



Shawnee Mission School District

Kindergarten Kickoff 2025-2026

An Information Guide

Welcome to Kindergarten Kickoff at Brookridge Elementary

We're glad you
and your child
are at Brookridge
with us!



Familiar Faces – Our Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Freiermuth (Mrs. Fry)

Mrs. Carlson

Mrs. Easley

Mrs. Boos



Brookridge Information

- Stephanie Witt – Principal
- Kristin Bean – Admin Intern
- Karen Hoffman – Secretary
- Becky Roper – Clerical Aide (attendance)
- Kathy Parades – Spanish Interpreter
- Sarah Ashcraft – School Nurse
- Taylor Gabel – Social Worker



School Information

School Hours	8:10 am- 3:10 pm
Breakfast	7:50 am- 8:10 am
District Calendar	https://www.smsd.org/calendar
Food Services	https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service
Main Phone Line	913-993-2400
Nurse Phone	913-993-2402
Attendance Line	913-998-2488
School Website	https://brookridge.smsd.org/
Social Media (Twitter/X)	@BrookridgeSMSD



Before and After Care Options

- JCPRD and YMCA offer before school care beginning at 7:00 a.m. and after school care from 3:10 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Weekly Fees – contact provider for information.
- YMCA and JCPRD provide care on inclement weather and out-of-school days at consolidated sites.

Y-Care Information at Brookridge

- Online registration opens on May 7 at 6 AM
- Register at KansasCityYMCA.org/Yclub
- Y-Club Business Team: 816-360-3390



Kindergarten Requirements

- Born on or before August 31, 2020
- Resident of our attendance area
(lease/mortgage & 2 current bills)
- Immunizations/physical must be current



Today, children:

- Develop at many different rates.
- Have often had one or two years of pre-school experience by the time they enter kindergarten.
- Need hands-on learning.
- Must learn concepts that are more complex than those learned in the past.
- Benefit from additional time for practice.
- Need exploration - both organized and free choice.

Shawnee Mission Full Day Kindergarten

- Integrates new learning with past experiences through project-based activities.
- Provides learning in a literacy-rich environment.
- Emphasizes language development through appropriate pre-reading and literacy skills.
- Emphasizes reading as well as listening to literature.
- Engages students in hands-on, STEM-focused learning.
- Utilizes 1:1 technology to support relevant learning in the classroom.
- Offers a balance of individual, small group, and whole group instructional experiences.
- Assesses student progress through teacher observation, performance, and student work samples.
- Provides sufficient time and practical application for individual progress on basic skills.
- Extends and enriches students in various concepts and areas of interest.

What do students learn in Kindergarten?

Priority Standards in Reading

- **RF.K.1:** Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.
- **RF.K.2:** Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
- **RF.K.3:** Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- **RL.K.4:** Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.
- **RI.K.12:** *With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.*
- **W.K.3:** Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.
- **W.K.10:** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing.

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Priority Standards in Mathematics

- **K.OA.2:** Solve addition and subtraction word problems, and add and subtract within 10, (e.g. *by using objects or drawings to represent the problem.*)
- **K.OA.5:** Fluently (efficiently, accurately, and flexibly) add and subtract within 5.
- **K.G.4:** Analyze and compare two- and three-dimensional shapes, in different sizes and orientations (position and direction in space), using informal language to describe their similarities, differences, parts (e.g. *number of sides and vertices/“corners”*) and other attributes (e.g. *having sides of equal length*).
- **K.NBT.1:** Compose and decompose numbers from 11 to 19 into ten ones and some further ones; understand that these numbers are composed of ten ones and one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, or nine ones.
- **K.CC.1 :** Count to 100 by ones and by tens and identify as a growth pattern.
- **K.CC.3 :** Read and write numerals from 0 to 20.
- **K.CC.5:** Count to answer “how many?” up to 20 concrete or pictorial objects arranged in a line, a rectangular array, or a circle, or as many as 10 objects in a scattered configuration (subitizing); given a number from 1 to 20, count out that many objects.
- **K.CC.7:** Compare two numbers between 1 and 10 presented as written numerals.

What can we do to get ready for Kindergarten?

There are many activities you can do to help your child develop kindergarten readiness skills. Many can be done informally in the car, at the grocery store, or as part of daily routines.

