

Whitman-Hanson Regional School District
Kindergarten Registration 2021
FAQ

How do I register my child?

In order to register, your child must be five years old before September 1, 2021. Registrations can be completed online or in person. To register online please go to our district website www.whrsd.org and click on the registration icon. You can also download a registration packet to fill out and submit to the Registrar. Please contact Kristen Foley, District Registrar at 781-618-7481 or email her at kristen.foley@whrsd.org. Registration will not open until February 12, 2021. The deadline to register for full day kindergarten is March 12, 2021.

What documents do I need in order to register my child?

All registrations must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Parent's ID
- Copy of lease or mortgage
- Current utility bill
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's most recent physical and immunizations

Registrations will be considered incomplete without the above documentation.

If you are registering for full day kindergarten you must have all completed paperwork and a \$250 deposit to the District Registrar no later than 4pm on March 12, 2021. A lottery will be held, if necessary, on March 19, 2021.

Is my child eligible for Kindergarten?

Children who are five years old before September 1, 2021 and reside in the towns of Whitman and Hanson are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

Which school will my child attend?

Hanson residents attend the Indian Head School. Whitman residents attend either Conley or Duval Elementary School. Please check street listings for Whitman schools on the website at www.whrsd.org, click on the Registration Icon, then scroll to the bottom of the page for street listings.

What is the Kindergarten screening and how is that different from registration?

During the registration process, all the documents necessary for your child to attend school are submitted. (See above for specific documents needed.) The screening is a quick assessment given to incoming kindergarteners to determine level of readiness. It will be used along with a variety of assessments given to all students to assist teachers with your child's instructional path.

Will my child be screened?

Traditionally, screening appointments are made at the time of registration and are held in the spring. With the pandemic, 2021-2022 screenings will take place in the fall when the school year begins. All kindergarteners are screened as part of early assessments.

Will my child take the bus?

All Kindergarten students are eligible to take the bus, even if a sibling is not eligible.

Can I drive my child to school?

Parents can always drive students to school. Building principals will send out a communication as to the procedures for drop off and pick up at his/her individual school.

What if my child has an allergy?

The school nurse will have all information regarding your child's health. He/she will disseminate to staff, along with conducting annual EpiPen training and any additional information needed to maintain your child's safety.

My child is coming from the WHRSD Preschool Academy. Do I still need to register?

Students who currently attend the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Preschool Academy need to register for Kindergarten but will complete a shortened version of the registration packet.

I want my child to go to Full Day Kindergarten. How does the process work?

Parents who are interested in the Full Day Tuition-Based Kindergarten program need to complete the registration packet by March 12, 2021. A deposit will be required at the time of registration. If a lottery is needed, it will take place on March 19th in the library at the Whitman Hanson Regional High School. Only parents who have made a deposit and completed the registration packet by March 12, 2021 will be eligible for the lottery. Each school (Conley, Duval, Indian Head) fills the available slots with students who are registered in their home school in the lottery process. If no lottery is needed, the open spots are filled on a first-come-first served basis. Parents who are willing to drive their child may attend another full day kindergarten program in the district if a spot is open in another school.

I want my child to attend one of the half day sessions. How does the process work? Families who want their child to attend one of the half day sessions indicate that on their registration form. Each child will be put in a session based on their home address. There are two sessions for half day Kindergarten, one morning session and one afternoon session. Each session is two and a half hours. Start and end times will depend on what school your child attends. Students will not eat lunch at school, but will have a snack time.

When do I find out if my child is in the morning or afternoon session for Half-Day Kindergarten?

We know that parents need to decide for childcare and work, so WHRSD typically informs families by the first week in August.

Can I change the session my child is in?

Changing a session is a decision made by the Building principal on a case by case situation and in conjunction with the Transportation Department. Factors that affect this decision include the number of students in each session. If the principal approves the change, parents would be

responsible for transportation on the midday bus route. For example, if a parent changes from morning to afternoon, the parent would be responsible for getting the child to school as that would mean a different bus run. The student is eligible for a bus on the ride home as buses are already on that route. For a switch from afternoon to morning, parents would be responsible for the pick up at school.

For other information, please contact your child's school:

Louise A. Conley Elementary School	781-618-7050
John H. Duval Elementary School	781-618-7055
Indian Head Elementary School	781-618-7065