



EES KINDERGARTEN FAQ



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

- 1. If I cannot come to Kindergarten registration on March 11 or 12 from 9:00-11:00 or 1:00-2:30, can I still register my child?** *Yes, we encourage you to register as close to March 11 and 12 as you are able. You may call the school and make an appointment that is convenient for you. Registering now allows your child to sign-up for a "free" Summer Kindergarten Camp that helps the child and family transition from home or preschool to their new elementary school environment and practice some Kindergarten Readiness skills.*
- 2. 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 Emely Gomez (859) 342-2427 or email emely.gomez@erlanger.kyschools.us.*
- 3. When is the first day of Kindergarten for 2019-20 school year?** *The first day of Kindergarten is Wednesday, August 19, 2020.*
- 4. 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.*
- 5. 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. **During Kindergarten registration you will have an opportunity to sign your child up for a summer Kindergarten camp called "Me and My School" that will help with this new transition into school.** 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 Kindergarten Readiness list, visit www.erlanger.kyschools.us/4/content2/30*
- 6. 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.*
- 7. When and where should I drop my child off for school?** *You may drop your child off in the school's driveway as early as 7:30 a.m., 30 minutes before school. Kindergarten students meet and line up in the school cafeteria before school. Supervision is provided in the cafeteria every morning.*

8. **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 – 12th 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.*
9. **What is the procedure for snacks and lunch?** *A 'no cost' breakfast is served in the cafeteria every morning before 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). There is also a meal served at no cost at the end of each school day beginning at 3:00 for those that wish to participate. There is no need to send money for meals unless a child is purchasing extra food in addition to the meal offered by the school. Additional information about meals at no cost can be found on our website under the CEP food program @ www.erlanger.kyschools.us*
10. **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 under links for parents.*
11. **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.*
12. **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.*
13. **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.*

14. **What if I cannot pass a background check but want to be involved with my child's school and school activities? Is there anything I can participate in?**

Yes, we encourage all parents/caregivers to be an active partner with the school/teacher and their child. Parent/caregivers are the first teacher a child has and your involvement is the foundation of success for your child. There are many programs offered to parents throughout the year as a way to participate, but not volunteer. You will be able to attend school activities and work with your child only, but not other children. If you have any questions about being involved, any of our Principals, administrators or teachers are happy to speak with you directly and answer your questions.

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

www.erlanger.kyschools.us/4/home

- **Milestones in Action: View video of developmental milestones by age.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-in-action.html>

- **Developmental Milestones Checklists**

Developmental milestones are stages in development that most children are able to reach at each age. These checklists will assist parents in recognizing typical development through active play, speech and interaction.

[Developmental Milestones at 3 years old \(English\)](#)

[Developmental Milestones at 3 years old \(Spanish\)](#)

[Developmental Milestones at 4 years old \(English\)](#)

[Developmental Milestones at 4 years old \(Spanish\)](#)

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

