

Program Guidelines

- Next year it is anticipated the All-Day Kindergarten Program will be offered for a rate of \$275 per month, \$137.50 for those qualifying for **reduced** price meals and at no charge for those qualifying for **free** meals. To be considered for free or reduced fees, please complete the information on the back of the All Day Kindergarten application. A completed Child Nutrition Program application and Waiver of Confidentiality will be required in August 2012 to be eligible for the 2012-13 school year. Fees are subject to change based on the district's final evaluation of this year's All-Day Kindergarten program.
- Fee-supported All-Day Kindergarten Program applications will be provided to parents at Kindergarten Roundup (March 29) and will be available at each elementary building and through the district website (www.usd385.org).
- Applications must be submitted to any building by April 9. Parents will be notified by April 19th whether their application is selected.
- The number of students chosen to participate at each building will depend upon the number of applications submitted per building. There must be a minimum of 18 students to establish a class section.
- The first month's fee must be submitted to the home building by May 1st to hold that child's space.
- If enrollment warrants extra sections, they will be added at a later date.
- The first payment is due upon acceptance of enrollment in the program and no later than May 1st. The October-May payments will be made via automatic bank draft (electronic funds transfer). You will be asked to fill out a form authorizing such after acceptance into the program. You may also pay in full prior to September 1, 2012 and receive one month free.
- Board of Education approved Kindergarten annual enrollment fees will be assessed in the fall. The fees for 2011-2012 were \$65 for half day and \$75 for all day Kindergarten. Fees for the 2012-13 school year have not yet been approved.
- Parents will need to purchase or provide lunch for their child.
- All-Day Kindergarten will be in session on the days that school is in session for other Kindergarten students. It will follow the district calendar. Parents need to make daycare arrangements for days when school is not in session.
- Bus transportation will be available for students to their designated home school only. A transportation fee will be assessed for students living less than 2.5 miles of their attendance center.

Andover Elementary Schools

Cottonwood Elementary School

1747 N. Andover Rd.

Andover, KS 67002

316.218.4620

Meadowlark Elementary School

1411 N. Main St.

Andover, KS 67002

316.218.4630

Prairie Creek Elementary School

654 S. YMCA Dr.

Andover, KS 67002

316.218.4830

Robert M. Martin Elementary School

2342 N. 159th St. E.

Wichita, KS 67228

316.218.4720

Sunflower Elementary School

616 E. Douglas Ave.

Andover, KS 67002

316.218.4730

Wheatland Elementary School

15200 E. 21st St.

Wichita, KS 67230

316.218.4820

IMPORTANT DATES

March 29th Kindergarten Round Up

April 9th All-Day Kindergarten applications due

April 19th All-Day Kindergarten notification

May 1st Initial All-Day Kindergarten payment and Automatic Bank Draft form due

2012-2013

FEE-SUPPORTED

All -Day Kindergarten Program



ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN

The Fee-Supported All-Day

Kindergarten Option

Because state funding only supports half-day programming, half-day Kindergarten will continue to be the norm for most Kindergarten students. Many parents may prefer to ease their child into the public school system through a half-day option. Therefore, it's important for parents to be aware of their child's emotional and cognitive abilities and make the decision that is best for their family. Over the past several years an increasing number of parents have asked for the opportunity to enroll their child in an all-day program, if it were available. The fee-supported program offers an all-day option for these families.

Benefits of an

All-Day Kindergarten Program

- Teachers have additional time to engage students in more developmentally appropriate activities such as activity centers, projects, and free play.
- Students can be better observed by Kindergarten teachers, allowing the teacher to become more familiar with each student's developmental needs and to adjust instruction accordingly (Nelson, 2000).

Common Questions

What is Fee-Supported All-Day Kindergarten?

The fee-supported Kindergarten program will bring all-day Kindergarten to families who choose to participate and who are selected. It is anticipated the all-day Kindergarten program will be offered for 2012-2013 at a rate of \$275 per month, \$137.50 for those qualifying for reduced price meals and at no charge for those qualifying for free meals. These fees are subject to change based on the district's final evaluation of this year's program.

Is the curriculum different for All-Day Kindergarten?

No. Teachers will use the same curriculum and materials as the half-day program. Teachers will have more time to integrate all curriculum areas in a meaningful manner.

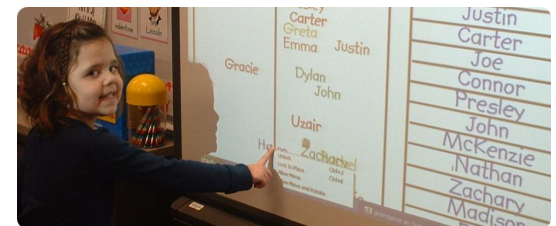
How will students be selected?

A minimum of 18 students are required to offer the class. Andover elementary schools will offer the number of sections as needed to accommodate the number of students enrolled per building. Assignments will be made to the program through a lottery of the submitted applications. If there are additional applications not chosen through the lottery or submitted after the application deadline date, those students will be put on a waiting list.

Characteristics of an All-Day

Kindergarten Program

- Integrate new learning with past experiences through project work.
- Involve children in first hand experience and informal interaction with objects, other children, and adults.
- Emphasize language development and appropriate pre-literacy experiences.
- Emphasize reading to children at school and at home.
- Offer a balance of large group and individual activities.
- Provide sufficient time to allow individual progress on basic skills.
- Allow for enrichment.
- Assess students' progress through teacher observation, performance, and student work collections.
- Develop children's social skills including conflict resolution.



“Providing a full day of reading, mathematics, science, social studies, and writing, integrated with art, music and physical education in a stimulating and nurturing environment, plus an emphasis on technology, will inevitably provide children with the readiness they need for first grade.” (Weast, 2001)