

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.

- 1. Where do we find the hold my spot form?
 - A. Visit: wcskids.net/ClassOf2034 for all of the registration information, including this presentation.
- 2. My child is in TK this year at Cromie. But, for Kindergarten I want to move him to the school by our home. Will I be able to do that with the Hold My Spot?
 - A. Yes, by all means, select your neighborhood elementary as your school when you complete the "Hold My Spot" form, which is available at this link.
- 3. Can I get a little one into World of fours this year in March?
 - A. Please visit our World of Fours website (<u>available at this link</u>) where you can find information enrolling into this program.
- 4. 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!
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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).
- 7. 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.



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- 8. If I have to put my kid in Transitional Kindergarten as he will turn 5 in Nov, how long he will be there till he moves to KG class?
 - A. Transitional Kindergarten is a full year experience for students. A child who enrolls in TK for the 2021-2022 school year will be in Kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year.
- 9. My daughter will be ready for Kindergarten so I was wondering does kindergarten get school bus provided by the school?
 - A. Kindergarten students who qualify can ride the bus to school. To find out if you qualify, you can check our Department of Transportation website (available at this link).
- 10. The list of schools you showed didn't include Susick Elementary! Does it mean they don't have kindergarten for this year?
 - A. The list of schools in the presentation showed the buildings that have our Transitional Kindergarten program. All elementary buildings have Kindergarten classes.
- 11. 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.
- 12. How do we know what school is our home school?
 - A. Simply complete the "Hold My Spot" form, <u>available here</u> and select "I do not know my school." Someone from our team will follow up with you.
- 13. Do both kindergarten and TK programs go full time 5 days a week?
 - A. Yes, both programs meet 5 days per week.
- 14. What date is the Kindergarten Round-Up? Thank you.
 - A. Tonight was our Kindergarten Round-Up event for the district. Please complete the "Hold My Spot" form (available here) to be sure you are aware of events happening at your child's school.
- 15. 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.



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- 16. Where can we obtain the registration form and where can we submit it in person to?
 - A. You can find registration form at our website, wcskids.net/ClassOf2034. You submit it in person at our Student Service Office, located at the Fillmore Educational Center, 8655 Irving Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48312
- 17. Are the preschool classes doing vision and or hearing screening this year as they have in the past?
 - A. The health department has temporarily suspended vision and hearing screening in the preschool classes due to COVID. The district maintains regular communication with the local health department and hopes to offer this service once it becomes available. Please reach out to your child's doctor or the local Health Department for additional information regarding vision and hearing screening.
- 18. 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 a vision screening must be done within 6 months of starting Kindergarten, so a screening from when your child was 2 would not work.

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