

Kindergarten

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1. How do I register for all-day kindergarten?

Step 1: Online Registration for Kindergarten opens on **February 9, 2026**. Once registration opens, you may access and complete registration forms on the District website at www.hudson.k12.oh.us/kindergartenreg. Note: A child must be 5 years old on or before August 18, 2026 to qualify for Kindergarten.

Step 2: Documents for Registration: All registration documents need to be uploaded and online registration completed by **March 6**. There are multiple documents required for registration. Please be prepared to have the following documents ready to upload to complete online registration:

- Your child's original birth certificate-(Hospital Letter of Live Birth not accepted)
- Proof of residency (i.e. lease/rental agreement, purchase agreement, closing disclosure or settlement, current property tax statement, deed or title). We **do not** accept a driver's license, utility bills, or other personal identifiers.
- Applicable custody documents/shared parenting agreement

By law, a copy of your child's current immunization record and original state certified Birth Certificate are required. A copy of a Custody Statement is required if a child does not reside with both natural parents. An up-to-date Immunization Record is required on the first day of school. It is optional to provide a dentist's report.

Step 3: Kindergarten Screenings will take place on April 21, 22, & 23. You will receive an email after March 9th with more information about Kindergarten Orientation and Kindergarten Screenings. The email will be coming from an @hudson.k12.oh.us address.

2. What is the cost of all-day kindergarten?

The tuition for all-day kindergarten is \$3,600.00. There is a \$200.00 non-refundable deposit and then two payments of \$1,700.00 which are due each semester. There is also an option to make four payments, or a single full-year payment. (See question 6 for details)

3. Do I have to make a deposit?

Yes. A \$200.00 non-refundable deposit is due by March 6. Please send a check made payable to Hudson City Schools to McDowell Early Learning School at 280 North Hayden Parkway Hudson, Ohio 44236. The deposit, along with the completed registration information, **guarantees** a place in all-day kindergarten class. This is the only way to guarantee a place in all-day kindergarten. The \$200.00 fee is non-refundable and this is part of the kindergarten tuition.

4. Am I guaranteed a spot in all-day kindergarten?

Yes, if you have made the \$200.00 deposit and completed Step 1 and Step 2 of the registration process by **March 6, 2026**.

5. What if I change my mind during the summer?

If you have registered for all-day kindergarten and want to change your decision, please contact the school office at 330-653-1246 or the Assistant Superintendent's office at 330-653-1217. The \$200.00 deposit is non-refundable. Your child will be placed in our half-day kindergarten program.

6. When is tuition due?

The first tuition payment must be paid by August 3, 2026 via credit card or electronic check using PaySchools Central (our online payment system), or a check made out to Hudson City Schools. Please note, there is a service charge for paying online. Checks can be mailed to McDowell Early Learning School, 280 North Hayden Parkway, Hudson, Ohio 44236 ATTN: Kindergarten.

Payment plan options:

We are pleased to be able to offer several payment plans:

- Full year payment of \$3,400.00 due August 3, 2026 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
- Two payments of \$1,700.00 each due August 3, 2026 and January 15, 2027
- Four payments:
 - \$850.00 due August 3, 2026 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
 - \$850.00 due September 15, 2026 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
 - \$850.00 due November 15, 2026 (via PaySchools Central or via check)
 - \$850.00 due January 15, 2027 (via PaySchools Central or via check)

7. What happens if I do not make the tuition payments?

If tuition payment is not made on time, your child will be placed in our half-day program for the remainder of the school year. Tuition payments are due according to the tuition schedule (see #6). The change from all-day to half-day kindergarten will be made at the end of a week to help to provide transition time and closure for the student.

8. What if I do not register my child until August?

If you are a current Hudson City School District resident, we strongly encourage you to register your child in the designated registration window of February 9-March 6. We appreciate enrollment during this window, as the number of kindergarten sections is directly linked to the number of kindergarten students. The \$200.00 deposit is due immediately at the time of registration. The deposit, along with the completed registration information, ***guarantees*** a place in all-day kindergarten class. The first \$850 tuition payment is due August 3, 2026.

9. My family qualifies for free/reduced lunch. How do I proceed to register my child for all-day kindergarten?

Please contact Kim Ciborek, Business Office at 330-653-1208 to make sure the free/reduced lunch paperwork is up to date. You may also contact Angela Terella, Assistant Superintendent, at 330-653-1217 for assistance.

10. I would like to request a certain teacher. What is the procedure?

Parent requests for a certain teacher are not part of the placement process. Your child will be placed in a classroom based on the Parent Questionnaire and registration information.

11. Will my child be transported to and from kindergarten?

Yes. They will be routed with students in their neighborhood.

12. How many students will be in a kindergarten class?

Our kindergarten through third grade class sizes range from 21-24 students. All Kindergarten classes will be within that range.