



# Kindergarten FAQ

## 1. How do I register for all-day kindergarten? It's as easy as 1-2-3!

**Step 1: Online Registration for Kindergarten** opens on **February 9, 2024**. You may access and complete registration forms on the District and McDowell Early Learning School websites at [www.hudson.k12.oh.us/kindergartenreq](http://www.hudson.k12.oh.us/kindergartenreq). Note: A child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2024 to qualify for Kindergarten.

**Step 2: Documents for Registration: All registration documents need to be uploaded and online registration completed by March 8.** There are multiple documents required for registration. Please be prepared to have the following documents ready to upload to complete online registration:

- Your child's original birth certificate-(Hospital Letter of Live Birth not accepted)
- Proof of residency (i.e. lease/rental agreement, purchase agreement, closing disclosure or settlement, current property tax statement, deed or title). We do not accept a driver's license, utility bills, or other personal identifiers.
- Applicable custody documents/shared parenting agreement

By law, a copy of your child's current immunization record and original state certified Birth Certificate are required. A copy of a Custody Statement is required if a child does not reside with both natural parents. An up-to-date Immunization Record is required on the first day of school. It is optional to provide a dentist's report.

**Step 3: Kindergarten Screenings** will take place on April 23, 24, & 25. You will receive an email after March 8th with more information about Kindergarten Orientation and Kindergarten Screenings. The email will be coming from an @hudson.k12.oh.us address.

## 2. What is the cost of all-day kindergarten?

The tuition for all-day kindergarten is \$3,600.00. There is a \$200.00 non-refundable deposit and then two payments of \$1,700.00 which are due each semester. There is also an option to make four payments, or a single full-year payment. (See question 6 for details)

## 3. Do I have to make a deposit?

Yes. A \$200.00 non-refundable deposit is due by March 8. Please send a check made payable to Hudson City Schools to McDowell Early Learning School at 280 North Hayden Parkway Hudson, Ohio 44236. The deposit, along with the completed registration information, ***guarantees*** a place in all-day kindergarten class. This is the only way to guarantee a place in all-day kindergarten. The \$200.00 fee is non-refundable and this is part of the kindergarten tuition.

## 4. Am I guaranteed a spot in all-day kindergarten?

Yes, if you have made the \$200.00 deposit and completed Step 1 and Step 2 of the registration process by March 8, 2024.

## 5. What if I change my mind during the summer?

If you have registered for all-day kindergarten and want to change your decision, please contact the school office at 330-653-1246 or the Assistant Superintendent's office at 330-653-1217. The \$200.00 deposit is non-refundable. Your child will be placed in a half-day kindergarten classroom.

## 6. When is tuition due?

The first tuition payment must be paid August 6, 2024 via credit card or electronic check using PaySchools Central (our online payment system), or a check made out to Hudson City Schools. Please note, there is a service charge for paying online. Checks can be mailed to McDowell Early Learning School, 280 North Hayden Parkway, Hudson, Ohio 44236 ATTN: Kindergarten.

### Payment plan options:

We are pleased to be able to offer several payment plans:

- Full year payment of \$3,400.00 due August 6, 2024 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
- Two payments of \$1,700.00 each due August 6, 2024 and January 15, 2025
- Four payments:
  - \$850.00 due August 6, 2024 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
  - \$850.00 due September 15, 2024 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
  - \$850.00 due November 15, 2024 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
  - \$850.00 due January 15, 2025 (via PaySchools Central or via check)

## 7. What happens if I do not make the tuition payments?

If tuition payment is not made on time, your child will be placed in a half-day kindergarten classroom for the remainder of the school year. Tuition payments are due according to the tuition schedule (see #6). The change from all-day to half-day kindergarten will be made at the end of a week to help to provide transition time and closure for the student.

## 8. If my child goes to half-day kindergarten, will she/he be behind when starting first grade?

We believe that extended learning time in a consistent environment is beneficial and want to provide that opportunity at McDowell for our families. Both all-day and half-day classes will cover the curriculum and the requirements of kindergarten. The all-day kindergarten class provides more time for development of these skills. The all-day kindergarten program will also include art, music, p.e., and library each week. The teachers at McDowell have extensive knowledge of how children learn. No matter the kindergarten experience, our teachers will be able to meet the needs of your child.

## 9. What if I do not register my child until August?

If you are a current Hudson City School District resident, we strongly encourage you to register your child in the designated registration window of February 9-March 8. We will continue to accept all-day registration and deposits; enrollment is monitored constantly but because the number of sections of all-day kindergarten is directly linked to the number of kindergarten students, all-day kindergarten may not be available after the March 8 deadline. The \$200.00 deposit is due immediately at the time of registration. The first \$850 tuition payment is due August 6, 2024.

## 10. My child is in all-day kindergarten, and we realize it is not a good match. Will I have a refund?

If you decide to move your child from all-day to half-day kindergarten due to academic or social emotional reasons you must notify the McDowell office by September 30th. The first half of the year, \$1,700 tuition payment, is not refundable. Families who have paid the full tuition amount will be refunded for the second semester which is January-June. The student will be placed in an a.m. or p.m. class based on District guidelines.

**11. My child begins the year in half-day kindergarten and we would like them to move to all-day programming. What is the process for making this change?**

Our kindergarten classes have been “full” or very close to our capacity at the start of each school year. There may not be an open spot if you are interested in moving your child after the school year begins. However, if there is space in the all-day classes, the move would need to be made by the end of the first grading period.

**12. My family qualifies for free/reduced lunch. How do I proceed to register my child for all-day kindergarten?**

Please contact Kim Ciborek, Business Office at 330-653-1208 to make sure the free/reduced lunch paperwork is up to date. You may also contact Doreen Osmun, Assistant Superintendent, at 330-653-1217 for assistance.

**13. How will my child be placed in first grade if they do not attend all-day kindergarten?**

The principal is responsible for placing students in heterogeneous classrooms. Student reading and math data are analyzed, as well as learning styles and personalities, to create the best placement for our children. No matter their kindergarten experiences, students will be placed in all first grade classes.

**14. I would like to request a certain teacher. What is the procedure?**

Parent requests for a certain teacher are not part of the placement process. Your child will be placed in a classroom based on Parent Questionnaire and registration information.

**15. My child is on an Individualized Education Plan (special education services). How do I proceed in registering them for all-day kindergarten?**

You will follow the registration process. The IEP team will determine what special educational services are needed for your child. Families have a choice of all-day or half-day programming for their child. If families choose to attend full-day kindergarten, tuition rates and registration guidelines apply.

**16. Will my child be transported to and from all-day kindergarten?**

Yes. They will be routed with students in their neighborhood.

**17. Will start and stop time be the same?**

All-Day Kindergarten will follow the following time schedule: 8:55-3:40

Kindergarten AM: 8:55-11:40

Kindergarten PM: 12:55-3:40

**18. How many students will be in a kindergarten class?**

Our kindergarten through third grade class sizes range from 21-24 students. All Kindergarten classes will be within that range.