



Wallingford-Swarthmore School District
Nether Providence Elementary
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TO: Parents of Prospective Kindergarten Students
FROM: Mr. Al Heinle, NPE Principal
SUBJECT: **REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS IN THE
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2016-2017**
DATE: December 2015

Who needs to register?

If your child will be entering kindergarten in September 2016, it is important that you register your child as soon as possible. In order to facilitate staffing and planning, we need to have an accurate count of children planning to attend kindergarten during the 2016-17 school year.

Please share this letter with neighbors and friends.

If there is a child of kindergarten age in your neighborhood who has no siblings attending district schools, please relay this information to his/her parents.

How do I register my child for Kindergarten?

Eligibility

To be eligible for kindergarten admission in September 2016, children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016.

Process

The district will be offering **online registration** this year. This can be accessed through the district website. Questions should be directed to the Educational Data/Registration Office at (610-892-3470 ext. 1506 or 1203). Registration packets will also be available at any of the elementary schools. Required forms and registration information can also be found on the school website at www.wssd.org under the tab for Educational Data/Registration.

Deadline

Registration is ongoing, but children must be registered by March 1, 2016 in order to be included in the March 8th lottery to determine morning or afternoon kindergarten session placement.

On-Going Registration: After March 1st

If you are unable to register by March 1st, you should register online or in person. To register in person, please contact the Educational Data/Registration Office at (610-892-3470 Ext. 1506) to schedule an appointment for registration. The Educational Data/Registration office is located in the WSSD District Administration Offices at Strath Haven Middle School at 200 South Providence Road, Wallingford, PA. Information and links to register online can be found on the website under Educational Data/Registration.

Assignment to morning and afternoon kindergarten sessions

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Kindergarten is a half-day program. Each student is assigned to either a morning or 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?

Families may indicate a preference for either morning or afternoon session, but the school district cannot guarantee that requests will be granted. The following procedure will be used to ensure equity in assigning sessions. (Please note: Session assignment will not be made on a first come-first served basis and will not be performed during registration.)

A request form for kindergarten session assignment is included in the registration packet. Each family will be asked to note 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 determine session assignments. If a lottery is necessary, it will be held on March 8th, in conjunction with the Kindergarten Orientation (see below). **Please note: children must be registered by March 1 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 of 2016.

Kindergarten Orientation

We invite all parents to join us for a kindergarten orientation on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Nether Providence Elementary, located at 410 Moore Rd., Wallingford, PA, 19086.

The agenda will include information on school transportation, kindergarten health services, NPE PTO, and upcoming events for children and parents. (If necessary, the lottery – used to determine session assignment – will also be held at this time.)