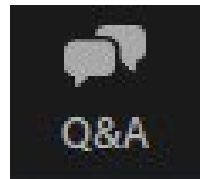




Kindergarten Information 2024-25

Please enter questions into the Q&A (question & answer) window during the presentation and answers will be shared in a kindergarten FAQ (frequently asked questions)



Registration information

Online registration opens
April 2

Children who will be 5
years old on or before
September 1 are eligible
to attend Kindergarten for
the upcoming school year

Go to www.palos118.org

Instructions available on
website in English, Arabic,
Polish, and Spanish

Residency Requirements

Original/Certified Copy of Birth Certificate

Driver's License/State ID

Proof of residency includes one item from
Category 1 and two items from Category 2

Category 1

Homeowner(s): Must provide current mortgage statement (or signed and dated mortgage papers, and/or closing documents such as HUD-1 (RESPA) if new ownership or if the property is not mortgaged).

Renter(s) with lease: Signed and dated Lease and proof of last month's payment.

Renter(s) without lease: signed and dated letter of residence from landlord in lieu of Lease and proof of last month's payment (Palos 118 – Form 760:E1). The E1 form must be notarized.

Living with a District Resident: Signed and dated by individual responsible for the residence. Proof of occupancy from owner and Parent/Guardian. (Palos 118 – Form 760:E2). The E2 form must be notarized.

Category 2

Driver's license/State ID (required)

Gas Bill

Electric Bill

Water Bill

Cable Bill

Cell Phone Bill

Automobile Insurance

Vehicle Registration

Homeowner/Rental Insurance Policy

Current Public Aid Card

Current Tax Bill with proof of payment

Medical Documents

District 118 abides by 1st day exclusions for students who do not have required medical documents on file.

Schedule appointments for physical and immunizations early

Documents required:

- Physical/Immunization Form (by July 1st)
- Vision Exam Form (by October 15th of SY)
- Dental Exam Form (by May 15th of SY)

How Can I Prepare My Child for Kindergarten?

Fine Motor Skills

- Pencil grasp
- Coloring
- Cutting
- Print first name

Letters and Numbers

- Identify Name
- Identify letters in name
- Count to 10
- Count objects to 5
- Identify numbers to 5





How Can I Prepare My Child for Kindergarten?

Social Skills

- Provide opportunities for play based interaction with peers
- Following one step directions
- Taking Turns

Life Skills

- Toileting
- Zipping, buttoning, snapping

If nothing else, please make time to read with your child!

What to Expect in Kindergarten

Schedule

- Full Day 9:15-3:00

 - 3 recesses daily

 - Lunch Daily

 - PE 1x per week

 - Music or Art 1x per week

 - Media 1x week for 20 minutes

- Half Day 9:15-11:45 or 12:30-3:00

 - 1 recess daily

 - PE 1x per week

 - Media 1x week for 20 minutes

What to Expect

Curriculum

-English/Language Arts

- Letter recognition and formation
- Letter Sounds
- Reading and Writing Simple Words
- Early Reading and Writing skills

-Math skills

- Number Sense
 - Counting
 - Identification
 - Comparing
 - Value of numbers
- Basic Addition and Subtraction

Full Day vs. Half Day

All students receive core curriculum and small group intervention to address needs for acceleration, repetition or remediation

Full day students receive an additional small group time to address needs for acceleration, repetition, or remediation.

Transportation

- District 118 provides bus transportation for Kindergarten students attending Palos East and Palos West.



Fees



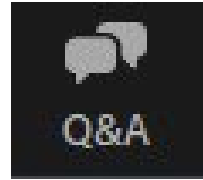


Full Day Kindergarten Tuition

- Half-day kindergarten is free (\$86 registration if before June 5, 2024).
- The tuition for the optional Full-Day kindergarten program is \$3,250.
- \$500 non-refundable deposit is due by June 5, 2024. This saves your child's spot in a full day classroom.
 - This payment is made through Revtrak/Webstore in Skyward.
- The remaining \$2,750 is made in 10 monthly payments of \$275 (August through May)
 - You will get an email in August with directions to setup your payments in Efunds
 - Monthly payments are made through Efunds because it allows you to setup automatic monthly payments.
 - After August, your payments are due on the 1st of the month.
- Reduced tuition is available based on income. Please reach out to mcorrea@palos118.org for more info.
- The Board has passed a resolution that if the referendum is successful on March 19, Full Day Kindergarten will be free starting next school year.

Questions?

Type your question into the Q & A
(question & answer) window or



Send an email to:

questions@palos118.org



Registration info can be found at palos118.org/registration