundation](#)



Cougar Ridge Parent Groups



Did you know there are groups for Cougar Ridge families on WhatsApp, KakaoTalk, WeChat, and Facebook? These parent run groups are a great way to connect with other Cougar Ridge Families to schedule play dates, parties, get to know other parents, and welcome new families to Cougar Ridge!

WhatsApp

WhatsApp visit <https://tinyurl.com/CougarRidgeWhatsApp>

KakaoTalk

For KakaoTalk <https://open.kakao.com/o/ger7XkLb>

카카오톡 <https://open.kakao.com/o/ger7XkLb>

WeChat

For WeChat contact Libby through the app at @libby8241

微信群请加libby8241好友，通过她邀请入群。

Lakemont (Issaquah) Community (not a Cougar Ridge specific page, but many people in the neighborhood are on this page) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/312488712166400>

Cougar Ridge Elementary School PTSA Facebook page (managed by PTA)

<https://www.facebook.com/CougarRidgePTSA>

Registration

Registrar: Michelle Franko

frankos@Issaquah.wednet.edu 425.837.6402

1. Complete [Online Application](#)...

2. Documents to be uploaded are:

- Parent Identification
- Proof of Birth Date (Birth Certificate or Passport)
 - (Student must be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2024)
- Puget Sound Energy Bill w/ Address
- **ONE** of the following w/ Address:
 - Home Purchase Papers or Property Tax Statement
 - Lease/Rental Agreement (Original)
 - Notarized Verification of Proof of Residency

Registration

3. Documents to return to our school:
 - Transportation Release Form
 - Immunization Record (Current)
 - Health Care Plan (If student has this need)
 4. Email will be sent to sign up for spring assessment in late March.
- **Deadline to submit Kindergarten Registration Packet is Thursday, February 29!!**

Enrollment Verification Process (EVP)

August ...

- ISD requires all families to confirm their enrollment in August through [Family Access](#).
- EVP reminders will come via ISD E-News, Cougar Ridge E-News, and phone messaging.
- Office staff can help answer questions beginning **Aug. 5**. Please call 425.837.6400 during office hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm).

Bus Rides/Readiness Fair

- August 8 (Optional)

“Come Ride Along” on the Yellow School Bus

9:00 am - IHS Parking Lot, Register
[online](#) (District Kindergarten webpage)

- “Ready for School” Fair (help with Online Verification) – ISD staff provide help for families as they complete forms for the EVP in Family Access. Register for an appointment [here](#).

Important Information

- Immunizations:
 - All kindergarten students must have their immunizations current in order to start the first day of school.
 - Healthcare Plans, including proper medication, must also be current by the first day of school.
 - Reminder letters will be mailed in August.
 - Contact our Nurse (kolesnikovd@issaquah.wednet.edu) at 425.837.6421.



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Immunizations & Life-Threatening Health Conditions

for Students

New to the Issaquah School
District Including Incoming Kindergarten
Students

2024-25



Medically Verified Immunization Records

- Students new to the Issaquah School District and incoming Kindergarten students need to provide a medically verified immunization record at the time of registration.
- A medically verified record can come directly from the **Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIS)**.
- **The WAIS** is the database for Washington State and is where medically verified immunization information is maintained. All parents have access to this site to print a validated Certificate of Immunization (**CIS**) for students. Health Care Practitioner offices also have this information for their families.



Acceptable Immunization Documentation Includes ONE of the Following:

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the (WAIIS)
- A physical copy of the State CIS form with a healthcare provider signature.
- A physical copy of the CIS with accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from MyIR.

Wa.myir.net

Washington State Department of Health **Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)** Received by: _____ Date: _____
Signed CIS on Form: Yes No

Please print. See back for instructions on how to fill out this form or get it printed from the Washington State Immunization Information System.

