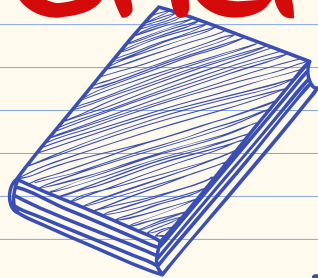


District 65 Kindergarten Orientation



EVANSTON/SKOKIE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

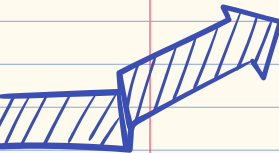


Enrollment in Kindergarten is the start of an exciting new adventure for children and their families. We can't wait to welcome your children to their new school. We hope the information we share will make for a smooth transition into District 65 and a great beginning to your child's education.

This presentation will guide
caregivers
through the registration process by
giving the essential steps, important
dates, and helpful tips.



1. District 65 Schools and Programs



Say Hello to All 17 District 65

Dawes Elementary
(K-5)

<https://dawes.district65.net/>

440 Dodge ave. Evanston, IL
60202 847-905-3400

Lincoln Elementary (K-5)
<https://lincolndistrict65.net/>

940 Forest Ave. Evanston, IL
60202 847-905-3500

Orrington Elementary (K-5)
<https://orrington.district65.net/>

2636 Orrington Ave. Evanston, IL
60201 847-859-8780

Dewey Elementary
(K-5)

<https://dewey.district65.net/>

1551 Westegrove, Evanston, IL
60201 847-859-8140

Lincolnwood Elementary (K-5)
<https://lincolnwood.district65.net/>

2600 Colfax St. Evanston, IL
60201 847-859-8880

Walker Elementary (K-5)
<https://walker.district65.net/>

3601 Church St. Evanston, IL
60203 847-859-8330

Foster Elementary (K-5)
<https://district65.net/foster-sch>

ool
1600 Simpson St., Evanston, IL
60201 Phone number TBD

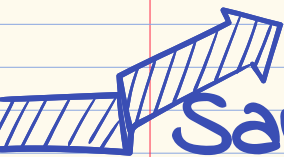
Oakton Elementary (K-5)
<https://oakton.district65.net/>

436 Ridge Ave. Evanston, IL
60202 847-859-8800

Washington Elementary (K-5)
<https://washington.district65.net/>

944 Ashland Ave. Evanston, IL
60202 847-905-4900





Say Hello to All 19 District 65 Schools

Willard Elementary (K-5)

<https://willard.district65.net/>

2700 Hurd Ave. Evanston, IL
60201 847-905-3600

Chute Middle (6-8)

<https://chute.district65.net/>

1400 Oakton St. Evanston, IL
60202 847-859-8600

Nichols Middle (6-8)

<https://nichols.district65.net/>

800 Greenleaf St. Evanston, IL
60202 847-859-8660

Park School ** (Ages

3-22)

<https://park.district65.net/>

828 Main St. Evanston, IL 60202
847-424-2300

Rice Education Center **

(K-8)

<https://rice.district65.net/>
1101 Washington St. Evanston,
IL 60202 847-424-2450

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Literary & Fine Arts (K-8)+

<https://kingarts.district65.net/>
2424 Lake St. Evanston, IL
60201 847-859-8500

Joseph E. Hill Early Childhood
Center (3-5yrs)

<https://jeh.district65.net/>

1500 McDaniel Ave. Evanston,
IL 60201 847-859-8300

Doorway to Learning Family
Center (0-3yrs)

1500 McDaniel Ave. Evanston,
IL 60201 847-859-8960

** specialized schools

+magnet school



District 65 Schools and Programs

The Feeder Schools

JEH Early Childhood Center,
Community Preschools/Day
Centers

Dawes Elementary
Oakton Elementary
Walker Elementary

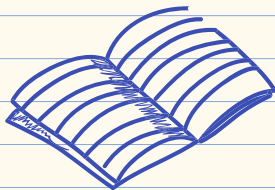
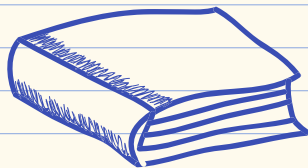
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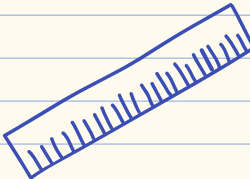
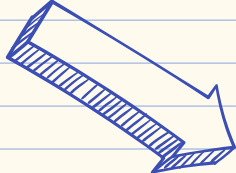
Dewey Elementary
Lincoln Elementary
Washington Elementary

