WELCOME

Your child is about to embark on a wonderful milestone and BISD is proud to be part of this momentous event. Kindergarten sets the foundation for your child’s school career and puts your student on a lifelong path of learning.

While kindergarten is a time of great discovery, excitement and growth, it’s also a big transition — for families and children alike! That’s why when you enroll your child in kindergarten at BISD, your student will receive a high-quality education and gain a team of staff whose main goal is to help your child succeed intellectually, socially and emotionally.

It is a time of close partnership between the school and the home. Parent and guardian involvement is encouraged — look for opportunities to volunteer in the classroom and the school.
BISD KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students receive core instruction in:
- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health
- Social skills

They also participate weekly with a content specialist teacher in the following areas:
- Physical Education
- Music
- Art
- STEM Lab (hands-on exploration of science and engineering concepts)

THE WHOLE CHILD APPROACH:

BISD is dedicated to supporting the development of students who explore and acquire a range of skills each year. The district is committed to providing each student with an excellent academic program in an engaging and supportive environment.

BISD provides students with a range of services to support learning needs, such as academic support, special education services, and a highly capable program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHTS*

GENERAL BISD
KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
At Wilkes Elementary, 12781 Madison Ave.
(Representatives from all BISD elementary schools will be in attendance)

MOSAIC HOME EDUCATION & ODYSSEY MULTIAGE
KINDERGARTEN-8th GRADE
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
At Commodore, 9530 NE High School Rd.

EL VELERO KINDERGARTEN INFO
Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
At Ordway Elementary, 8555 Madison Ave. N.
*Note: These events are intended for adults. Incoming kindergarten students will have an opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom (see below).

KINDERGARTEN VISITS

School visitations allow students and parents/guardians to visit a kindergarten class, tour the school and learn more about BISD.

Visits of El Velero and Odyssey will take place after their enrollment lotteries.

WILKES ELEMENTARY
Wednesday, February 15th at 8:30 a.m.

BLAKELEY ELEMENTARY
Thursday, February 16th at 8:30 a.m.

ORDWAY ELEMENTARY
Friday, February 17th at 8:30 a.m.
**BELIEF STATEMENTS**

As a community, we collectively commit to honoring and nurturing the unique skills, talents and passions of every student. We provide a welcoming and respectful environment where students flourish and forge a life-long love of learning through relevant, engaging learning experiences. We empower our students to find purpose and contribute to a more just and equitable world.

**What is the birthday cutoff to be a kindergartner?**
Children must be five years old by August 31st.

**What is the kindergarten schedule?**
Except for the first three days of the school year, kindergartners follow the same school calendar and schedule as other elementary students. They ride the bus and eat lunch at school, just like the older grades.

The first three days of the school year are different. Instead of regular school days, kindergartners and parents/guardians participate in kindergarten readiness activities and a get-to-know-you conference.

Elementary schools start at 7:50 a.m. and dismiss at 12:50 p.m. on Mondays and dismiss at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

**How many students are in a kindergarten classroom?**
Our goal is to have kindergarten classrooms with 20 or fewer students. This may vary slightly due to enrollment.

**How are kindergarten classrooms staffed?**
All kindergarten classrooms are staffed with one certificated classroom teacher. Teachers are supported by instructional specialists, the school counselor and their kindergarten teaching team.

**Do kindergartners require special arrangements for transportation or food?**
Kindergartners are included in their schools’ regular bus routes and food service plans.
- Kindergartners are greeted at buses in the morning and are walked to buses in the afternoon.
- Students with food allergies and dietary restrictions are closely monitored by staff.