Full Day Kindergarten in Issaquah

Parent Orientation 2024-25 School Year



Welcome to Grand Ridge : Jill Ravenscraft, Principal

Gary Aguilar, Assistant-

Principal

Registrar's: Chris Ross

Vanessa Targioni

Secretary to the Principal Cyndi Thompson

Immunizations\Health Forms:
Keri Webber, Nurse

PTSA President: Hannah Bowen

Family Partnership Liaison
Ina Ghangurde



State-funded Full Day Kindergarten

- ➤ No cost to families
- Provides maximum learning opportunity for students
- ➤ Offers full access to specialists (PE, Music, Library)
- > Developmentally appropriate and student centered
- Integrated content with rich, hands-on experiences
- ➤ Based on rigorous standards



State-funded Full Day Kindergarten

- State requires full day kindergarten be available to all students
- ➤ Parents may opt for half-day
 - Student will be placed in full-day classroom in the morning for 3 hours







Full-Day Kindergarten

Every student, every classroom, every day

Student centered, hands-on learning experiences promoting creativity

Deep knowledge of child development

Rich learning environments

Balanced and aligned curriculum

Assessment of and for learning

Engaging Interactions and Integrated Content

Washington Learning Standards for Kindergarten

Emotional Skills

Math

Communication Skills

World Language

Science

Large Motor Skills

Arts

Health

Quality Instruction

High

Approaches to Learning

Social Skills Physical Education

Social Studies

Literacy

Small Motor Skills

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE AND ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS

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?

- ➤ Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WAKIDS)
 - A required component of State-funded Full Day Kindergarten
 - A transition process that helps to ensure a successful start to kindergarten and beyond



What can we expect at the beginning of the year?

Family Connection Meeting

- Classroom teacher meets with each family for 30 minutes on one of the first 3 days of the school year.
- First day of school for grades 1-5 is August 29th
- Family Connection Meetings on August 29, Aug 30, Aug 31
- First Day of Kindergarten is on September 4

➤ 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

Preparing for September

Can manage their personal needs without help

- ➤ Put on/take off coat
- ➤ Tie their own shoes
- > Wash their hands
- ➤ Snap, button, zip and buckle clothes (change their own clothing)
- ➤ Zip and unzip backpacks
- ➤ Use the public restroom independently (use, flush, wash)
- ➤ Open their snack and lunchbox containers



March 27, 2024 1:00 – 4:00 In order to assist us in making appropriate classroom placement decisions we will be assessing all incoming kindergarten students.

The assessment will be done at Grand Ridge by one of our kindergarten teachers and will take approximately 10-15 minutes.