- Read books with your child – summer trips to the library make a great free outing.
- Practice name writing using upper- and lowercase letters, if possible
- Talk about letters—identifying them and knowing their sounds:
- Practice fine motor skills and gripping a pencil, crayon, or marker correctly
- Use scissors, glue, paint, and other art materials
- Practice counting to 10
- Bounce a ball
- Classify objects according to their size, shape, and quantity
- Use street signs, food labels, and other common items to help your child recognize common sight words, like “stop”
- Identify rhyming words
- Repeat full name, address, phone number, and birthday
- Play independently or focus on one activity with a friend for up to ten minutes
- Manage bathroom needs independently
- Practice dressing oneself –zipping, buttoning, and tying
- Practice following two- and three-step directions
- Go up to the school playground to play and build familiarity for your child with the school
- Being able to independently open food items for lunch

SKYWARD – Family Access

Skyward is the management program utilized by the school district.

- View student grades – report cards
- Access student testing information
- Receive information from teachers
- View nurse records
- Make payment on lunch accounts
- Update personal information – phone numbers – emergency contacts



Online Enrollment

2025-2026 Pre-K and Kindergarten

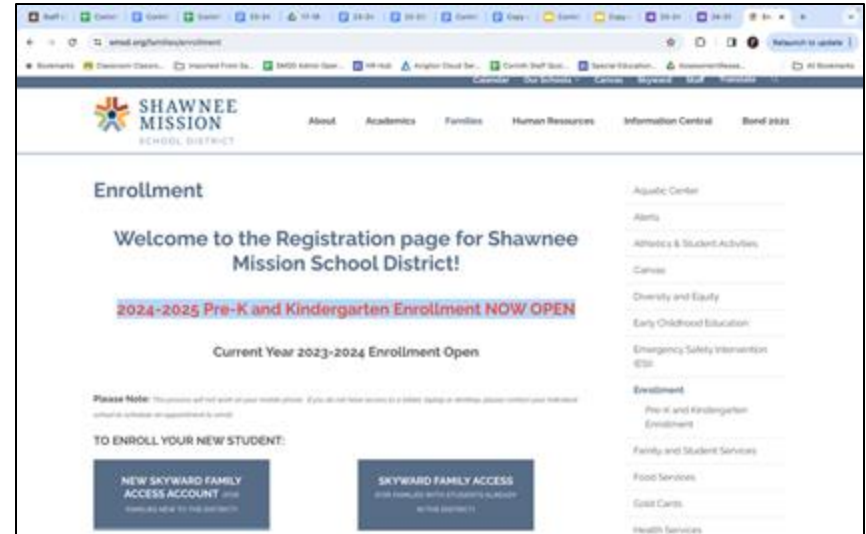
Enrollment NOW OPEN

- Go to district website: smsd.org
 - Mouse over Academics and choose kindergarten from the dropdown menu.
 - Choose the appropriate button – new family or current family.

The screenshot shows the Shawnee Mission School District website. The header includes the district logo and navigation links: Calendar, Our Schools, Canvas, Skyward, Staff, Translate, About, Academics, Families, Human Resources, Information Central, and Bond 2022. The main content area is titled "Enrollment" and features a welcome message: "Welcome to the Registration page for Shawnee Mission School District!". A prominent red banner reads "2024-2025 Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment NOW OPEN". Below this, it states "Current Year 2023-2024 Enrollment Open". A "Please Note" section indicates that the process is not mobile-friendly. At the bottom, two buttons are provided: "NEW SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS ACCOUNT (FOR FAMILIES NEW TO THE DISTRICT)" and "SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS (FOR FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS ALREADY IN THE DISTRICT)". A right-hand sidebar lists various district services such as Aquatic Center, Alerts, Athletics & Student Activities, Canvas, Diversity and Equity, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI), Enrollment, Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment, Family and Student Services, Food Services, Gold Cards, and Health Services.

Online Enrollment

- Complete online kindergarten enrollment form.
- Submit required enrollment supporting documents
- There is a link for families new to the district or if you already have children in the district enroll using Skyward Family Access.
- If you need help or don't have access to technology, contact your school for an appointment to enroll.



Online Enrollment

- Families new to Shawnee Mission will complete an account request.
- Whether you are new to the district or already have an account, you will need to complete a New Student Enrollment form for your kindergartner.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Account Request

This form is the first step to enrolling your new student online. Complete it to request an account that you will use to log in to a secure system.
Complete required fields to request an account to enroll your students.
To complete online enrollment, you must use a laptop, tablet, or desktop. If you do not have access to one of these devices, please make an appointment to enroll in person. For K-12 enrollment, please contact the school. For pre-K enrollment, please contact the early childhood department at 913-993-6641.

