

BISD Kindergarten

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 him or her on a lifelong path of learning.

While kindergarten is a time of great discovery, excitement and growth, it's also a big transition — for parents and children alike! When you enroll your child in kindergarten at BISD, your student will not only receive a high-quality education, but will also gain a team of staff whose main goal is to help your child succeed intellectually, socially and emotionally.

Parent involvement is encouraged in kindergarten. It's a time of close partnership between the school and the home. We welcome you to join on field trips and classroom activities.



Attention parents of five-year-olds:

(and those whose children will be
five-years-old by Aug. 31)

It's time to discuss kindergarten!



Bainbridge Island School District
2019 — 2020

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The Program:

Kindergarten students receive core instruction in:

- Reading
- Writing skills
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health
- Social skills

They also participate each week with a content specialist teacher in the following:

- Physical Education
- Music
- Art
- STEM Lab (hands-on exploration of science and engineering concepts)

The Whole-child Approach:

Our schools support the development of students and encourage them to explore and acquire a range of skills. Our staff is committed to provide 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the birthday cutoff to be a kindergartener?

Children must be five years old by August 31, 2019.

What is the kindergarten schedule?

Except for the start of the school year, kindergarteners 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.

To support kindergarteners and their learning, the start of the school year is a bit different. Instead of school days, kindergarteners and parents participate in kindergarten readiness activities and a get-to-know-you conference. You'll learn more about this in mid-August.

Elementary School Schedule:

Start Time: 7:50 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:20 p.m.

Monday's Early Release: 12:50 p.m.

How many students are in a kindergarten classroom?

Our goal is to have kindergarten classrooms with 20 or fewer students. This may vary due to enrollment.

How are kindergarten classrooms staffed at each school?

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 kindergarteners require special arrangements for transportation or food?

Kindergarteners are included in regular bus routes and food service plans for their schools.

- Kindergarteners are greeted at buses upon arrival, and are walked to buses upon dismissal.
- Students with food allergies and dietary restrictions are closely monitored by staff.

We are excited to meet you!

Kindergarten Contact Information

Blakely Elementary School

Principal Reese Ande

Office Manager Kyanne Hawkins

Phone: (206) 842-4752

Ordway Elementary School

(Includes the El Velero Spanish Immersion Program;

Enrollment for El Velero is via a lottery.)

Principal Melinda Reynvaan

Office Manager Lauren Melvin

Phone: (206) 842-7637

Wilkes Elementary School

Principal Amii Pratt

Office Manager Liz Potter

Phone: (206) 842-4411

Commodore Options School

(Odyssey and Mosaic Home Education Partnership

Programs; Enrollment for Odyssey is via a lottery.)

Principal Trish Corsetti

Office Manager Michelle Hope

Phone: (206) 780-1646



Kindergarten Information and Registration Night

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Wilkes Elementary School Commons
12781 Madison Avenue NE

- 6 p.m. — Doors open; Registration instructions
- 6:30 p.m. — Presentation on BISD kindergarten options: Our neighborhood schools (Blakely, Ordway & Wilkes), El Velero Spanish Immersion, Odyssey (which funnels into a multi-age program) and Mosaic Home Partnership. *Please note, this event is intended for parents.*



Come visit!

School visitations are an opportunity for students and parents to visit a kindergarten class, tour the school, learn more about kindergarten, and take a bus ride around the neighborhood with a parent / guardian. (Visits of El Velero and Odyssey will take place after their enrollment lotteries.)

Wilkes Elementary

Friday, February 8, 2019

8:15-9:15 a.m.

Ordway Elementary

Monday, February 11, 2019

8:15-9:15 a.m.

Blakely Elementary

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

8:15-9:15 a.m.

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