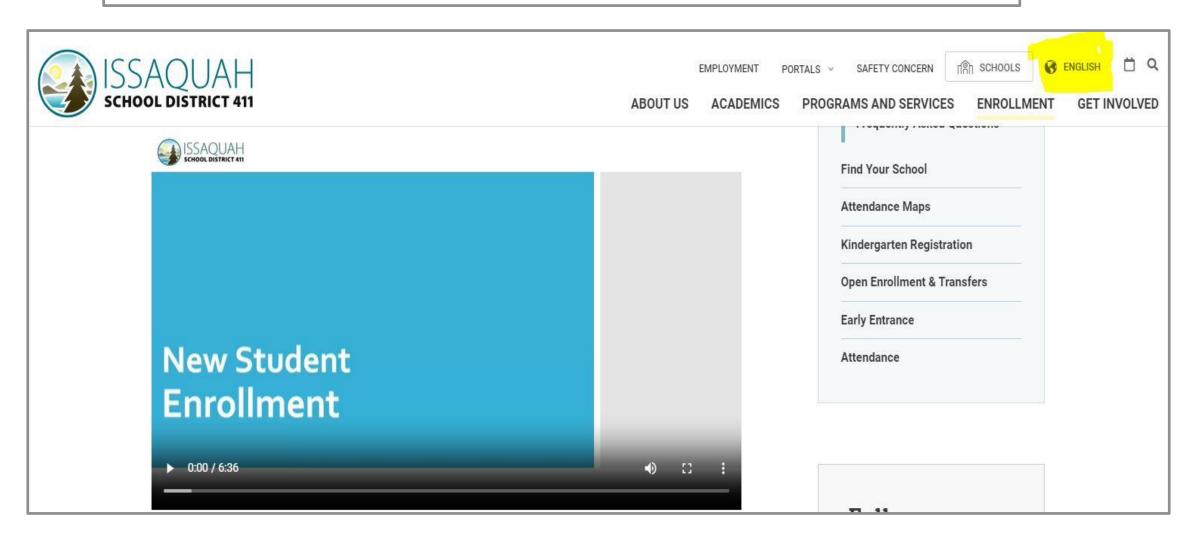
Registration

- > Your child must be 5 by August 31, 2024
- For those families living in the Grand Ridge attendance area. Check the ISD website attendance map to verify or email transportation department.
- Complete online enrollment on the ISD website. Registration opens on February 1, 2024 and is due by February 29, 2024.
- Sign up for Kindergarten Assessment you will receive a link for Signup.com in your application approval email.
- The enrollment process can be completed in many other languages.

Information Required to Register

- > Proof of Birth Date: A copy of birth certificate or passport must be provided. Can be uploaded.
- > Proof of Residency (2 items):
- > A copy of your lease or purchase agreement, showing your name and address.
- A copy of a utility bill no more than 30 days old. (Utility bill must be power, gas, or cable not cell phone). Can be uploaded.
- ➤ Photo ID: The person registering the child must be the legal parent/guardian listed on the registration form. Bring in to the office.
- Immunizations: A complete record of shots verified by a physician must be provided. Can be uploaded.

Enroll at www.ISD411.org!



Additional Paperwork

Required additional paperwork to complete enrollment

➤ Parent ID - copy will be made by Registrar

Additional information in the kindergarten packet:

- ► Information From the Nurse
- ➤ Kindergarten Readiness Information
- ➤ Issaquah School District Registration Timeline
- ► Invitation to Ride the Bus this summer
- ➤ Before and After School Care Information



What's next?

- > Sign-up for your child's assessment on March 27th from 1:00-4:00.
- Make an appointment with the Registrar to go over the enrollment paperwork. We will schedule your paperwork appointment on assessment day.

Immunizations & Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Requirements for Incoming Students

2024-25 School Year



Proof of Immunization Required

- New 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 (WAIIS).
 - A medical clinic or office where immunizations were given
 - Pharmacy records of immunizations given
 - Another state's or country's formal immunization database
 - Immunizations verified by the State Dept.



CIS or WAIIS Documentation

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the (WAIIS)
- A physical copy of the State CIS form with a healthcare provider signature.
- A CIS printed from MyIR.
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Required Immunizations for K-6 Students

- 5 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis) given in the appropriate time frames
 - 1 Tdap for students 7th grade and above
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B, given in the appropriate time frames
- 4 doses of polio (IPV) given in a specific time frames
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) given in the appropriate time frames
- 2 doses of varicella given in the appropriate time frames



Missing Doses

- 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 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.



Exemptions

Parent and Child's Provider signatures

- Medical Exemption
- Philosophical/Personal Exemption
- Religious Exemption

Religion restricting care from medical professional

Religious Membership Exemption



Certificate of Exemption—Personal/Religious

For School, Child Care, and Preschool Immunization Requirement

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Is My Kindergartener Too Young?

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 child's 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://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/health-centers-programs-services/access-outreach-program/community-health-access-program

Your school nurse is a resource for you if you need assistance

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.



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

- Allergy requiring an Epipen™
- Insulin-dependent Diabetes
- Severe Asthma
- A Seizure disorder
- A Cardiac condition
- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Other conditions



Why does the school need to know?

- 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, let the school nurse know:
 - School Care Plan signed by provider, parent and RN
 - Medication prescribed by provider with ISD paperwork



Questions?

