

WELCOME FAMILIES

Tumwater School District



is a great place to be a
KINDERGARTENER!

To be eligible to enroll,

your child must turn 5 on, or before, August 31st.

Have you registered yet?

You can register on our website at

<https://www.tumwater.k12.wa.us/familiesstudents/for-families/enrollmentregistration>.

Additionally we will ask you to upload, email, or bring us the following.

A copy of your child's birth certificate

A copy of the CIS (Certificate of Immunization Status) form
OR an immunization printout from your child's pediatrician

Proof of residence: Utility bill with a service address
OR a rental/lease agreement

Paper registration forms can be picked up in our office.

TSD Family Access

Be sure to check the box on the front of the student registration form saying that you want TSD family web access.

TSD family access allows you to:

Put lunch money into your child's lunch account
Update your contact information
Sign up for Parent-Teacher conferences

Start dates for Kindergarten

Kindergarten conferences

Will be on Wednesday and Thursday after Labor Day

This is a time to meet with teacher, drop off supplies, see the classroom, and go over expectations. YES! Please bring your kindergartener!

Beginning September 8th

All kindergarteners start school!

School Day Times

Monday thru Thu Thursday

School starts at 8:45AM and ends at 3:15PM

Most Fridays (check the school calendar)

School Starts at 8:45AM and ends at 2:00PM

Gates open to the courtyard at 8:35AM

Breakfast starts at 8:30AM



Transportation

Our students can be bus riders, walkers, car riders or go to Y-Care.

If you want your student to ride the bus

You need to request a bus stop at

<https://www.tumwater.k12.wa.us/departments/transportation>

This may take up to 5 working days to set up.

You will receive a phone call from your bus driver around the first week in September letting you know the route number and bus stop times.

Kindergarteners must be met at their bus stop by an adult in the afternoon or they will not be let off the bus.

If you want your student to go to Y-Care

If you are interested in Y-Care, please call 360-705-2642 or visit:

<https://southsoundymca.org/y-care/>

Change in routine

Please send a note with your student in the morning or call the office at 360-709-7300 if their regular transportation plan is different for that day.

Lunch and Breakfast

Students can bring their own lunch or get hot lunch at school.

All students can get a free breakfast and hot lunch from our cafeteria each day.

Free and Reduced Information

Filling out the Free and Reduced meal application now can help us provide free meals for everyone during the 26/27 school year. Families may also get additional resources if they are approved, like summer EBT dollars. Please visit the following website for more information.

<https://www.tumwater.k12.wa.us/departments/food-services/free-reduced-information>

Child Care

South Sound YMCA Y-Care

Y-Care is available at all Tumwater elementary schools. This program is open from 7am until the start of school and after school until 6pm. South Sound YMCA partners with the military and military personnel may be eligible for fee assistance through Child Care Aware. If you are interested in Y-Care, please call 360-705-2642 or visit: <https://southsoundymca.org/y-care/>

Boys and Girls Club of Thurston County

The Tumwater branch of the Boys and Girls Club is located on the Tumwater High School campus and is available for students age 6-18. The Club is open from 6:30 to 8:30 am and from 2:00-6:00 pm on school days and provides programs during school vacations. During the school year, transportation is provided from every school in the district. If you would like more information, please call 360-570-8888 or visit their website at <https://www.bgctc.org/>.

Child Care Action Council (CCAC)

The CCAC provides consultation for families looking for quality day care. They assist with referrals to licensed child care centers and homes in Thurston, Mason, and Lewis counties. Call 1-800-446-1114, or visit <https://ccacwa.org/>.

Attendance

When your child is absent from school

Call the school at 360-709-7300 to excuse their absence each time.

If you are planning a vacation or other extended absence please let the office know in advance.

But kids get sick...

Please call the school at 360-709-7300 to let us know that your child is sick.

If your child has thrown up or has had a fever in the last 24 hours, they should stay home.

Please be sure that we have emergency contact numbers. This way we can reach a caring adult if your child gets sick and needs to be picked up.

Backpacks and Supplies

Please check out our website for next years supply list here
<https://the.tumwater.k12.wa.us/students/resources>.

The new years list is posted at the beginning of the summer.

If you need a backpack, school supplies or further support please contact the school office or counselor for assistance.

Volunteering at school

We encourage our families and community members volunteer at our school.

How to become a volunteer

Complete the Online Volunteer application at
<https://www.tumwater.k12.wa.us/community/volunteer-in-our-schools>

Once you complete the application, allow up to two weeks to receive an email notification saying that you've been approved!

Your application is valid for two years.

Now email/talk with the teacher to find out how/when you can help the most!

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Visiting the school

The students and staff love when their families and friends visit the school for lunch or a concert. Our school is a closed campus. This means that during the school day you can only enter the building thru the office. When you arrive please sign in at the visitor kiosk and let the office staff know where you are going in the building.

Kindergarten Readiness includes...

- ♦ Excitement toward learning
- ♦ Talking about thoughts and feelings
- ♦ Playing well with others and taking turns
- ♦ Following simple instructions
- ♦ Recognizing numbers and letters
- ♦ Desire to be independent
(dressing themselves, bathroom use, feeding themselves)
- ♦ Ability to hold and use a pencil or crayon
- ♦ Listening to and respecting others during social interactions

What can I do to help prepare my child for Kindergarten?

- Read, read, read!
- Letter formation practice
- Cutting with scissors
- Coloring
- Practice writing their first name
- Memorizing their name and phone number
- Talk about what it means to be a friend and part of a community.
- Work on independence with putting on and fastening their clothing, jackets, and shoes (zippers, buttons, snaps, Velcro)
- Work on independently opening any food items they will bring for lunch/ snack, etc.
- Have them practice bathroom skills independently.
- Work on fine-motor skills such as using scissors and holding pencils.