



# EES KINDERGARTEN FAQ



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

**I have a language barrier and need help with registration because English is a second language for me. Is there someone that can assist me with registration?**

Yes, we can assist. Please contact the school at the following numbers for an interpreter: Arnett: 859-994-0001, Howell: 859-888-1361, Lindeman: 859-251-3475, Miles: 859-712-8483

**Is the Kindergarten day a full day?** Yes, full day kindergarten is part of the regular programming offered through the Erlanger-Elsmere school district. The Kindergarten school day is 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**What is Kindergarten Readiness? What if my child is not ready?** The State of Kentucky school readiness means that each child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote the child's success and ability to be Ready to Grow, Ready to Learn & Ready to Succeed. Your child will start Kindergarten regardless of readiness, as long as they are 5 by August 1st. Some examples of readiness are: Counts up to 30; knows full name; plays and shares with others; runs, jumps and does other physical activities; receives immunizations. For a detailed list, visit [www.erlanger.kyschools.us/4/content2/30](http://www.erlanger.kyschools.us/4/content2/30)

**When can I find out which teacher my child will have?** All Class lists will be posted just before school starts in August--they are often accessible near the front door entrance of the school or inside the school's main lobby.

**When and where should I drop my child off for school?** You may drop your child off in the school's driveway 7:30-8:00. Kindergarten students meet and line up in the school cafeteria before school. Supervision is provided in the cafeteria every morning.

**What is the end of school day pick up procedures or walking home procedures?**

EES schools is a "walking school district," which means we do not have bus service for school children. Only for specific qualifying circumstances will bus services be provided for a child. Each school has their own pick up procedure which will be explained early in the year. School ends at 3:00 p.m. for all grades, Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. You may either wait in the car line for driveway pick up or park your car in a parking spot (not in the pick-up line) and walk to pick up your child. Please wait outside for your child. If your child is not being picked up, then the child will walk home at 3:00 unless they are participating in an after-school program or eating a no cost meal after school served from 3:00-3:25. Kindergarten students may not walk home alone.

**What is the procedure for snacks and lunch?** A 'no cost' breakfast is served in the cafeteria every morning between 7:30-8:00 a.m. Kindergarten lunchtime is 30 minutes long and occurs sometime between 11:00-12:30 (varies by school). All children eat at no cost in the Erlanger-Elsmere school district, though we ask all families to complete a very important Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) form so that our district may continue to offer this service to all students (we will explain the CEP form at registration). Additional information about meals at no cost can be found on our website under the CEP food program @ [www.erlanger.kyschools.us](http://www.erlanger.kyschools.us)

**I have lost my housing and am staying temporarily with friends, relatives, in a hotel or at a shelter. How does this affect my child's enrollment?** School stability is important and under the McKinney Vento Act, your family may qualify for additional school assistance. Please contact our Families in Transition Coordinator to receive information on your child's educational rights and possible accommodations.

<https://www.erlanger.kyschools.us/olc/294>

Arnett and Howell- Shelley Werner 859-342-2427

Lindeman and Miles- Jenni Nichols 859-7272231

**Does the school have a conduct/policy code?** *Yes, we have a District-Wide Behavior Expectation. Very simply: Be safe. Be respectful. Be responsible. For a detailed explanation, please refer to our district behavior and discipline policy online @ [www.erlanger.kyschools.us](http://www.erlanger.kyschools.us) under links for parents.*

**What happens if my child gets sick or hurt?** *We have a School Nurse or Health Clinic in our district five days/week. Your child may be evaluated and treated immediately. You will be contacted if the injury is severe, or if your child needs to go home due to illness.*

**I work. Do you have after school care for Kindergarteners?** *The district school day is over at 3:00. YMCA is our after school enrichment program. The hours are from dismissal to 6:00 pm. The program is designed to complement the school day and includes a nutritious hot meal, access to tutors and mentors, homework help, enrichment programs and structured recreation. You may obtain an application for the YMCA program in the school front office. You must check after school program availability at your school.*

**I would love to help out around school and in my child's class. How do I go about volunteering?** *We love our parent/caregiver volunteers. All of our classrooms welcome your time, treasure or talent as a volunteer, and there are many ways that both working and stay at home parents can be involved. Please speak with your child's teacher to find out how you can help in his or her classroom. There are many other ways to get involved with our special events and programs that happen throughout the year. All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the office and obtain a badge. Parent volunteers must also complete a background check form that can be obtained in the school's front office. If you have any other questions, please visit your school's front office or call us at 859.727.2009.*

## HELPFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS...THINGS I WISH I KNEW BEFORE STARTING KINDERGARTEN

➤ EES Website for additional resources and school calendar of events:

[www.erlanger.kyschools.us/4/home](http://www.erlanger.kyschools.us/4/home) ➤

**Resources for Early Learning: Ideas for interaction with your child such as building, water play, music, plants and more!** <http://resourcesforearlylearning.org/parents/> ➤

**DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES** How your child plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age. Click on the link below to explore developmental milestones from 2 months to 5 years. <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>

➤ **Resources for Early Learning: Let's Learn Ky!** <https://letslearnky.org/>

