

Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1

2026-27 Kindergarten FAQ

Q: When will I know my child's teacher assignment?

A: Schools will notify parents of teacher assignments in late August.

Q: How is my child's class determined?

A: Parents can expect to receive a Readiness Survey link sent to their primary email address over the summer asking about basic academic and social skills that their children may possess. It is important for parents to complete this survey as soon as they receive it; these results are instrumental in determining balanced classes.



Q: Does the WaKIDS program affect when my child will start school?

A: Due to the requirements of OSPI's WaKIDS program ([Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills](#)), the first few days of school for your Kindergartener will be unlike those of other students (see "Important Dates" below). One of these requirements is a 30-minute individual "[Family Connection](#)" conference, which allows teachers to get to know their future students and their families. These conferences will occur on Wednesday, September 2, Thursday, September 3 and Friday, September 4. You will be contacted by your child's school in late August with your scheduled conference time.

Q: Does the district provide transportation?

A: Bus transportation is provided for all resident students who live farther than one-mile away from school; students living within a one-mile radius are not eligible for bus transportation. Parents of kindergarten students are required to be at the bus stop for pick-up and drop-off.

Q: Where can I find more information about Kindergarten in Steilacoom Historical School District?

A: Updated information about Kindergarten in our District can be found on our District Webpage > Departments > Enrollment > [Kindergarten](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN 2026-27*

Summer 2026 - Readiness Survey emailed to all enrolled families to help teachers determine classes

Wednesday, September 2, Thursday, September 3 & Friday, September 4 - 30-minute WaKIDS Individual Family Connection conferences (by appointment)

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day/No School

Tuesday, September 8 & Wednesday, September 9 - "Soft Start" Schedule - Half of the students will attend Wednesday and stay home Thursday, and the other half will stay home Wednesday and attend Thursday. Students will be assigned their "Soft Start" date by their school.

Thursday, September 10 - First day ALL kindergarten students will attend school on the same day

***Dates are subject to change pending Steilacoom Education Association Ratification & School Board Approval following Collective Bargaining.**