Nurse Contact Info:

Keri Webber, RN

Office: 425-837-7930

Email: Webberk@issaquah.wednet.edu



Before and After School Care Progam



SCHOOL AGE CARE SERVING K-5 STUDENTS

The Before and After School Care Program (BASC) provides a positive environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually under the guidance of our well-trained team. We offer diverse activities to meet the interests and skill levels of our participants, including STEM, cooperative games, community service learning, art, and cooking.

During out of school time, children will be able to access many areas of our schools, including the gym, playground, and multi-purpose room. In addition to our well stocked club rooms, we provide a designated homework time, morning and afternoon snacks, family nights, enrichment activities, school break care, and summer day camps.



Days of Operation

Monday - Friday

School break services are available through a separate registration process

Program Hours

6:30 AM - school start

School end - 6:30 PM

There is no care provided during the school day for ½ day kindergarten students.

LocationsAll 16 I.S.D.

elementary schools

Registration Information

www.isd411.org

programs and services -> before and after school care

QUESTIONS?

Email

Michelle Morrison

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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
- <u>Helps facilitate events</u> 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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Family Partnership Liaison 425-837-7106

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Ina Ghangurde (Marathi, Hindi)

Family Partnership Liaison 425-837-7008

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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

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

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。

Chines

Ми можемо надати вам інформацію українською мовою!

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¡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

Chúng tôi có thể giúp quý vị bằng tiếng Việt!

Xin cho chúng tôi biết nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên hay cần phiên dịch tài liệu qua ngôn ngữ của quý vị—được miễn phí.

Vietnamese

한국어 지원 서비스가 제공됩니다!

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Korean

يمكننا مساعدتك باللغة

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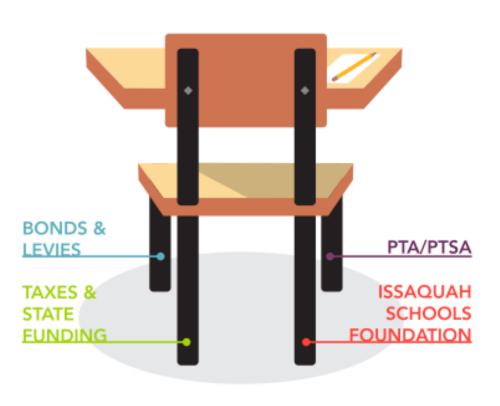
Ukrainian

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Completing forms and communicating with the school

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

How are schools funded? Issaquah students' success sits on the stability of four key funding sources



- Bonds & Levies: New school construction, renovations, land purchases. Must be approved by local voters.
- Taxes & State Funding: State pays for basic education with state school levies & taxes; does not cover everything a district needs to operate
- PTA/PTSA: Non-profit that raises money to fund art, technology, field trips, library book, playground equipment, STEM & cultural activities, assemblies & more.
- Issaquah Schools Foundation: Supports programs that benefit all Issaquah School District students including teacher and school grants.



Provides Educational Enrichment for All Students

Grade-level Grants for STEM & Field Trips

Arts Education in the classroom

Musician & Author Visits

Science Fair

Recess Programs & Playground Support

Literacy Programs & Tools

Supports our School

Teacher Stipends

Emergency Preparedness & Safety Supplies

Volunteers for School Programs

Reader Board and Newsletter Communications

Staff Appreciation

Builds Community

Family & Community
Events like Falloween &
Summerfest

Parent Education

Celebrating our Diversity at Cultural Fair

Spelling Bee, Reflections Art Contest & Talent Show

Community Outreach

Five Easy Ways to Support Grand Ridge

- 1. Join or renew your family's PTSA membership
- 2. Consider volunteer opportunities
 Whether one-time or ongoing, find them on our website
- 3. Participate in our Fall Fundraiser (Orange Ruler)
- 4. Check out the calendar on our website and follow Grand Ridge Elementary PTSA on Facebook
- 5. Share your questions, ideas & feedback In person or email: grptsa@gmail.com

www.GrandRidgePTSA.org