

Kindergarten Transition Process and Special Education Programs

2020 - 2021





Welcome

Presenters:

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Meeting Outcomes



By the end of the session, participants will have.....

- received an overview of the kindergarten transition process, and
- become familiar with the continuum of special education services.

Entry into Kindergarten

- Students turning age five on or before September 1, 2021 enter kindergarten in September, 2021.
- Your child's neighborhood home school is based on your home address.
- There is a continuum of special education services available for kindergarten students with special needs. These services are based on the specialized instruction as well as the type of support your child needs at school.



A calendar for the month of September 2011. The title 'SEPTEMBER 2011' is at the top. The days of the week are listed as SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT. The dates are arranged in a grid. The 1st is on a Thursday, the 2nd on a Friday, and the 3rd on a Saturday. The 4th is on a Sunday, the 11th on a Sunday, the 18th on a Sunday, and the 25th on a Sunday. The 10th, 17th, and 24th are on Saturdays. The 30th is on a Friday.

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Overview of the Transition Process



- Meet with Parent Educator
- Opportunity to discuss neighborhood home school kindergarten
- Learn about continuum of services in Montgomery County Public Schools

PreK to Kindergarten Process

- Informational Meetings
- Discussion of special education kindergarten classrooms
- Discussions of your child by staff familiar with school-age special education services



Transition Process continued...

- Annual Review and/or Amendment IEP meeting to determine kindergarten services
- Additional options for kindergarten may be discussed
- Instructional and Assessment options will also be discussed and determined



The “Typical” Kindergarten Classroom

- All MCPS kindergarten classes meet 6 hours per day, 5 days per week
- The typical classroom has 18-25 children with one teacher; Focus and Title 1 Schools have reduced class sizes of 16-18 students with one teacher
- The schedule includes a literacy block and a math block
- Students go to specials (art, music, PE) weekly
- Students eat lunch in the cafeteria and go to recess with their grade-level peers



Class Schedules:

General Education Kindergarten Classroom

	SAMPLE TYPICAL DAY
8:50-9:00	Arrival, Breakfast, and Announcements
9:00-9:20	Whole Group Reading
9:20-10:00	Whole Group Writing
10:10-10:55	Specials
11:00-12:30	Literacy Block/Reading Groups
12:30-1:30	Lunch and recess
1:30-1:45	Water/Bathroom
1:45-2:45	Math
2:45-3:15	Social Studies/Science
3:25	Dismissal



Curriculum and Instruction



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Benchmark Advance

- Interactive Read-Aloud
- Shared Reading Mini-Lesson
- Reading Mini-Lesson
- Writing & Grammar Mini-Lesson
- Phonics Mini-Lesson
- Small Group Lesson



Eureka Math Block

- Fluency Practice
- Application Problem
- Concept Development
- Student Debrief



Special Education Services are Not a Place



Special Education Services



Home School Model Services

Sample Class Schedule:

Home School Model Kindergarten Classroom

	SAMPLE TYPICAL DAY
8:50-9:00	Arrival, Breakfast, and Announcements (Special Educator check in)
9:00-9:20	Whole Group Reading (Co-Taught with Special Educator)
9:20-10:00	Whole Group Writing
10:10-10:55	Specials
11:00-12:30	Literacy Block/Reading Groups (Small Group Support with Special Educator)
12:30-1:30	Lunch and recess
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Special Education Services

Elementary School Based
Learning Center (ELC)



Special Education Services

- Physical Disabilities (PD)
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Services for the Visually Impaired
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing



Special Education Services

- Learning for Independence (LFI)
- School/Community-based (SCB)



Special Education Services



- Autism
- Social Emotional Special Education Services (SESES)

Special Education Services



- Carl Sandburg Learning Center



- Longview School



- Stephen Knolls School



Special Education Related Services

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Vision Services
- Hearing Services



School Assignments



If services are recommended at a school other than the neighborhood home school, the IEP team determines the site based upon the home address and established feeder patterns.

Transportation

- Most students ride the neighborhood bus to school
- Specialized transportation is provided to students placed outside the neighborhood home school whose IEP team determines they need more supports than the neighborhood bus.
- Specialized equipment and supports such as seat belts or wheelchair lifts are determined by the IEP team



Next Steps for K registration

- Files move with student to kindergarten
- Online K registration opens April 26
- K Orientations (face to face) will be held in August 2021
- Summer programs may be an option; ELO (Early Learning Opportunities) if an appropriate program is offered at the school student will attend in the Fall

Questions & Answers

Thank you parents!