

2026-2027

Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Information



Lake
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Community
Schools

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LOCS KINDERGARTEN

- Lake Orion Community Schools offers a full-day kindergarten experience in all six elementary buildings for children who are 5 years old on or before September 1.
- A rigorous kindergarten curriculum is taught to all kindergarten students.
- Teachers differentiate curriculum to meet student's needs.
- Student's develop social skills, creative problem-solving, and gross and fine-motor skills.
- Experiential play and learning develops language, cognitive and social-emotional skills.

LOCS DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN

- This is a full-day experience to prepare students for the rigor of kindergarten.
- School readiness and social development happens through play-based learning .
- Students focus the first semester on social emotional learning and second semester more academics are weaved into the day.
- Developmental Kindergarten is an option if your child turns five years old between July 1 and December 1. This is a free option.
- Transportation is not provided for Developmental Kindergarten students who do not attend their neighborhood school.
- If you are considering DK, a **screening process is required** to determine if your child qualifies.
- **Sign up your child up below for the DK screening on April 30, 2026:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AAAAC2BA1F94-60011464-development>

Developmental Kindergarten Screener

- ▶ Parents interested in DK **must** have their child go through a mandatory screening
- ▶ Click the link below or scan the QR code to sign up for a time on April 30, 2026, to have your child screened for DK - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AAAAC2BA1F94-60011464-development>
- ▶ Screening will take place at the Early Childhood Center
(corner of Joslyn Road and Clarkston Road)
- ▶ The screening will consider social/emotional and a small amount of academics
- ▶ A district committee will meet to determine eligibility for each student going into DK
- ▶ Parents will be notified of placement in DK, along with building location no later than the week of June 1, 2026



Kindergarten Locations



Lake Orion Community Schools has six elementary buildings, which all offer Kindergarten programming. Each building's curriculum is designed to meet the State of Michigan's rigorous standards and benchmarks.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Blanche Sims, Carpenter, Orion Oaks, Paint Creek, Stadium Drive, and Webber

- Each elementary school is designed to reflect the unique characteristics of the families and neighborhoods it serves.
- Differentiated instruction and enrichment programs are created around the needs, interests and talents of the students in each building, resulting in a challenging and supportive educational environment.
- Enrollment is open to students living within the school's boundaries.
- This learning community provides an atmosphere of caring and trust in which children are nurtured and thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Developmental Kindergarten building options will be determined once student enrollment is confirmed.

Kindergarten Information Nights

**Parent Information Nights
for all elementary schools
March 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

Elementary Schools

Blanche Sims ▪ Carpenter ▪ Orion Oaks
Paint Creek ▪ Stadium Drive ▪ Webber



MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR

How to enroll your DK or Kindergarten student



- ▶ Enrollment registration can be completed online via PowerSchool Enrollment beginning February 2026: <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/district/kindergarten>
- ▶ Contact Central Enrollment with questions at:
1335 Joslyn Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360
Phone: (248) 814-0215 Fax: (248) 693-5317
- ▶ Registration for the School Aged Childcare program will also be available for incoming kindergarten students during enrollment call Early Childhood Offices at 248-693-5439.

Central Enrollment's webpage:
[LakeOrionSchools.org/enroll](https://www.lakeorionschools.org/enroll)

Age Waiver

- ▶ Your child must be 5 years old before September 1, 2026, to enroll in developmental kindergarten or kindergarten
- ▶ If your child turns 5 from September 2, 2026, until December 1, 2026, an age waiver must be completed - this is for both developmental kindergarten and kindergarten students
- ▶ The age waiver form can be found on Central Enrollment's webpage

Requirements from the State of Michigan to enter Kindergarten/Kindergarten



ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

Michigan Public Health Code, (Act 368 of 1978), requires hearing and vision screening for kindergarten entrance.

Hearing and vision screenings done in preschool by a health department technician, physician or eye doctor fulfills this requirement.

Oakland County Health Division offers free hearing and vision screening for children that live and learn in Oakland County. Call (248) 424-7070 for an appointment.




FREE HEARING & VISION SCREENING

Available to children who live & learn in Oakland County
 Help your child develop and learn by identifying a hearing or vision problem early.
 Call **248.424.7070** for more information or to schedule an appointment.

FOUR LOCATIONS TO BETTER SERVE YOU

PONTIAC 1200 N Telegraph Rd Bldg. 34 E Pontiac, MI 48341	SOUTHFIELD 27725 Greenfield Rd Southfield, MI 48076	NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 56730 Grand River Rd New Hudson, MI 48165	WALLED LAKE CHURCH OF CHRIST 1403 N. Pontiac Tr. Walled Lake, MI 48390
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*Limited availability at the New Hudson Methodist Church and Walled Lake Church of Christ.
 Michigan law requires hearing and vision screening before entering kindergarten. Testing done in preschool by a Public Health Technician, licensed eye care practitioner, or doctor's office will also fulfill this requirement.*

Nurse On Call Public Health Information
 800.848.5533 NOC@OakGov.com
 OAKGOV.COM/HEALTH



The Oakland County Health Division will not deny participation in its programs based on race, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability. State & federal eligibility requirements apply for certain programs.
 Michigan Law (Public Health Code, Act 368 and the 1965 Revised School Code, Act 291) states your child needs a vision test before going to kindergarten.



