



Yakima
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming Kinders,

We are excited to welcome your child to our kindergarten program at the Yakima School District! The success of your child is important to us, and one way to ensure a positive and successful experience for them is the early and ongoing involvement of our parents/guardians in the educational process.

The following information is important for you to know so you can talk to your child and help them understand what their first few days of kindergarten will be like. This reduces anxiety and helps them to be assured that they will be well taken care of at school.

Kinder Family Conference August 22,23, 26, 27 8:15-3:15 - At Your Child's School

The Kinder Family Conference is a special time of preparation for your child to see and become familiar with the school, meet the teachers and staff, and answer any questions you may have about Kindergarten.

There will be a family event at each elementary school in August where you will be able to visit the classroom, meet the teacher, staff and admin and get to know other families. During this time, you will schedule a one-on-one meeting with the teacher for the Kinder Family Conference on Aug. 22-23, 26-27.

WIDA Assessment Screener Appointments - At Your Child's School

If you indicated that there is a language other than English spoken at home (per the home language survey) then you will also meet with the English Language Development teacher and staff to test your child on the World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) screener.

Teacher Notification August 17 ParentSquare

Parents will be notified via ParentSquare of their child's kindergarten teacher. ParentSquare is our parent/guardian communication platform. To sign up, visit ysd7.org/parentsquare.

Appointment With The Teacher August 22-23, 26-27 Morning & afternoon at your child's school

At your appointment, you will meet with your child's teacher to receive information about school laptops and give the WaKids Assessment Screener.

First Day of School for Kindergarten is August 28 at 8:45 AM (full day)

We hope this information is helpful to you in preparing your child for their kindergarten experience. If you have questions, please contact your child's school.

In addition, we'd like to share that we have opened our new Health and Wellness Center (331 N. 1st St.) for students and their families. Some of the services include medical, counseling, and education. For more information, call 509-573-5000.

Sincerely,

Your Kindergarten Team

Strengthening Community Through Education

Yakima School District encourages workforce diversity and complies with all state and federal laws prohibiting unlawful discrimination.