

# WHRSD

## Kindergarten Program Information Registration opens March 4, 2024

*“A mind when stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions” -Anonymous*

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# Whitman-Hanson Regional Schools Vision Statement

The Whitman-Hanson Regional School District provides a safe learning environment and comprehensive student-centered learning opportunities that are relevant and challenging.

In supportive partnership with all stakeholders, our district is committed to developing an academic foundation that emphasizes social-emotional learning, critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills.

Each student, as a lifelong learner, is prepared to face the opportunities of the future with the skills needed to become a responsible citizen

# Our Kindergarten Program



Whitman-Hanson Regional School District offers tuition-free Universal Full-Day Kindergarten at each elementary school.

We teach the whole child through large and small group lessons along with individualized instruction.

This is achieved through a center-based approach. Children engage in hands on activities, cooperative learning experiences, and individual exploration.

Classrooms have a minimum of 18 students and the maximum is District's discretion.



# Our Kindergarten Program

Full-Day Kindergarten allows for a deep exploration of Kindergarten objectives and additional opportunities for discovery and social interactions.

Full-Day Kindergarten has increased opportunities

- for learning in a variety of contexts that include independent, small group, and teacher directed activities
- to practice small motor and large motor skills
- to work and play with different peers

Full-Day Kindergarten has Library,  
Music, Art or Wellness daily

Lunch and recess daily



# Our Kindergarten Program



- Follows District ELA and Math curriculum
- Day includes reading, writing, phonics, and math instruction
- Embedded opportunities for socialization
- Students use District technology resources

# Important Registration Information

- Kindergarten Eligibility
- Proof of Residency
- Immunization
- Registration Process



# Kindergarten Eligibility

Only children who have attained the age of 5 before September 1, 2024 shall be admitted to school.

Students who are currently enrolled in the Whitman-Hanson Preschool Academy will complete a shortened version of the registration packet shared by the preschool staff.

# Proof of Residency

- Valid driver's license/Valid Massachusetts photo id showing a Whitman/Hanson address/Valid passport, dated within the past year
- Copy of Lease/mortgage statement/tax bill/deed/purchase and sales/Legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy
- Utility Bill (Gas, Oil, Electric, Home Telephone, Cable)





# Immunizations

Up-to-date immunizations including the most recent date of a lead test. (See MA School Immunization Requirements 2005)

Evidence that your child has passed a vision screening within the previous 12 months. For children who fail to pass the vision screening and for children with neuro-developmental delay, proof of a comprehensive eye exam performed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist indicating pertinent diagnosis, treatment and prognosis with recommendation needs to be provided.

Please reference the checklist in the Registration Packet for additional items.

# Registration Process

Online Registration opens on March 4, 2024

- Please visit the website at [www.whrsd.org](http://www.whrsd.org) and click on the Registration icon and follow the link for online registrations.
- If you require a paper copy of the enrollment packet to fill out, you can contact the District Registrar, Charlene Guzman at 781-618-7481, [Charlene.Guzman@whrsd.org](mailto:Charlene.Guzman@whrsd.org). You can also print the packet from the website.

The online registration link is

<https://campus.whrsd.org/campus/OLRLoginKiosk/whitmanhanson>

Walk-in registration service and registration appointments will be available March 4, 2024 to May 3, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Thursday to pick up or drop off registration packets.

Registration appointments are held at the Whitman-Hanson High School. Please contact the District Registrar to make an appointment.

# Other Important Information

- Bus Routes
- Breakfast, Lunch, & Snacks
- Open House
- Screening Information
- Tips to prepare for Kindergarten
- Important Dates



# Bus Routes

- Students will be assigned to one bus for the ride to and from school. Bus assignments are for five consecutive days.
- There must be a parent/guardian or authorized adult present at the child's bus stop. Students will be taken to the next routed school for parent pick-up if no one is at the stop.



- Transportation changes (including day care arrangements) must be made via change request form on website at [www.whrsd.org](http://www.whrsd.org) and click on the Transportation icon.
- Parents are encouraged to view the district's transportation guidelines which can be found at [www.whrsd.org](http://www.whrsd.org), and click on the Transportation icon.



# Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack

WHRSD offers breakfast and lunch daily. Please visit WHRSD website to see meal options.

A Meal Pay program is available.

All students bring a healthy snack and beverage daily. Students can bring their own lunch or buy lunch in our cafeteria.

# Open House

The Open House is the opportunity for you to introduce your child to the school and meet your child's teacher.

Open House and Orientation will be held at each individual school. Open House is typically held the night before school starts from 4:30– 6:00 pm.



# Screening Information

Kindergarten screenings will take place at your child's school. This short developmental screener is the first indicator of what knowledge and skills your child brings to kindergarten. Kindergarten screenings will occur the week of May 20 for students who are registered.

This is a great opportunity for incoming students and families to see the school and meet some of the staff who will be supporting your child.



# Tips to Prepare For Kindergarten

Practice self care skills such as putting on a coat, shoes, and boots including zipping, buttoning, and snapping.

Have fun crafting with crayons, scissors, and glue! Students need lots of practice holding pencils/crayons with a proper grip.

How do kids learn to read, add and subtract? It all starts when you:

- read aloud nightly with your child that include nursery rhymes and songs
- include kid-friendly songs like the ABC song and Old McDonald on your playlist!
- encourage talking and conversation while reading, driving, and shopping
- play games with your child
- find numbers, shapes and colors in the environment
- provide opportunities to write, draw, and practice letters, numbers, and names



# Important Dates

**March 4, 2024 - Registration opens at 9:00 AM.** Apply online or print out a packet from the website

**March 4 - May 3, 2024** Appointments can be made to drop-off registration packets. Contact District Registrar, Charlene Guzman at 781-618-7481.  
Completed registration includes all documentation

**Week of May 13** - Kindergarten Information Night at each school

**Week of May 20** - Kindergarten Screenings at each school

**Open House** - typically the night before school starts, 4:30pm–6:00pm

**First Day of School** - TBD

**Thank you**