

Kindergarten

FAQ

Q: How old must my child be to register for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year?

A: The child must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2024

Q: Is there an early entry test for students not five years of age on or before September 1, 2024?

A: No, if your child is not five years of age by September 1, 2024, he/she will need to wait to register for kindergarten the following school year (2025-2026).

Q: Does my child need to take a test or have an evaluation completed 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. The AM session runs from 8:45am to 11:25am. The PM session runs from 12:45pm to 3:25pm

Q: Can I select my child's session assignment?

A: No, session assignments are determined by BASD administration. Enrollment numbers, class sizes, teacher assignments, class sessions, and transportation routes are some of the factors used 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 the session request. A request is not a guarantee of placement. We suggest parents wait to finalize daycare arrangements until they have received their child's assignment over the summer. Session requests can be emailed to basdregistration@bovertownasd.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 the school my child attends?

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 AM or PM session assignment?

A: Session assignments will be available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal in July.

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

A: Teacher assignments will be available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal in July.

Q: When will I receive an Infinite Campus Parent Portal account?

A: Once your child's enrollment has been processed at the building, you will receive an email with an activation key and instructions to create your account.

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

A: No, however, we 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: We are updating Kindergarten Orientation for the 2024-2025 school year. Individual buildings will communicate the details of their Kindergarten Orientation plans over the summer. Families will receive the information once classroom information has been released.

Q: Will there be a Kindergarten Launch?

A: Yes, there will be a Kindergarten Launch. Please check our registration website in January for more information.

Q: What is the first day of school?

A: The 2024-2025 school calendar has not been finalized 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-aloud 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 at the following link: <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/1165>