Chute Middle School

Haven Middle
School

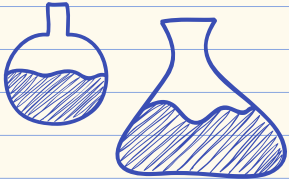
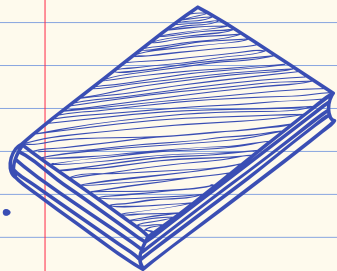
Nichols Middle School





2.

Get to know our
Magnet Schools and
Selective
Enrollment (lottery)
Programs



The Two-way Immersion (TWI) Program



offered at six schools
in Evanston/Skokie
District 65



DEWEY
ELEMENTARY



DAWES
ELEMENTARY



FOSTER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



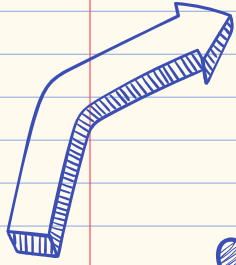
OAKTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WASHINGTON
ELEMENTARY

- The goal of TWI is for all students to become biliterate and bilingual in Spanish and English while having high academic achievement.
- TWI classrooms are approximately 50% native Spanish speakers and 50% native English speakers
- Kindergarten starts at 80% of instructional time in Spanish
- TWI follows a dual language model with over 30-year of research backing its success. It is one of the most effective methods for English language learners to become proficient in English, while keeping their native language.
- TWI will expand to 7th grade at in the 2025-26 school year.
- Native English speakers can apply, via the lottery, for a TWI seat in Kindergarten only, as the linguistic demands in Spanish will be difficult if they do not begin in the early





Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Literary and Fine Arts



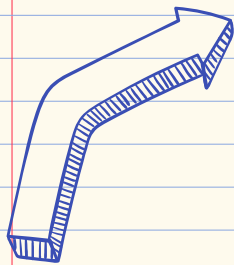
School ^{Living The Legacy}



King Arts is a K-8 magnet school that provides a continuous and tight knit educational, literary and fine arts experience for young scholars.

The Literary and Fine Arts focus of the school is used to enhance the learning process and provide students opportunities to explore their interests and self-expression through the arts





African-Centered Curriculum (ACC)

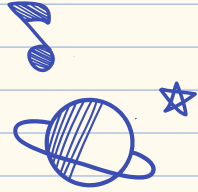
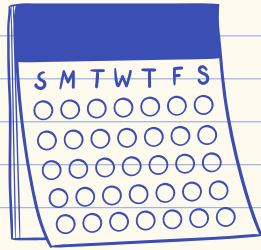


Oakton Elementary is home to the African-Centered Curriculum (ACC) program and a tight-knit community of scholars, veteran educators, and engaged families. The ACC program offers a nurturing environment designed to help students achieve academic success, independence and the cultural competence to live and learn in a diverse community.

Students in the ACC program learn the same curriculum as other D65 students along with the teaching and learning of the culture, heritage, and identity of people of African descent.

The application for the African-Centered Curriculum program is open to all K-1st grade across District 65.





3. Get to Know Our Specialized Schools and Programs



Rice Education Center

Rice is a therapeutic day school program whose task is to provide emotional support and academic opportunities to children who have been unable to succeed in community school settings due to emotional, learning and behavioral difficulties.

Rigorous Individualized Specialized Program (RISE) at King Arts

RISE is a self-contained, special education program designed to provide a supportive and rigorous educational experience for students who present moderate to significant disabilities and require special education instruction for more than 50 percent of the school day.

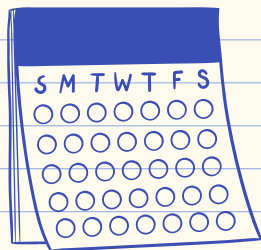
Park School (3-22 yrs)

Park is for students who could benefit from a self-contained educational facility for reasons of safety, health, and/or the need for an intensive therapeutic environment. At the core of the program are functional, realistic goals that assist with the transition from a school environment to that of the community.