**KINDERGARTEN
 ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT**



Children entering kindergarten are now required to have a dental screening (oral health assessment) because of a new Michigan law. Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) can provide these screenings in schools or children may visit their dentist.

What can school districts do?



NOTIFY PARENTS
 Share information about the new Michigan dental screening law.



PROVIDE ACCESS
 Call OCHD to schedule on-site dental screening at 248-858-1306. Children can be screened 6 months prior to the start of Kindergarten through May 30th of their Kindergarten year.



SUBMIT DATA
 Submit data to the State of Michigan and check dental screening box in Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR)

WHY IS DENTAL HEALTH IMPORTANT TO SCHOOLS?

- Students with poor dental health are nearly 3 times more likely to be absent.
- Dental-related absences cost public schools an average of \$15 million annually (Department of Education).
- School absences have the most impact on low-income and English language learners who are already vulnerable.

For more information, visit www.oakgov.com/health or the State of Michigan website at <https://bit.ly/3ROHvyy>.
 Oakland County's Nurse on Call is available at 1-800-848-5533.

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Health Appraisal Form and Immunization Opt-Out Waiver Information

Health Appraisal form

HEALTH APPRAISAL

Dear Parent or Guardian: The following information is requested so that the school can work with the parent to meet the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of the child. Fill out the information requested in Section I. Section III may be certified by the transcription of information from the certificate of immunization. The remaining sections are to be completed by a doctor, nurse and dentist. **(BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO THE EXAMINATION.)**

PERSONAL

CHILD'S NAME (Last, First, Middle)	DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yy)
ADDRESS (Number & Street) (City) (ZIP Code) MI	TODAY'S DATE (mm/dd/yy)
PARENT/GUARDIAN (Last, First, Middle)	HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER ()
ADDRESS (Number & Street) (City) (ZIP Code) MI	WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER ()

SECTION I - HEALTH HISTORY

Yes	No	Referred	# Is your child having any of the problems listed below?	Birth History:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Allergies or Reactions (for example, food, medication or other)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Hay Fever, Asthma, or Wheezing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Eczema or Frequent Skin Rashes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Convulsions/Seizures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Heart Trouble	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Diabetes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Frequent Colds, Sore Throats, Earaches (4 or more per year)	Are there any current or past diagnosis(es) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Trouble with Passing Urine or Bowel Movements	If yes, please describe:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Shortness of Breath	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Speech Problems	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 Menstrual Problems	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Dental Problems: Date of Last Exam / /	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe):	

Immunization Opt-Out Waiver information



OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE L. BROOKS PATTERSON

HEALTH DIVISION

Kathleen Forzley, Manager
(248) 858-1280 | health@oakgov.com

February 6, 2015

Regarding: Immunization Rule Change

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Since 1978, Michigan law has required children to be up-to-date with required immunizations **ON** or **BEFORE** the first day of school/childcare. A child who fails to meet this requirement will not be admitted to school/childcare. The following circumstances allow a required vaccine to be waived or delayed:

1. A valid medical contraindication exists, preventing the child from receiving the vaccine at this time. A medical waiver should be completed and signed by the child's physician and should state the contraindication, vaccine involved, and time period during which the child is prevented from receiving the vaccine.
2. The parents/caregivers have valid religious or philosophical beliefs which prevent receipt of a vaccination. Waivers should not be taken lightly. A child who is not fully vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases could be a risk to others and for contracting the disease.

On December 11, 2014, the administrative rule was passed by Michigan Department of Community Health requiring any parent/guardian wanting to waive vaccine/vaccines for nonmedical reasons to receive vaccine education from their local health department. **This rule applies to children entering childcare, kindergarten, and 7th grade or newly enrolled in the school district after January 1, 2015.**

**The following slides may be helpful
after registering a Developmental
Kindergarten (DK) or Kindergarten
student.**

Teacher Information

- ▶ Elementary schools send home letters from the child's teacher in August
- ▶ School letter will detail the first day/week of school for all Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten students

First week of school

- ▶ The first day of school all Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will attend a 1-hour orientation at their neighborhood school and does not include lunch
- ▶ The second day of school for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the DK and Kindergarten students will be a full day of school and includes lunch that the student provides or purchases from the cafeteria
- ▶ The third day of school for the other $\frac{1}{2}$ of the DK and Kindergarten students will be a full day of school and includes lunch
- ▶ All DK and Kindergarten students will attend school on next full day of school and includes lunch

How to set up a lunch account



- ▶ For general Food Service information
 - ▶ lakeorionschools.org/departments/food-nutrition
- ▶ For a lunch account
 - ▶ sendmoneytoschool.com
 - ▶ Contact the building secretary for your child's student number.
- ▶ For lunch menus
 - ▶ lakeorionschools.org/departments/food-nutrition/menus-and-nutritional-information

School Age Child Care

(before or after school care)

- ▶ For more information to sign up for before or after school care, click on the link below:

lakeorionschools.org/early-childhood-program-and-education/parent-information/forms-documents



Transportation - busing

- ▶ Bus information will be in ParentSquare
- ▶ Visit the district transportation website for more information:
LakeOrionSchools.org/Transportation
- ▶ Transportation phone number and hours:
 - ▶ 248-391-5455
 - ▶ Office hours: 6 a.m.-5 p.m.

