



From the Cabinet

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Welcome, Kindergarten Families!

Fargo Public Schools is excited to welcome our newest learners – the Graduation Class of 2039 – who will begin kindergarten in the 2026–27 school year! [Registering your child now](#) helps ensure a smooth start and allows us to stay connected with your family throughout the summer. You'll receive important updates, helpful resources, and key information to support your child's transition into kindergarten.

Kindergarten is a special milestone where children grow socially, emotionally, and academically through play, creativity, and meaningful interactions with classmates. This year, our kindergarten experience will begin a little differently as we focus on getting to know each child individually. During the first two days of school, August 26 or 27, families will schedule a 30-minute one-on-one session with an educator for kindergarten assessments. More information on how to sign up for a K-assessment slot will be sent to you in August. These sessions help us understand your child's strengths and needs and set them up for a successful year.

Students in grades 1–12 will begin with a regular school day on Wednesday, August 26. **Kindergarten students will start their first full day of school on Friday, August 28.** We look forward to partnering with your family and welcoming your child to Fargo Public Schools!

During your child's first full days of kindergarten, students will learn and play alongside the kindergarten teaching team for approximately the first 3–6 days of school. This team-based approach allows teachers to get to know each child's strengths, interests, and learning needs, helping us create well-balanced classroom sections. School teams and administrators will share additional details with families during the first week of school to ensure everyone knows what to expect. Your child's school principal will confirm your child's official homeroom teacher by Friday, September 4.

Important Dates

- **Kindergarten Round Up:** May -See table below for your building's date and time
- **Back to School Night:** Monday, August 24, 2026, 5-6:30 p.m.
- **Kindergarten Assessments:** (You schedule a 30-minute time)
 - Wednesday & Thursday, August 26–27
- **Full-Day Kindergarten Begins:** Friday, August 28, 2026
- **Classroom Placements Shared:** No later than Friday, September 4, 2026



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Kindergarten Assessments – August 26 & 27

- All incoming kindergarten students will participate in **individual assessment appointments with parents or guardians**.
 - Students attend **one scheduled 30-minute assessment only** on August 26 or 27
 - Students do **not** attend a full school day until Friday, August 28th
 - Parents provide transportation for their student for the assessment appointment.
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First full day of Kindergarten – Friday, August 28th

- Families may follow their school's **regular drop-off and pick-up procedures**.
 - **Bus transportation** will be provided starting on Friday, August 28, if your family qualifies.
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Kindergarten Round-Up

- Families are encouraged to attend **Kindergarten Round-Up in May**
 - This event includes:
 - Overview of a typical kindergarten day
 - School tour
 - Opportunity to meet the kindergarten teaching team
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Back to School Night will take place at all schools on Monday, August 24, 2026.



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Please note that families should attend K-Round-Up at their designated school.

Below is the updated chart listing school, principal, date, and time for Kindergarten Round-Up events:

School	Principal	Date	Time
Bennett	Principal Schafer	May 11, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM
Centennial	Principal Olson	May 7, 2026	5:00–6:00 PM
Clara Barton – Hawthorne	Principal Folden	May 4, 2026	3:00–4:30 PM
Eagles	Principal Jung	May 4, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM
Ed Clapp	Principal Schuldheisz	May 11, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM
Horace Mann - Roosevelt	Principal Ostrom	Refer to Madison: Horace Mann Students will be attending Madison for the next two years while the new Horace Mann Elementary is constructed.	
Jefferson	Principal Olson	May 4, 2026	5:00–6:00 PM
Kennedy	Principal Pederson	May 11, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM
Lewis & Clark	Principal Cresap	May 7, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM
Lincoln	Principal Kiser	May 4, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM



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Longfellow	Principal Henrickson	May 4, 2026	5:30–6:15 PM
Madison	Principal Conmy	May 4, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM
McKinley	Principal Janssen	May 7, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM
Washington	Principal Keal	May 11, 2026	5:30–6:30 PM

Kindergarten Registration ([Online](#))

Registration is completed online and takes place in **two steps**:

Step 1: Pre-Registration (5 minutes)

Information needed:

- Student address and contact information
- Parent/guardian address and contact information
- Emergency contact information
- Student health information, including physician and contact details

Step 2: Registration (15–20 minutes)

After pre-registration is verified, families will receive an email from enrollment@fargo.k12.nd.us to complete registration.

Documents needed:

- **Child's certified birth certificate or passport** (proof of identification)
- **Current immunization records** (including 5-year shots)
- **Proof of residency**
 - Example: current (within 30 days) utility bill or pay stub with parent/guardian name and address



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All documents may be uploaded online during registration.

If not uploaded, documents must be brought to your child's school by **August 26, 2026**.

Please note that by registering, the school will be able to send your family updates and additional information on important dates and upcoming events.

Registration System Update

- The online registration system will be **unavailable from May 15 to mid-July**.
 - This is due to a **state-required student information system update**.
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Birth Certificate Information

If you need a certified copy of your child's birth certificate:

ND Department of Health – Division of Vital Records

600 E Blvd Ave, Dept. 301
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

- 701-328-2360
 - vitalrec@nd.gov
 - Cost: \$15 (credit cards accepted)
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Eligibility & Registration Support

- Children must be **age 5 by July 31, 2026**, to attend kindergarten in Fall 2026.
 - Registration can be completed:
 - **Online at home**, or
 - At **computer kiosks** located at each Fargo Public elementary school
 - Please call your child's school to schedule a kiosk appointment if needed.
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