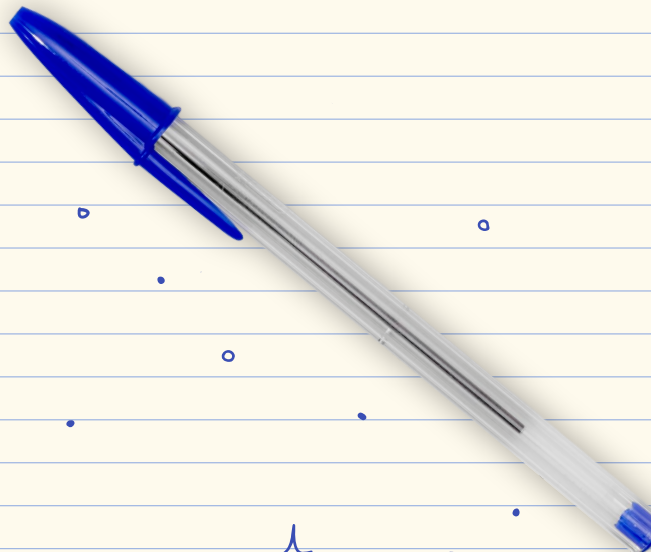
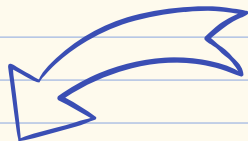
Structured Teaching Education Program (STEP) at Lincoln, Lincolnwood and Washington (bilingual)

STEP is a self-contained, special education program primarily for students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

***Students are recommended for these
programs and schools by our Student
Services department



4. Registration Information



To register your child for Kindergarten:

You will need to submit an online registration form provided on our district website at

<https://www.district65.net/register/student-registration/incoming-kindergarteners>

*Please note that we no longer have hard copies of the registration form

when completing the online registration

what you will need
to upload into the
online registration

1. Copy of student's birth certificate.
2. Copy of ALL residency verification documents. (see next page).
3. If it is indicated another language is spoken at home, the student will be required to take a language exam.
4. If applicable - court documents and IEP/504.

form
Book an
appointment

You must provide a certified copy of the birth certificate in-person after completing the online application. Appointments can be scheduled on our website here.

Apply for our
Selective
Enrollment Schools
and Programs

Programs:

- African-Centered Curriculum (ACC)
- Two-way Immersion Program
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Literary & Fine Arts School

Birth Certificate verification

All new Students

All new students' original birth certificates must be verified, in-person, by making an appointment with the Registration Department

You may also provide a passport, visa or other government-issued documentation of the child's identity, if the birth certificate is not available.



IL State Law

According to the Missing Children Records Act (325 ILCS 50/5), caregivers must provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate to the school district within 30 days of enrollment.

*If the birth certificate or other government-issued ID is not available at the time of registration, the State of IL will grant you a 30-day extension to obtain it.

Residency Verification



Click the picture for a larger view



If you are living with a homeowner or renter you will need to submit a residency validation form, please click the picture for a larger view



EVANSTON/SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Residency Validation Form

To be used when a lease is not available:

In order to comply with the Evanston/Skokie School District 65's proof of residency requirement, I verify the following information for

Names of Student(s) and Custodian(s)

I, _____ am the owner ☐ leaseholder ☐ landlord ☐ of the residence located at _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

I attest that the student(s) named above and their custodian(s) have been living at the above address since _____ (Date) and to the best of my knowledge will continue to reside at this address until _____ (Date)

Owner/Leaseholder/Landlord: _____ (Signature) Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Property owners must attach a copy of their current real estate document.
Leaseholders must attach a copy of their current lease.
Landlords may be asked to provide additional information at a later time.

All Documents Must Show

1. Name of the adult registering the student
2. Address where the child lives
3. Most recent date (within 60 days)
4. Business name and logo
5. Documents must be from different sources

New and Kindergarten Registrations

The State of Illinois requires parents/guardians to present an original or certified copy of the birth certificate (visa or passport if the birth certificate is not available) IN-PERSON during Step 2 of the registration process.

