

Transportation

Bus routes are developed two weeks before the start of school. This allows us to provide all parents in the district with their designated bus stops so they can make arrangements for getting their children safely to and from school.

Students registering after bus stops are assigned may use the stop nearest their home as long as there is a Responsible Adult meeting the student at that stop. To request a stop not listed for the neighborhood school, complete a [Bus Stop Request](#) online. There is no guarantee a new stop will be approved and can take up to 10 business days for the new stop to be considered.

Important Points:

A responsible adult (RA) must be at the bus stop to pick up your child. The RA must be listed on the student's information packet that goes to the Transportation Department. A parent can designate, in writing, an older sibling or family member as the Responsible Adult.

If your child's transportation plans change:

- Call or send a note with route number and bus stop location to the school office first thing in the morning so a bus pass can be issued.

To find a specific bus stop, visit:

- Go to our website: www.skschools.org
- Select "Quick Links"
- Select "Bus Routes"



**Read together every day...
...it's the most important
20 minutes of your day!**

When parents and caregivers read with their child during the elementary school years, they provide a valuable gift – the lifelong advantage of literacy!



The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer, Section 504 Coordinator, and Gender Inclusion Officer with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

Compliance/ADA/Title IX Coordinator: Will Sarett, Executive Director of Human Resources, 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-874-7071 sarett@skschools.org

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Kindergarten Readiness Tips

We share with you the thrill of beginning this new phase in your child's life, and we welcome all children and their families to the South Kitsap School District, where children learn every day.



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Your child should have these skills for the best possible start in school:

Language & Literacy

- I can name letters
- I can say the sounds of letters
- I can recite ABC/numbers, songs & eight or more nursery rhymes

- I know how to handle books (orients book correctly, front to back)
- I speak in complete sentences (4-6 words)
- I can write the letters in my first name
- I can recognize my written name



Math & Reasoning

- I can count orally to 20
- I can identify random numbers
- I can identify 4 shapes
- I can identify colors
- I can sort by color, shape and size

Social/Emotional

- I am able to take turns and participate appropriately in groups
- I can focus on a task for at least five minutes
- I can follow two step directions
- I can work independently
- I take care of my own hygiene needs
- I express emotions appropriately and respect the feelings of others

Fine Motor Skills

- I can use scissors
- I can use writing tools
- I can open lunch/snack packaging
- I can button/zip my coat



What you need to know before registering your child for kindergarten

Parent Check List

When you go to the school to register your child, please bring:

- Proof of age - Birth Certificate**
Register your child at your local school or online. Before the start of school, you will need to present proof of age, preferably a birth certificate.
- Record of Immunizations**
Washington State requires that children entering kindergarten have all required immunizations. See your pediatrician for a list.
- Transportation Plans**
Make transportation plans clear to your child, teacher, and school office.

All children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before August 31.

Other Important Points

Attendance

- We want and need your child to consistently be at school because lessons build upon each other from day to day.
- Please call the school's office within 5 days to excuse an absence.

Health

- See our [“How Sick is too Sick Checklist”](#) for when to keep your child home from school.
- See our [“Child Missing School Due to Anxiety”](#) for more information.

To stay healthy and ready to learn, your child should:

- Get plenty of sleep (ten to twelve hours are recommended for children this age).
- Eat a healthy diet, including breakfast.
- Get up in plenty of time to get ready for school.