Child's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

I give permission for my child's school/child care to add immunization information into the Immunization Information System to help the school maintain my child's record. Conditional Status Only: I acknowledge that my child is entering school/child care in conditional status. For my child to remain in school, I must provide regular documentation of immunization by established deadlines. See back for guidance on conditional status.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature Required if Starting in Conditional Status: Date: _____

Request to School	Request to Child Care Provider	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY
Required Vaccines for School or Child Care Entry																
• ••• DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)																
• ••• Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) (grade 7)																
• ••• TDT or Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria)																
• ••• Hepatitis B																
• • Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)																
• ••• IPV (Polio) (see combination of IPV/OPV)																
• ••• OPV (Polio)																
• ••• MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)																
• ••• MCV/PPV (Pneumococcal)																
• ••• Varicella (Chickenpox)																
• ••• History of disease verified by IIR																
Recommended Vaccines (Not Required for School or Child Care Entry)																
COVID-19																
Flu (Influenza)																
Hepatitis A																
OPV (Oral Poliovirus Vaccine)																
MCV/PPV (Pneumococcal) (ages 18 to 64)																
Shingles (Herpes zoster type 9)																
Botulinum																

I certify that the information provided on this form is correct and available. Health Care Provider or School Official Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
If verified by school or child care staff the medical immunization records must be attached to this document.

Documentation of Illness Immunity (Health care provider use only)

If the child named on this CIS has a history of certain (shaken) illness or one of these immunity by blood test (titre), it must be verified by a health care provider.

I certify that the child named on this CIS has:
 A verified history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.
 Laboratory evidence of immunity (titre) to disease(s) marked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B
<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps
<input type="checkbox"/> Rubella	<input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus	<input type="checkbox"/> Typhoid

(Titre (all 3 categories) must show immunity)

Licensed Health Care Provider Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name: _____

Required Immunizations for New Students

- 2 MMR's (measles, mumps and rubella) given in the appropriate time frames
- 5 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis) given in the appropriate time frames
- 2 doses of varicella given in the appropriate time frames
- 4 doses of polio (IPV) given in a specific time frames
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B, given in the appropriate time frames
- 1 Tdap for students 7th grade and above
- Vaccines against COVID-19 are not required for school attendance.

30 Day Conditional Status from the First Day of Attendance no Longer in Effect

Students will need a completed CIS or **Certificate of Exemption (COE)** on file at school **before the first day of attendance**.

If students are missing doses, they will need to get **all the doses they are eligible** to receive **before** starting school. They can then attend school in a Conditional Status until the minimum valid date of the next vaccine is reached. They then have 30 calendar days to turn in documentation of having received the dose. This continues on until all vaccines have been administered and documented.

Example

- If a child has all their immunizations except the 2-dose MMR series, and they get dose 1 of the MMR the day before school starts and it is documented with the school that day, the child can enter school because...
 - Dose 2 of the MMR cannot be given until 28 days after the first dose.
 - Beginning on day 29 after the first dose, the child has 30 days to get MMR dose #2.

MY CHILD IS NOT 5 YEARS OLD YET...

Children can receive their school immunizations at age 4. Contact your healthcare provider to schedule your appointment.



We are moving from another state and cannot find our immunization records. Now what?



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- Immunization records from another state's immunization registry are accepted as medically verified records.

OR

- Call your provider in the state you moved from and have them send the immunization records directly to the school either by fax or by email.

We are moving from another country and cannot find our child's immunization records. What do we do?

- Immunizations verified by the Immigration Dept are accepted
- If possible, contact the provider in your first country via email or phone to have them send you the records
- Get established with a provider in this country. They can order lab titers to be drawn which will determine if your child has immunity to the different diseases.



WHERE CAN I GET MY CHILD IMMUNIZED?

- **Your healthcare provider**
- **WithinReach, Family Health Hotline:**
800-322-2588
<http://www.withinreachwa.org/>
- **Community Health Access Program:**
206-284-0331 or 800-756-5437
<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/health-insurance/access-and-outreach/community-health-access-program.aspx>

SUMMARY of IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

- Your student may register for school, but MAY NOT attend school until provider-verified immunizations have been received and validated by the school nurse.
- The child must have all immunizations they are eligible to receive prior to starting school.
- Or there is a **Certificate of Exemption** on file signed by the parent AND the licensed healthcare provider.



Please Notify the School if your Child has a Life-Threatening Health Condition such as:

- A severe allergy for which an epinephrine auto injector device (EpiPen™) has been prescribed.
- Diabetes
- Severe asthma
- A seizure disorder
- A cardiac condition
- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Other conditions of concern

Why does the school need to know if my child has one of these conditions?

