

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Kindergarten and Early Childhood Information

Additional questions may be submitted to <u>info@wcskids.net</u>. We will update these FAQs to keep you informed.

NOTE: PLEASE REVIEW THESE FAQS BEFORE SUBMITTING A QUESTION TO BE SURE THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED.

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- 1. How do I enroll my child online?
  - A. Please visit the Kindergarten Website at <a href="www.wcskids.net/classof2037">www.wcskids.net/classof2037</a> and click on the online enrollment link or click here to begin the enrollment process.
- 2. Where can we obtain the registration form?
- 3. How do we know what school is our home school and will my child be bussed?
  - A. Visit, <u>locate my school</u>, and enter your address. This will tell you the school your child will be attending and if your student qualifies for bus transportation.
- 4. What date is the Kindergarten Round-Up? Thank you.
  - A. Tonight was our Kindergarten Round-Up event for the district. The presentation that was presented at the Kindergarten Round-Up and other information can be found at the Kindergarten Website at www.wcskids.net/classof2037.
- 5. Do both kindergarten and TK programs go full time 5 days a week?
  - A. Yes, both programs meet 5 days per week.
- 6. How is reading taught? What math curriculum is used?
  - A. Reading is taught through a balanced literacy model which encompasses the 5 components of reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Teachers engage students in both whole group and small group lessons with read alouds, modeled reading/writing, shared reading/writing, guided reading/writing and independent reading/writing. WCS curriculum is aligned to the State Standards and Essential Literacy Practices.
  - B. Our math curriculum is aligned to the State Standards which incorporate the 8 Mathematical Practices. The curriculum includes conceptual understanding, computational fluency, and problem solving. The curriculum consists of number talks, math tasks and supplementary practice from enVision Math.
- 7. What are transitional kindergarten programs?
  - A. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a program for students turn 5 between September 1 and December 1, who need additional time as they get started with their education. You can find additional information at our TK website (available at this link).



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- 8. If your child is in TK do they still need to fill out all the enrollment paperwork again?
  - A. If your child is a current Transitional Kindergarten (TK) student, you do not have to complete the enrollment paperwork again this year, you are already a registered WCS family!
- 9. If I have to put my child in Transitional Kindergarten as he will turn 5 in Nov, how long he will be there till he moves to a Kindergarten class?
  - A. Transitional Kindergarten is a full year experience for students. A child who enrolls in TK for the 2022-2023 school year will be in Kindergarten during the 2023-2024 school year.
- 10. How would enrollment in TK differ for those out of district?
  - A. Out of district students would register for Transitional Kindergarten using our Schools of Choice option, which you can find here.
- 11. Can I get a little one into World of Fours this year in April?
  - A. Please visit our World of Fours website (<u>available at this link</u>) where you can find information enrolling into this program.
- 12. Do you have to be low income for World of Fours? My child's brother goes to Wilkerson and I would love for them to be at the same school.
  - A. Not necessarily. The best option is to visit our World of Fours website (<u>available at this link</u>) to find out about enrollment options.
- 13. How do you ensure safety while at school?
  - A. In 2016, voters in our community <u>approved a bond issue</u>, which allowed our district to make upgrades to our facilities including secure entrances, additional video cameras, and other security updates. In addition, our <u>Director of Security and Crisis</u> management maintains partnerships with local law enforcement and ensures our staff has updated safety protocols to ensure children are safe at school
- 14. Are the preschool classes doing vision and or hearing screening this year as they have in the past?
  - A. At this time, the health department is not visiting the preschool classes and conducting the tests. Please reach out to your child's doctor or the local health department for additional information regarding vision and hearing screening. The health department provides this service, free of charge, by appointment only. For more information and locations, visit the health department website, <a href="here">here</a>.
- 15. Can I use the results of a hearing and vision test that I received when my child was 2 from MISD? If not, how do we go about scheduling a vision and hearing test?
  - A. Hearing and vision screening must be done within 6 months of starting Kindergarten, so a screening form when your child was 2 would not work. Please reach out to your child's doctor or the local Health Department for additional information regarding vision and hearing screening.