



Elementary School Options

Planning ahead for 2026-27



Choice Schools/Programs

Choice schools are open to all students who reside in the district. Families must apply online. Enrollment is lottery-based. [Attend upcoming information sessions](#) to learn more about the school you're interested in attending next year.

- **Community School** (Grades 1-5)
At International Community School, Kirkland
community.lwsd.org
- **Discovery Community School** (Grades K-5)
At Sandburg Elementary, Kirkland
discovery.lwsd.org
- **Dual Language Program** (Grades K-5)
At Einstein Elementary, Redmond
einstein.lwsd.org
- **Emerson K-12** (Grades K-12), Kirkland
Not a lottery school, emersonk12.lwsd.org
- **Explorer Community School** (Grades 1-5)
At Dickinson Elementary, Redmond
explorer.lwsd.org
- **Mead STEM Program** (Grades 1-5), Sammamish
Open to Mead boundary only, mead.lwsd.org

Neighborhood Schools

In addition to the choice schools/programs, there are 29 neighborhood elementary schools in LWSO across three regions: east, central and west.
[Learn more about the neighborhood schools.](#)

Choice School Application and Registration Timeline (Grades 1-12):

- 11/1/25 – Application opens at 8:00 a.m.*
- 12/1/25 – Application closes at 11:59 p.m.
- 1/9/26 – Lottery takes place
- 1/16/26 – Notifications sent to families
- 1/30/26 – Acceptance due from families

*All current LWSO families will apply through ParentSquare. All non-LWSO families (private school, home school, preschool, etc.) will apply at www.lwsd.org/choice-schools

Kindergarten Choice School Application and Registration Timeline:

- 11/1/25 – Application opens at 8:00 a.m.*
- 2/27/26 – Application closes at 11:59 p.m.
- 3/6/26 – Lottery takes place
- 3/13/26 – Notifications sent to families
- 3/27/26 – Acceptance due from families

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