Welcome to Virtual Kindergarten Open House
Our Vision is for all children to have access to a great school, close to where they live.

Our Mission
The School District of Philadelphia will deliver on the civil right of every child in Philadelphia to an excellent public school education and ensure all children graduate from high school ready to succeed, fully engaged as a citizen of our world.
School District of Philadelphia
Our Core Values

All students can and will learn.
We believe all students achieve through hard work, smart ideas, and help from others.

High-quality instruction is central to our work.
We believe the best kind of teaching takes both care and skill in equal measure.

Schools are learning organizations.
We believe it’s vital to model the benefits of lifelong learning.

Parents and families are our partners.
We believe these partnerships can be transformative for everyone.

We are trusted stewards of public resources.
We believe a great public education must be affordable, efficient, and effective.
Topics We Will Cover in this Presentation

Desired Outcome

Families will enhance their understanding of kindergarten transition, readiness and registration in order to prepare their children for the 2020/2021 school year.

Topics we will cover in this presentation

• Our School Community
• Kindergarten Transition and Readiness
• How to Register for Kindergarten
• Links to Other Helpful Information

*Contact your local school for more specific information using the school directory. https://www.philasd.org/school-directory/
Thrive at Five: A Day in the Life of Kindergarteners
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Kindergarten Benefits

Full-day kindergarten helps students build the strong base of learning they will need to succeed throughout school and life. *(National Education Association)*

Attending Kindergarten…

- **Results in Healthier, Happier Children**
- **Better Prepares Students for First Grade**
- **Increases Student Achievement**
Ready Set Kindergarten

• Is my child ready?
• What should I do as a parent to get my child ready?
• What should I expect (Am I Ready)?

*The next three slides will focus on these questions.*
Is My Child Ready?
At a Glance: Some Kindergarten Readiness Skills

• Enthusiastic about learning
• Curious about trying new activities
• Shares and takes turns
• Verbally communicates thoughts and needs

If your child doesn’t yet do all these things, don’t worry!
Our job is to help your child gain these skills.
How to Get Your Child Ready for Kindergarten

• Make sure your child is well-nourished and rested, every day.
• Read to your child every day and model reading in your home.
• Make the most out of everyday tasks such as following directions.
• Give your child play time with their peers.
What Should I Expect?

• Your child may be a little unsure, but also excited!
• Your child will pick up on your feelings, so stay positive!
• Your child may be tired; new things can take energy.

Am I Ready?

• As a parent, you may not be 100% ready, but letting your child have new experiences is a good thing!
• Expect mixed emotions: excited, sad and worried.
What is the Family Interview?

• The family interview is held with kindergarten students and their families prior to school opening.

• Each kindergarten teacher will contact families to set up an appointment for an interview.

• Families share the student’s pre-k experiences.

• This is an opportunity for teachers, students and families to get to know each other.
These are some of the resources that our schools use for Reading, Writing and Math.
School Uniforms

Click here to access your child’s school uniform colors and policy. Once you have accessed the uniform page, click on the School drop down menu or the School Directory menu.

School Uniform Link - https://www.philasd.org/face/fr/uniform-colors/
How do I register my child for Kindergarten?

- Go to philasd.org/thriveatfive for all the information you need and a link to the online registration portal.

- To apply, you will need:
  - Internet access and an email address
  - Electronic forms (pdf or jpeg) of:
    - Proof of Child’s Age *(5 years old on or before September 1)*
    - Current Immunization Record
    - 2 Documents with your Proof of Address
    - Parent/Guardian Photo Identification

- Questions? Contact the Office of Student Enrollment and Placement at OSEP@philasd.org.
Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

● Where do families go to register for kindergarten?
  ○ During school closures, Kindergarten Registration continues online. The new online registration system makes it easy to register using your cell phone, tablet or computer. Go to philasd.org/thriveatfive for more information and to access the system.

● How old must my child be to attend kindergarten?
  ○ A child must be 5 years old on or before September 1st of the year they wish to enroll in Kindergarten. If a child turns 5 years old on September 2nd they must register for a Pre-kindergarten program. The School District of Philadelphia does not test for early admission to kindergarten under any circumstances.

● Is kindergarten a full day?
  ○ Kindergarten is a full day program. The hours will be the same as the rest of the school population.

Go to philasd.org/thriveatfive then click on the Kindergarten FAQs for more “Questions and Answers”.

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District Support Offices

*If you have questions, we are here to help!*

Office of Specialized Services
Office of Family and Community Engagement
Multilingual Family Support

Office of Student Enrollment and Placement

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ASK@philasd.org

Office of Early Childhood Education
ktransition@philasd.org
I Am Ready for Kindergarten

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