- If your child has a life-threatening condition, WA state law says there must be an emergency care plan and any associated medication in place in the school building before the child can attend school.
- This is to keep the student safe in the event they experience a medical emergency during the school day.
- If your child has a life-threatening condition, please contact the school nurse in your child's school before the student attends.

Questions?



Timeline

M	T	W	Th	F
AUGUST				
26	27	28	29	30
SEPTEMBER				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Calendar of Events:

Feb. 1 - Registration Begins

Feb. 29 – All Kinder Registrations Due!!!

Mar. 21 – Spring Assessment (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)

Aug. 5 – CR Office Opens

Aug. 5-11: Online Enrollment Verification Process (EVP)

Aug. 28 – Meet Your Teacher/Ice Cream Social @ 10:45 am (tentative)

Aug. 28 – Kindergarten Curriculum Night @ 5:00 pm

Aug. 29-Sept. 3 - Family Connection Meetings (Kinder Only)

Sept. 4 – 1st Day of Kindergarten

Fall – WaKids Assessment



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



When: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Where: Zoom – Presentations in English, Español and 中文 [Register for the event](#)

Who: All parents and caregivers of incoming kindergarten students 2024-2025.

What: Information will include:

- Kindergarten preparedness
- general school day schedule (lunch and recess)
- classroom general information
- transportation
- immunization
- on-site before and after school care program
- differences between school systems in US vs some other countries



The event is designed for families **new to US public schools.**

If you need interpretation in another language (한국어, 日本語, русский or Tiếng Việt) or have any questions, please contact Ina Ghangurde at (425) 837-7008 ghangurdei@issaquah.wednet.edu by Friday, March 1, 2024.



Family Partnership Liaisons

- Supports families new to the Issaquah School District
- Helps families navigate the school system
- Helps new families with registration process or enrollment verification process (interpretation to complete forms or to answer questions)
- Helps families find out about academic and financial resources available to students and families
- Helps facilitate events such as parent information night for culturally and linguistically diverse families.

Please contact a Family Partnership Liaison or the school office if you need help completing any of the registration forms or if you have questions about the school.

For more information: <https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/cultural-and-family-partnerships>

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Hello **Hola** 안녕 **xin chào** привет **مرحبا** 你好
 こんにちは

We can help you in your language!
 Please let us know if you need an interpreter or a document translated into your language—at no cost to you.
 English

¡Podemos brindarle asistencia en español!
 Por favor háganos saber si necesita un intérprete o un documento traducido a su idioma. Este servicio es gratuito.
 Spanish

Мы можем помочь вам с переводом на русский язык!
 Сообщите нам, если вам нужен устный перевод или перевод документа на ваш язык—бесплатно для вас.
 Russian

Chúng tôi có thể giúp quý vị bằng tiếng Việt!
 Xin cho chúng tôi biết nếu quý vị cần thông tin chi tiết về dịch vụ này. Dịch vụ của chúng tôi hoàn toàn miễn phí.
 Vietnamese

한국어 지원 서비스가 제공됩니다!
 통역사가 필요하시거나 귀하의 언어로 번역된 문서가 필요하시면 저희에게 알려 주십시오. 부담하지는 비용은 없습니다.
 Korean

我們可以用中文向您提供幫助!
 請告訴我們您是否需要我們向您提供免費口譯員服務或將文件翻譯成您使用的語言。
 Chinese

Madan noo sheeg naadiri aad u baahan tahay tuujubaan ama in dokumeentiga laguugu tuujubaano luqaddaada—iyadoo aanay wax kharash ah kaaga bixin.
 Somali

Ми можемо надати вам інформацію українською мовою!
 Якщо вам потрібен перекладач або переклад того чи іншого документу українською мовою, просимо повідомити нам про це—послуга безкоштовна.
 Ukrainian

يمكننا مساعدتك باللغة العربية!
 يرجى إعلامنا إذا ما كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم فوري أو إلى ترجمة مستند إلى لغتك، دون تكلفة عليك.
 Arabic

Completing forms and communicating with the school

Please let any school staff know if you need help completing forms or if you have questions.

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- Which kindergarten program is best for my student(s)?
- What if the program I initially select for my student is not the right fit?
- If I choose the half-day program, what will my student miss?
- Do I have to send my child to Kindergarten when they are 5 years old?

Questions??

