

River Edge Schools

Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

My child just misses the October 1 cut off for Kindergarten, can I register my child anyway?

Our Board of Education policy mandates that we adhere to the October 1st deadline. There are no exceptions.

When does registration for Kindergarten begin?

Our registration for Kindergarten begins in January. Please check the website for important dates and steps needed to take to register your child.

What if I cannot bring ALL of the documents required for registration?

If you are unable to supply all of the required documents on the day of kindergarten registration, you are asked to submit them to the New Bridge Center Office ASAP. Your child will not be able to attend school in our district without complete documentation.

What are the hours of the school day?

The school day is from 8:25-3:00pm. Please consult your child's school website for our district calendar, as there are some exceptions, such as early dismissal days.

Do you know when the first day of school will be?

Our district calendar and other important information are posted on our website, www.riveredgeschools.org. You are encouraged to visit this site frequently for important, updated information.

Can I request a specific teacher for my child?

There are many factors that go into creating a well- balanced classroom. We are unable to grant special requests and parents are discouraged from making such requests.

Do I have to use the physical form on your website?

A generic form from your Doctor's office or our form may be submitted.

My child's physical is scheduled soon after I registration, should I wait to submit the required information?

Upon registering your child, you are asked to submit your child's latest physical and immunization record. The updated records can be turned in after your child's doctor visit. Please provide the nurse with your scheduled date for your upcoming appointment.

Are there any screenings done before school starts?

All students will be assessed in the first few weeks of school. However, if you have specific concerns, have previous evaluations that were done for your child, or have anything more immediate you need to share, please contact your child's principal to further discuss.

My child has special needs, can you accommodate him/her?

We have a fully staffed Child Study Team who, along with our school nurse, can assist you. The Child Study Team can be reached directly at 201-261-1993.

How is it determined which school my child will attend kindergarten?

River Edge is a neighborhood district, in most situations, your child will attend the school that is closest to where you live.

If you are unsure what side of town your residence is, you may ask the secretary when you register. ***In cases of late or mid-year registrations and in the event that the neighborhood grade levels are full, you will be directed to the other school.***

When can my child see his/her new school building?

Kindergarten Orientation, typically held in the Spring, is an excellent opportunity for you to bring your child to his/her new school, meet a kindergarten teacher, and see what a typical classroom looks like. This will also give parents an opportunity to meet with other members of our school system and ask additional questions. Kindergarten Orientation dates will be posted on our website. All children must be registered in order to attend.

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What is a Parent Information Session?

This informational event is for parents to learn more about the details of your child's day, pick up and drop off procedures, get a tour of our buildings, etc. Parents can choose from two dates. They are typically held in the morning hours of July or August. If you are unable to attend for any reason, a copy of the presentation can be found on our website under your child's school's Quicklinks.

Will my child have an opportunity to meet with his/her teacher prior to the first day of school?

All kindergarten students will be invited to a "Meet and Greet" prior to the first day of school. At this time they will join their classmates in meeting their new teacher and will view their classroom.

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Do you provide before and after care for my child?

The River Edge Extended Day Care Program is an independent organization unrelated to River Edge Schools. They offer care for your child before and after school. Contact them directly at riveredgeasp.org for details.

I am new to River Edge, how can I meet new families?

You will be invited to a new family gathering in the first few weeks of school in September. Families of new and current students are invited to this event. It is a great way to meet other administrators, town officials, and other parents.

How can I volunteer in my child's school?

Our Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) are active in both schools. There are many ways you can volunteer, depending on your level of commitment.