Enter the name of the legal parent/guardian of the student you want to enroll

* Guardian Legal First Name:

* Guardian Legal Last Name:

Guardian Legal Middle Name:

Guardian Legal Name Prefix: Guardian Legal Name Suffix:

Guardian contact information

* Guardian Email Address:

* No-type Email Address:

* Guardian Primary Phone Number:

Address: * House #: Direction: * Street Name: Apartment:
P.O. Box: Address 2: City: State: * Zip Code:

Complete the security dialog



SKYWARD

- Requires a valid parent email address
- Parents will receive an email with username and password for Skyward
- Access Skyward using the username and password
- School-wide emails and newsletters

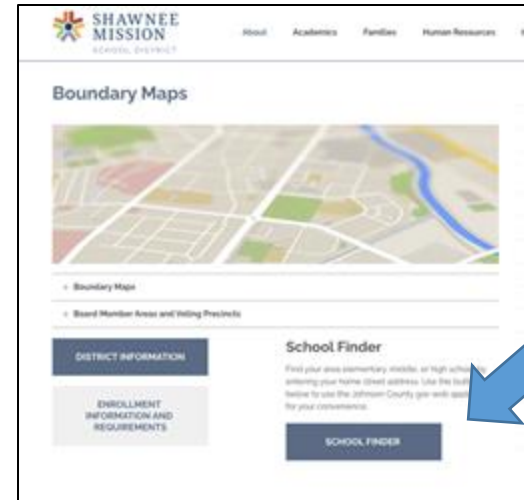
Lunch Support

In accordance with state law, students may be eligible for free and reduced lunch.

- Eligibility for the lunch program will be determined at the beginning of each school year.
 - Applications for free and reduced lunch are available at <https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/food-service> through the Food Service Department.
 - Information is confidential.
- Contact the district Food Service Department at 913-993-9710 with questions.

Next Steps...

- If you have questions, please contact your home school.
- If you are unsure of your home school, please check our district boundary maps or use the school locator.



Next Steps...

- ✓ Attend Kindergarten Kick-off Events: April 10, 2025

[Kindergarten Events Schedule by School](#)

- At Kindergarten Kick-Off information nights, parents and guardians will finalize the enrollment process if necessary, ask questions, meet the principal, and hear from teachers about what students will learn in Kindergarten.
- Children may participate in fun activities and should attend.

Next Steps...ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE

Both the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE must be completed for your child before the August conference.

- ✓ **We will do this at the end so you can check it off your list!**

Next Steps...

- Complete Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE)
 - Parent- or caregiver-completed screening tools that encourage parent involvement in children's development
 - Tools used to identify strengths of students and possible areas requiring more support.
 - Tools to use as a quick check to see how children are meeting developmental milestones.
 - Key purpose is to begin the parent-school educational partnership
- ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE will be completed as part of the kindergarten enrollment process.
 - Schools will provide more information.
 - Opportunities to complete at kindergarten kickoff events.

Next Steps...

- Jump Start to Learning 2025
 - Jump Start to Learning is a summer program designed to provide incoming kindergarten students an opportunity to practice literacy, numeracy, and the skills of being a student before their first day of school. Jump Start to Learning is supported by Title I funding and grant funding.
 - 2025 Jump Start to Learning applications can be found here:
 - [English Enrollment Form](#)
 - [Spanish Enrollment Form](#)
 - [Flyer in both English and Spanish](#)

Opportunities for Parent Engagement/ Involvement at Brookridge

- PTA
 - Facebook – “Brookridge Elementary PTA”
 - Website – brookridgepta.org
- Conferencing
- Electronic Communication – school newsletters
- Field Trips
 - MVP volunteers – training dates to come



Mark Your Calendars for these Events

- Save the Date: Popsicle Pop-In will be on August 7th.
 - More Details will come via email in July
- Kindergarten Conferences – August 11 & 12
 - Your child's Kindergarten Teacher will schedule these with you in August.
- FIRST DAY of Kindergarten – August 13



A Final Thought

- Kindergarten provides students with the initial building blocks for a solid educational foundation.
- As a parent, you want the best for your child. The Shawnee Mission School District shares that goal.
- Shawnee Mission will provide high quality educational opportunities for our kindergarten students to develop academically, socially, and emotionally.