



MARYSVILLE
Exempted Village School District

Marysville School District Alternative Kindergarten Program

Frequently Asked Questions

How do you register/how do you know you are eligible?

To qualify, a student's birthday must occur between **May 1, 2021, and August 25, 2021**. Families can register for Alternative Kindergarten by visiting the [Enrollment page](#) of the Marysville District website and selecting the Alt. Kindergarten or Kindergarten Enrollment Express Link. Make sure to indicate that you are applying for Alt-K on the Registration Application. Registration opens **Tuesday, February 3, 2026**.

*** The age cutoff has changed from September 30 to August 25 due to the new Ohio Law: House Bill 114.*

Who do I contact if I need help with the registration process?

Enrollment Specialist: Phone 937-578-6145; email: enrollment@mevsd.us

If my child's birthday is between May 1, 2021, and August 25, 2021, am I required to register my child for the Alternative Kindergarten program?

No. The Alternative Kindergarten program is simply an option for parents. Your child is eligible to attend the kindergarten program.

What if I have already registered for the kindergarten program, but would now like my child to participate in the Alt. K program?

Simply contact the Enrollment Specialist and indicate you would like your student to participate in the Alternative Kindergarten program. Registration opens **Tuesday, February 3, 2026**.

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What's the deadline to apply?

The deadline for Alternative Kindergarten registration is **May 22, 2026**. If you have completed the enrollment process, parent notification of acceptance will occur by June 5, 2026. A maximum of 40 students can be accepted, with a minimum of 12 students per section.



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Where will the program be offered?

This district-wide program will be either held at Navin Elementary or Mill Valley Elementary - location will be determined by June 5, 2026.

How long is the day/what's the schedule/what are the hours?

Alternative Kindergarten takes place Monday-Friday; there are two 3-hour time slots when the program will be offered: 9:15 to 12:10 p.m. and 1:00 to 3:55 p.m. Parents may indicate their preference for AM or PM sessions, but placements will be determined by the district, as multiple factors influence enrollment decisions.

Why did you decide to offer Alternative Kindergarten?

Simply put, the creation of the Alternative Kindergarten program is an extension of our continuing efforts to personalize education for our students. While some districts elect to adjust the Kindergarten enrollment deadline dates, we prefer to offer parents a choice around which kindergarten option is best for their child.

Will transportation be provided?

Yes, unless your child lives within the 1.0 mile transportation eligibility zone of the building he/she will be attending.

How much does this program cost?

The program is at no cost to all eligible students. A student fee and supply list will be similar to other grade levels.

How many spots are available?

The program can accept up to 40 students. MEVSD would need a minimum of 24 students to offer the program each school year. This program is filled on a first-come, first-serve, basis.



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What if my student begins this program, but we quickly realize he/she is ready for Kindergarten? Can he/she move up?

These types of situations would be handled on a personalized case-by-case basis with parents and building educational teams collaborating to work in the best interest of students.

What if my child starts Kindergarten, but we quickly realize he/she isn't ready? Can we move him/her to the alternative program?

These types of situations would be handled on a personalized case-by-case basis with parents and building educational teams collaborating to work in the best interest of students.

Is there an option for students to move to first grade after completing the program, or do they have to go to Kindergarten?

Students enrolled in the Alternative Kindergarten program will be ***required*** to complete the kindergarten program the following school year.

I have a kindergarten student who might not be ready for the expectations of kindergarten, but his/her birthday is outside the date range. Can we apply?

The student must meet the date of birth eligibility requirement for this program. The student's birthday must occur between May 1, 2021, and August 25, 2021.

If my child is accepted into the Alternative Kindergarten program, can I sign him/her up for childcare?

Morning Alt. K students can apply to attend the morning session of SACC before school.
Afternoon Alt. K students can apply to attend the afternoon session of SACC after school.



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Will my child be fed at school in the Alternative Kindergarten program?

Breakfast will be available for purchase for AM students only.

Does the Alternative Kindergarten program follow the same schedule as the rest of the school as far as holidays, weather delays, and days off?

Yes.

Is there a system in place to help parents decide which option is best for their child? Is there some kind of test or evaluation?

Parents who need consultation about the best educational options for their child should contact the building principal of their residential building for guidance or Dr. Kara Jackson, Assistant Superintendent, at 937-578-6100.

When will I know if my child can attend Alternative Kindergarten?

If you have completed the enrollment process, parent notification of official acceptance will occur by June 5, 2026, as the offering of the Alternative Kindergarten program for the 2026-2027 school year will depend on enrollment numbers in both the Alternative Kindergarten and regular Kindergarten programs.