

Kindergarten

FAQ

Q: How old must my child be to register for kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year?

A: The child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2021

Q: Is there an early entry test for students, not 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2021?

A: No if your child is not 5 years of age on September 1, 2021, he/she will need to wait to register for kindergarten the following school year (2022-2023).

Q: Does my child need to take a test or have an evaluation before starting kindergarten?

A: There is no entrance test or evaluation for kindergarten students.

Q: Is kindergarten full-day or half-day?

A: Kindergarten at BASD is a half-day program with an AM session and a PM session. AM sessions runs 8:45am to 11:25am. PM session runs 12:50pm to 3:30pm

Q: Do I get to select which session my child is assigned to?

A: No, session assignments are determined by the administration. Enrollment numbers, class sizes, teacher assignments, class sessions, and transportation routes are just some of the factors they use when determining placements.

Q: Can I request a session assignment?

A: Yes, session requests can be submitted in writing at the time of student registration. Please make sure to include the reason for your session request. A request is not a guarantee of placement. We suggest parents wait to finalize daycare arrangements until you have received your child's assignment over the summer. Session requests can be emailed to basdregistration@boyleftownasd.org.

Q: How do I find out what school my child will be attending?

A: School district attendance boundaries are located on our interactive School Assignment Map. A link to the map is located on our district registration page.

Q: Can I select which school I would like my child to attend?

A: No, students are assigned to their home school based on where they reside within the school district attendance boundaries.

Q: When will I receive my child's session assignment?

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Q: Does the district provide before and after school childcare?

A: No; however, we do provide a list of childcare providers in which the district offers transportation to and from school for our students. This list is located on our district registration page.

Q: Will my child meet the teacher and tour the building before the first day of school?

A: There will be a kindergarten orientation for all students. More information will be posted on our district registration page in 2021.

Q: What is the first day of school?

A: The 2021-2022 school calendar has not been created at this time. Please check our district website for updates.

Q: What is the Kindergarten daily schedule?

A: Kindergarten at BASD is a half-day program lasting approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes. In general, Kindergarten students spend approximately 75 minutes per day on English/Language Arts activities and 60 minutes on Math activities. Both ELA and Math times include various whole group, small group, and independent "workshop" activities designed to keep students meaningfully engaged in the learning process. Science and Social Studies topics are embedded within ELA through read alouds and other shared readings with follow up activities. The balance of the time may include a special area class such as movement or music, daily organizational routines, and time for free play or movement breaks. Individual teachers set their daily schedule based on the overall building schedule. For example, some Kindergarten classes may begin the day with ELA because support staff such as reading specialists are available to work with small groups of students while others begin the day with Math.

Q: What subjects are taught in Kindergarten?

A: Our teachers spend most of the day working on the foundational skills students need to become strong readers, writers, and mathematicians. For more information on the specific topics taught in Kindergarten, you can view the I CAN brochures on the BASD website by [following this link](#).

Q: How has the Kindergarten daily schedule been affected by COVID-19?

A: Covid-19 has had a strong impact on all classrooms, but our teachers have worked tirelessly to provide the best possible instruction both in-person and online. We currently offer all K-5 parents the choice to have their children attend school in-person 4 days a week or online through our BASD Virtual program. BASD Virtual students follow the same daily schedule as in-person students and are expected to attend the synchronous or "live sessions" through video conferencing. Some activities may also be completed offline throughout the AM or PM session.

At times, it is necessary for the district to change the format of instruction in response to the ever changing Covid-19 numbers. If the district finds it necessary, a class, building, or the entire district can move to a fully virtual model with no in-person instruction or some hybrid of in-person and virtual instruction. The hybrid model is often an A/B schedule where half the class (the "A" group) attends in-person on Monday and Tuesday while the other half (the "B" group) attends virtually. The groups switch for Thursday and Friday.

All students have been provided a BASD issued device to use for virtual instruction and support is available for families in need to access wireless service. We prefer to have all our students in-person for instruction but recognize the need to be flexible and will continue to provide the virtual option until it is no longer necessary.