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Westerly Public Schools Kindergarten Registration

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Kindergarten Registration

The Westerly Public Schools provides an all-day kindergarten program for Westerly students. In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-2-27, all students must be **five years old on or before September 1** of the year of their kindergarten entrance, to be eligible for attendance. Parents must present a completed kindergarten registration packet and provide all documentation of residency and guardianship at the time of registration.

The administration is responsible for determining the number of kindergarten classes at each neighborhood school.

Students are assigned in accordance with Westerly Public Schools Policy #2511. However, considering the possibility that in any given year kindergarten students within an elementary school's enrollment boundary may exceed the number of available kindergarten slots, the following will occur:

- a. In January, every effort will be made to inform every family in the community about Kindergarten registration and to register prior to May 1st. The message will also inform parents who wish to exercise preferential treatment for placement so that siblings will all attend the same school to register prior to February 15th.
- b. On May 1, kindergarten students will be enrolled in their school for the coming year.
- c. If the number of kindergarten students exceed the number of available slots preference will be provided in this order:
 - i. All students previously enrolled in the district pre-K program.
 - ii. All siblings registered before February 15.
 - iii. All students who are members of programs specific to the school.
 - iv. All students registered who walk to school or live within walking distance. (.75 mile)

Students who register after May 1 will be enrolled in their neighborhood school on a first come first served basis as space allows. If there are no kindergarten slots available at a child's neighborhood school, administration will place the student at another school within the district.

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