



Kindergarten FAQs

Registration Questions

- Does our child have to be present for the registration appointment? **No.**
- During in person registration, will someone be available to talk about specific special education questions? **Not about questions that might be specific to your child. If you have questions that you would like answered prior to registration, please contact Allison Frank, Coordinator of Gifted & Special Education at afrank@northallegheny.org. There will also be a virtual information session hosted by the AIU on February 4, 2026. Parents should receive a pamphlet about this session from their child's preschool teacher. The AIU staff will share a link with parents directly.**
- Will students participate in a screening assessment prior to the first day of kindergarten? **Yes, students will participate in screening in April and May. More communication will be communicated by each school building soon.**
- If we register now, but we find our child is not ready before the school year starts, how can we withdraw the student before school starts? **Please email our Central Registration Office at registration@northallegheny.org.**
- Does registration need to be completed before we can schedule a virtual or in-person meeting? **Yes.**
- What is the pre-approval process for registration? **Go to the online registration webpage at www.northallegheny.org and begin the process. You will be informed of what to complete before you are considered pre-approved and can set a virtual or in person registration meeting.**
- Does the lottery system adjust for students who have enrollment in programs (like K-Wrap through the YMCA)? **No. However, you will be notified of your assigned kindergarten session before the end of the 2025-2026 school year.**
- Does AM or PM tend to be more preferred by families? **Historically, AM is preferred. However, the PM session has been more preferred in recent years.**



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Academic Questions

- Are students given opportunities to advance at their level if needed. **Yes, students are given opportunities to advance at their level.**
- Is there any introduction to any foreign languages? **There is not a formal introduction to a foreign language but there are discussions about other cultures.**
- Is there any additional focus on STEM in kindergarten? **STEM activities are embedded throughout the school year.**

Bus/Transportation Question

- How do we find out where the bus will pick up/drop off? **The Transportation Department will provide all information about bus schedules and locations before the first day of school.**
- For kindergarten, are both pickup & drop off offered by the school district? **No, transportation is only one way. In the AM it is to school, and in the PM it is home.**
- How is the elementary school determined? Is it based on where the student lives? **Yes, it is based on where you reside. The [school locator](#) will inform you of your child's school.**
- Do we have someone to escort the student from the bus to the classroom on the first day? **Yes. All staff that do not have a homeroom are outside ready to assist students.**

General Questions

- How can I find my child's kindergarten teacher? **Each school building's webpage has classroom teacher information listed. Homeroom assignments will be shared in August before the first day of school.**
- Are students that are enrolled in the AM session able to attend after school activities? **Yes, parents would have to drive them.**



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- Do we need to provide our child a meal during their school day? **No, there is no snack or lunch.**
- Why does NA not offer full day kindergarten? **NA has been offering half day Kindergarten for over 50 years. It has been discussed, however, there are costs and space needs that have to be considered.**
- What after school program do you provide and how can I register? **Each building will provide information to the students about what they offer.**
- What's the process to register with YMCA? **Please contact the YMCA.**
- Do we need to send our child in with lunch/snack? **No.**
- Are children given any snacks during the day? **No.**
- Can PM kindergarten students eat lunch in school? **No.**
- Are there class size restrictions for kindergarten?
For Kindergarten through Second Grade: The Administration shall determine the number of sections to be created for each grade level in a manner that ensures that no section exceeds 24 students at the time the determination is made. Board Policy - 126.1
- Should a form be filled out if a vacation or trip occurs during the school year?
Yes, this [form](#) should be filled out and returned to the building.
- For kindergarten, are both pickup & drop off offered by the school district? **No, transportation is only one way. In the AM it is to school, and in the PM it is home.**
- Will school counselors be involved at registration? **School counselors are not at registration appointments but if assistance is needed, please contact the school building.**
- What are the times for each kindergarten session?
 - **AM Session: 9:00 am-11:45 am.**



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- **PM Session: 12:45 pm-3:30 pm.**