

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Administration and the Board of School Directors welcome you to the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District.

Who needs to register?

If your child will be entering kindergarten in September of the upcoming school year, it is important that you register your child as soon as possible.

How do I register my child for kindergarten?

Eligibility

To be eligible for kindergarten admission in September, children **must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.** There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

Registration Process

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District utilizes a central registration system. Children can be [registered online](#) or if you do not have access to a computer, you can make an appointment to complete the registration online at the Registration Office which is located at:

Strath Haven Middle School
Administrative Wing
200 South Providence Road
Wallingford, PA 19086
610-892-3470, extension 1506.

Please visit our [Registration Office webpage](#) for more detailed registration information ***including*** required registration information as well as copies of all of the forms you will be asked to complete. The webpage can be accessed by going to wssd.org. ***Registration is not considered complete unless all required information has been submitted. Parents are advised to allow enough time to collect immunization records to submit as part of the complete registration.**

Required registration information includes:

1. Proof of child's age
2. Proof of residency
3. Immunizations required by law
4. Parent Registration Statement
5. Home Language Survey

Depending on your individual situation, additional documents may be needed.

Is there a deadline to register my child for kindergarten?

No. Kindergarten registration is ongoing; however, children **must be registered** by the deadline listed on the WSSD website in order to be included in the kindergarten lottery to determine morning or afternoon kindergarten session placement.

Does the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District offer a full-day or half-day kindergarten program?

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District kindergarten program is a half-day program. Each student is assigned to either a morning or an afternoon session. The times for each session are listed below:

Morning Session 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon Session 12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

May I indicate a preference for morning or afternoon session?

Yes. When completing the Student Survey for Kindergarten included in the online registration materials, families may indicate a preference for either morning or afternoon session, but the School District cannot guarantee that requests will be granted. Please note that session assignment will not be made on a first-come, first-served basis and will not be performed during registration.

Kindergarten Lottery

When completing the Student Survey for Kindergarten included in the online registration materials, each family will be asked to indicate one of the following: **no preference, preference for morning session; or preference for afternoon session.** If the number of requests for one of the sessions exceeds our capacity to honor those requests, a lottery (i.e., random selection) will be used to help determine session assignments. If a lottery is necessary, it will be held in conjunction with the Kindergarten Orientation (see below). **Please note: children must be registered* by March 1st in order to be included in the lottery.**

The District makes every effort to adhere to the selection order determined by the lottery, but reserves the right to make adjustments necessary for balancing classes to provide an optimal learning environment for all students. Parents will be notified in writing of kindergarten teacher assignments in mid-August prior to the start of the school year.

How do I arrange a tour of the school my child will attend in the fall?

If you would like to tour any of our elementary schools, please contact that school's Principal, who will be happy to assist you.

Nether Providence Elementary
School

610-892-3470 ext. 4105
Principal: Mr. Al Heinle

Swarthmore-Rutledge School

610-892-3470 exr. 4505
Principal: Dr. Angela Tuck

Wallingford Elementary School

610-892-3470 ext. 4305
Principal: Mr. Gabriel Savage

Does the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District offer a kindergarten orientation for parents?

Yes. We offer a kindergarten orientation in each of our elementary schools, and we invite all parents/guardians to attend the orientation in their neighborhood school.

The orientation will include information on school transportation, kindergarten health services, PTO, and upcoming events for children and parents. If necessary, the kindergarten lottery, which is used to determine session assignment, will also be held at this time. Please see more information about the kindergarten lottery mentioned above.

If you are unsure which elementary school is your neighborhood school, please visit the Registration Office webpage for links to District school boundaries.