

Welcome

- Kindergarten Overview: Christy Otley, Principal
- Registration: Annette Aratani, Registrar
- Immunizations\Health Forms: Nurse
- PTA: Amber Thomas

Kindergarten is a transition year

Sept-Oct
Looks and feels more like preschool

Transition through Kindergarten

May/June
Looks and feels more like 1st Grade

What can we expect at the beginning of the year?

- Family Connection Meeting
 - Classroom teacher meets individually with each kindergarten family
- Whole-Child Assessment: September/October
 - Kindergarten teacher observes children during everyday classroom activities
 - Helps teachers find out what each child knows and can do at the beginning of the year
 - Inventory taken of each child's developing skills in six areas
 - Social-emotional
 - Physical
 - Cognitive
 - Language
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics

Half Day Option

- Parent may opt for half-day
 - Student will be placed in full-day classroom in the morning for 3 hours, dismissal @ 12:30
 - Transportation is provided in the morning (if busing is provided), parents must transport at the end of the half-day
 - Students miss specialist (library, music, PE) and purposeful play time in classroom

Dual Language/ Spanish Immersion Program

Dual Language/Spanish Immersion Program at IVE

The goal is to balance the number of students in each class who are native English speakers with those who are native Spanish speakers.

Fifty percent of the academic instruction will be given in English and fifty percent of the instruction in Spanish. Students are offered the same curriculum as their peers while also having the opportunity to learn a second language.

For more information visit: www.Issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/DLIP

Kindergarten Assessments

March 11-15

- Assist in making appropriate class placement
- You will be sent a link to sign up once your enrollment application is completed and approved

Family Liaison

- **Liliana Medina** (*Español*)
Family Partnership Liaison
- Office Phone: 425-837-7141
- **Cell Phone: 425-651-5170**
- Text: 425-331-9555



- **The Family Liaison role:**
 - Support families transitioning to the Issaquah School district to better understand and navigate our school system. Help with registration.
 - Serve as the bridge between staff and families. Connect families with school staff about their child's needs and concerns.
 - Provide information regarding resources (financial, meal program, school supplies and more) available in the community to families and students.
 - Host district-wide informative events regarding school to parents throughout out the school year.



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

Where: Zoom – Presentations in English, Español and 普通話
(Register for event online)

Who: For families new to the US school system of incoming
ISD kindergarten students for the 2024-25 school year.

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



Family Partnership Team

How do I register?

If your child will be 5 by August 31, 2024 and you reside within the Clark attendance area:

Step 1: Complete Online Application on ISD website


Step 2: Provide required documents

Step 3: Complete and return the Required Forms Packet

Step 4: Sign up for Kindergarten Assessment

Required Documents

- **Proof of Birth Date:** Birth Certificate or passport must be provided
- **Proof of Residency:** Your signed lease or purchase agreement, **and** a utility bill no more than 30 days old. (Utility bill must be power, gas, or cable – not cell phone)
- **Photo ID:** The person registering the child must be the legal parent/guardian listed on the registration form.
- **Immunizations:** Medically verified immunization records.



Information on Immunizations &
Life-Threatening Health Conditions
for Students New to the Issaquah
School District and Incoming
Kindergarten Students



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:

- ▶ A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the (WAIS)

OR

- ▶ A physical copy of the State CIS form with a healthcare provider signature.

OR

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WHAT DOES 'MEDICALLY VERIFIED' MEAN?

- ▶ A physical copy of the CIS with accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff

OR

- ▶ A CIS printed from MyIR.

Wa.myir.net



Required Immunizations for Incoming Kindergarteners

- ▶ 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
- ▶ At this time, 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.



For 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.



WHERE CAN I GET MY CHILD IMMUNIZED?

Your healthcare provider

OR

▶ WithinReach, Family Health Hotline: 800-322-2588

<http://www.withinreachwa.org/>

OR

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>



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



- ▶ 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 nurse either by fax or by email.



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

Different Options Available

- ▶ 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.



CONCLUSION 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

AND

The child has received all immunizations they are eligible for

OR

There is a Certificate of Exemption on file signed by the parent AND the licensed healthcare provider.



Children with Life-Threatening Health Conditions



A Life-Threatening Health Condition can be:

- ▶ 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



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 attends 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 when you register them.



Questions?



PTA

- Amber Thomas - PTA President

Be In The Know

- Sign up for ISD weekly Bulletin
- Sign up for Clark weekly Bulletin
- Opt in to receive text messages

<https://www.isd411.org/about-us/announcements/sign-up>

Conclusion