Kindergarten Registration FAQ’s 2020-2021

How do I know if my child is eligible for kindergarten?

If your child turns 5 on or before September 1, 2020 he/she is age eligible to attend kindergarten.

When can I begin to register my child for kindergarten?

You will receive a pre-enrollment letter and form in January 2020. You will need to complete the pre-enrollment form and send it back to the school district by February 1, 2020.

Why did I not receive a pre-enrollment letter and pre-enrollment form in January?

The district uses its census information to determine households with children who are age eligible for kindergarten. If you did not receive a pre-enrollment letter and pre-enrollment form, the district did not have your census information. Call Mrs. Deb Yinger, Student Accounting Secretary, at 464-3311 Ext. 1027 to receive the forms or visit Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment.

What is Kindergarten Round-Up?

Kindergarten Round-Up is a day for you to bring all registration documents to Lampeter Elementary and officially register your child for kindergarten. Specific details are included in your pre-enrollment letter. It is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020.

What is the purpose of the Kindergarten Parent meeting on Thursday, March 19th?

This meeting is for all parents of children entering kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year. At this meeting you will receive your child’s small group appointment time, learn about the appointment’s purpose and procedures, and learn more about the kindergarten program.

What is a Small Group Appointment time?

After your child is officially registered for kindergarten, he/she will be scheduled for a small group appointment time. Small Group appointments are scheduled for the weeks of April 13th and April 20th. Your child will be scheduled for one appointment during one of those days. You will receive your child’s appointment time at the Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Thursday, March 19th. *All appointment times are during the school day.

Small Group Appointment times are intended to provide your child with a simulated kindergarten experience and is the time when we as district staff can gather information about your child both academically and socially/emotionally.

Parent meetings are also held during your child’s small group appointment time. District staff will share more specific information concerning kindergarten expectations and to answer any questions that you may have in a small group setting. The SACC Director and the School Nurse will be available during this time as well.

What should my child know before coming to kindergarten?

The Keys to Kindergarten brochure and accompanying checklist detail all skills needed to experience success in kindergarten. Documents can be found at Keys to Kindergarten. The kindergarten curriculum is rigorous with high expectations of performance. It demands that children come to school with strong focusing and attention skills, an ability to work both independently and cooperatively, and a strong motivation to learn in addition to all of the prerequisite academic skills. A child with all of the aforementioned skills has a greater chance of success in kindergarten than a child with only a few of those readiness skills developed.
I am not sure my child is ready for kindergarten and is chronologically young. Is there someone in the district with whom I can speak?

We want all children to be successful in kindergarten. Established readiness skills are essential for kindergarten success. If you have questions or concerns about your child’s readiness, talk with your child’s preschool teacher and/or contact Mrs. Heidi Paulinellie, School Counselor, at heidi_paulinellie@l-spioneers.org or 464-3311.

What do I do if I am going to send my child to a private school or homeschool?

Call Mrs. Deb Yinger, Student Accounting Secretary, at 464-3311 Ext. 1027. The district needs to account for all children who will be age eligible for kindergarten in 2018-2019.

What kinds of events happen in the summer to help my child transition into kindergarten?

In the few weeks prior to the first day of school a Kindergarten Playground Night is held and a Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek night is held. Both are evening activities and dates for 2019 are TBA.

Does Lampeter-Strasburg offer any type of programs for my younger children who are not yet age eligible for kindergarten?

Little Sprouts Book Deliveries—book delivery program for families with children from birth through eighteen months.

Plant the Seed of Learning sessions are for children ages birth through two and their parents.

Grow the Seed of Learning sessions are for children ages two through four and their parents.

Preschool Story Hour is offered to all families and their children the year PRIOR to kindergarten.

Preschool Morning Out events are held Saturday mornings and are for all families of children ages two through kindergarten age.

For more information visit Lampeter-Strasburg Early Childhood.