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WHO ATTENDS KINDERGARTEN?

Students who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024.

WHERE WILL MY CHILD ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

You can find the district boundaries on our website at www.baschools.org/boundaries. If you have any questions, contact enrollment at 918-259-7400.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Parents may drop off elementary students between 8:50 a.m - 9:15 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 9:15 a.m. The dismissal bell rings at 4 p.m. daily. These times could change with the adoption of a new school calendar.

CAN I WALK MY CHILD TO THEIR CLASSROOM EVERY DAY?

Every elementary school has their own drop-off and pick-up procedure that is safest for their building and parking lots. Elementary students are encouraged to develop independence and walk themselves to class. If parents need a transition period to help their child to class, you will need to check in via our Safe Schools kiosk in the front office and wear the printed name badge in the building prior to walking your child to class.

IS THERE A B&A CONNECTIONS PROGRAM (BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAM)?

B&A Connections is available at each elementary site location. This program is private-pay only, and licensed by DHS with limited availability. Enrollment takes place online through the B&A Parent Portal. Registration will open the new families to the program on Friday, May 17. More information about the program and the link to the B&A Parent Portal can be found at www.baschools.org/connections

CAN KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS RIDE THE BUS?

Yes! If your child lives more than 1.5 miles of their assigned school, they are eligible for transportation. Please visit www.baschools.org/transportation for more information.

WHERE DO I ENROLL MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN?

You can enroll online or in person at the enrollment center, located inside Central on Main at 210 N. Main. If you are currently in our Pre-K program, you should have received an email from enrollment to start the Annual Online Registration Update (Formerly: Returning Student Registration) for the 2024-2025 school year. This will start the enrollment process for your student. Enrollment for kindergarten students new to the district begins May 13.

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WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO ENROLL MY CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN?

On our district website under the “Family & Community” tab, you will find all the details about enrollment and the documents you need.

- Original birth certificate
- Driver’s license/photo ID for parent/legal guardian
- Proof of immunizations
- Proof of residence current (within the last 30 days) gas, water or electric bill in the parent/legal guardian’s name

HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE IN EACH CLASS?

The number of children in the kindergarten classrooms depends on the enrollment at each site. The earlier parents can enroll their child, the more prepared schools can be with hiring additional teachers if needed. Please encourage your neighbors to enroll early and not wait until August.

WHICH IMMUNIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

- 5 DTAP (unless their 4th DTAP was after their 4th birthday)
- 4 Polio (unless their 3rd dose was after 4th birthday)
- 2 MMR
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis A
- 1 Varicella (2 Varicella is recommended)

WILL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH BE PROVIDED?

Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. Families should complete the Free and Reduced Lunch form (starting July 1) to help with breakfast and lunch costs. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home. If your child has food allergies, please make sure you communicate with the health office and with the teacher. At this time, breakfast is \$2.25 and lunch is \$3.

CAN I ENROLL MY 6-YEAR-OLD IN KINDERGARTEN?

Yes. You may receive follow-up communication from the Director of Early Childhood to confirm you are aware your child is eligible for 1st grade and to confirm your wish is to give them a growth-year based on maturity.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE POTTY TRAINED TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

Your child will need to attend to their own toileting needs. It is recommended that all students be toilet trained by the time they begin school in August. Occasionally, accidents happen, so we encourage ALL students to have a clean change of clothes in their backpack.

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IF MY CHILD HAS A DIAGNOSIS FROM A DOCTOR THAT MAY AFFECT THEIR LEARNING, WHAT DO I DO?

If possible, upload the doctor's diagnosis with your enrollment paperwork. If you cannot upload the paperwork, please take it to the enrollment office, and they will upload and email it to special services. If you have additional questions, please call Special Services at 918-259-5700.

WHAT IS THE CURRICULUM USED AT BAPS FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Phonemic Awareness: "Heggerty Phonics: Words their Way"

Comprehension/Vocabulary: "Making Meaning" by the Center for Collaborative Classroom

Writing: "Being a Writer" by the Center for Collaborative Classroom

Math: TBD

Science: "Twig Science"

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD BE READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Please read with your child over the summer! When you're driving in the car, play rhyming games, point out shapes and colors in their environment, and ask them questions about themselves (what's your full name, what's your mom's name, etc.). You can also play games like "Candy Land" that involve counting and colors to engage them in fun learning opportunities.

IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Please feel free to contact Teresa Bowker, Director of Early Childhood, at tdbowker@baschools.org or 918-259-5700 if you have questions regarding curriculum. If you have questions regarding enrollment, please contact the enrollment center at 918-259-7400.

HERE ARE SOME OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY:

First time to BAPS?

Everything you will need to know about Back-to-School will be on our website www.baschools.org. This is where you can find supply lists and the school calendar for days we are in session and when we are out of school.

What will my child be learning?

<https://sde.ok.gov/early-childhood-and-family-education>