HOMEOWNER

Three (3) Documents

- ✓ One (1) document from category A
- ✓ Two (2) documents from category B

RENTER

Three (3) Documents

- ✓ One (1) document from category A
- ✓ Two (2) from documents category B

LIVING WITH A HOMEOWNER

Four (4) Documents

- One (1) Residency Attestation Form (signed by property owner)
- One (1) Document from category A (in the name of property owner)
- Two (2) documents from category B (in the name of the parent/guardian registering the student)

LIVING WITH A RENTER

Four (4) Documents

- One (1) Residency Attestation Form (signed by renter)
- One (1) Document from category A (in the name of the renter)
- Two (2) documents from category B (in the name of the parent/guardian registering the student the name of property owner)

CATEGORY A DOCUMENTS

- Home Deed (if dated w/in previous 2 years)
- Housing Letter
- Mortgage Statement
- Property Tax Statement
- Signed Lease

CATEGORY B DOCUMENTS

- Bank Statement
- Cable Bill
- Car Insurance
- City Sticker Receipt
- Credit Card Statement
- Electricity Bill
- Gas Bill
- Government Picture ID
- Hospital Bill
- Other Similar Bills
- Paycheck Stub
- Phone Bill
- Tax Statement
- USPS Address Change Confirmation
- Vehicle Registration
- Water/Sewer Bill

FAMILIES IN TEMPORARY LIVING SITUATIONS

- Do not have a permanent residence
 - Are living in a shelter, hotel, campground, or similar situation
 - Are sharing housing with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Please contact the district 65 McKinney-Vento Liaison at 847-859-8065

Applying for Selective-Enrollment Schools

- The application for selective-enrollment schools and programs is embedded in the registration form.

- Select YES, I am interested in applying for a magnet school or selective-enrollment program

 New Student Registration
For The 21-22 and 22-23
School Year 2022-2023

Introduction
Form
Student
Previous School
Language
Contacts
Priority
Siblings
Health
Privacy Consents
Residency
Signature
Summary

Additional Student Information

Is this student being placed by DCFS at Rice?

I am interested in applying for a magnet school or selective enrollment program.

Has your child ever had or currently have a 504 or IEP? If so, please provide a copy to the registrar. (required)

Does the child have access to a computer at home? (required)

Does the child have access to the Internet at home? (required)

Court orders (i.e., guardianship, custody, order of protection, parenting agreement, etc.)? (required) 

Court Documents must be presented when finalizing registration at JEH.

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Next Steps - Complete all other departments' Requirements

Nutrition

Services

Apply for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program. The form opens up on Aug. 1, 2025

Phone: 847-859-8130



Email:
nutritionservices@district65.net
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Students Fees

Student fees are determined by the School Board and support the education of students in District 65.

Please [click here](#) to pay fees



Health Services



State of Illinois law requires proof of a physical examination dated no earlier than one year from the first day of school for students.



You may submit documents to D65health@district65.net or call 847-859-8122

Child Care



School Aged Child Care (SACC)

Right At School Community based Child Care Program

Please [click here](#) to access Child care

Transportation

Email:
Transportation@district65.net
et



View health requirements [here](#)
Multilingual

Language Services

Email:
zamudioa@district65.net

Phone: 847-859-8106



Understanding District Policies

A helpful tip is to familiarize yourself with the District's policies regarding attendance, behavior and communication. Knowing these policies can help your family support your child better and ensure a positive experience throughout their educational journey. You may find our District board policies on our website in the "About" tab or by visiting

<https://www.district65.net/about/board-of-education>

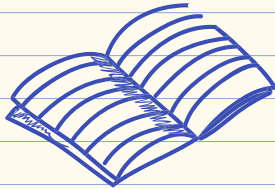
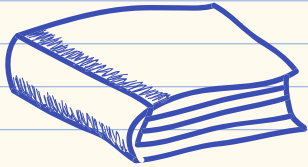


Important Registration Dates

- online Registration for Kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year opens February 2, 2026
- The registration form is ongoing and will remain open the whole year
- Lottery applications will be open from February 2, 2026, through April 26, 2026



District 65 Open Houses



All our different schools provide an open house to give a tour of the school, learn about the curriculum, and meet teachers and staff. This helps build positive relationships with the school and parents before the child starts school. Open house dates are on our for the next school year.

Stay Connected

Follow us on social media to get updates about District 65 schools, programs, and news.

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Evanston, IL 60201

Follow us online on
Facebook and
Instagram.

Ph: 847-859-8065

F: 847-328-7459

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welcome your
kindergarten
student

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us at registrationinfo@district65.net or call
us at 847-859-8065

