

Kindergarten

Register March 1 to April 30



Bellingham
Public Schools
a collective commitment

Kindergarten open houses and tours begin in early May. See reverse side for dates and times of school open houses.

We offer a full-time kindergarten program at all elementary schools at no cost to district families. Students attend kindergarten on the regular elementary school schedule from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Early childhood education is a key strategy in the district's strategic plan *The Bellingham Promise*, stating "we invest in a strong early childhood program because of its powerful long-term return for our students and community." See back for more on our community's investment in early childhood education.

Children attending kindergarten in the Bellingham Public Schools will be engaged in instruction that is developmentally appropriate and focuses on the whole child. Our philosophy is that children should be actively involved in their own learning. Students become involved in their learning through interactions with people and hands-on experiences with materials, events and ideas. We believe that children enter kindergarten with a range of skills and abilities. Our program allows for personalization of instruction and for every child to learn and grow.

Families are encouraged to learn more about our kindergarten program by contacting their neighborhood school.



Registration begins Thursday, March 1. Children must be 5 years old before Sept. 1 to attend kindergarten.

For more about what to bring for registration, required immunizations and early entrance, see bellinghamschools.org/kindergarten or contact our schools.

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Our Community's Investment

Because the state does not fully fund full-time kindergarten, Bellingham Public Schools use local levy funds for this purpose. National research shows that early childhood education is one of the best investments a community can make. Providing full-time kindergarten can be viewed as a revenue source because it helps students achieve at or above standard early in their education. This lessens the need for expensive intervention and support programs later in their schooling and improves graduation rates.

Immunizations

Immunizations protect the health of your child and the health of others. State law requires children entering school must have certain immunizations. They include:

- Two doses of Varicella (Chickenpox) given on or after first birthday AND received at least 28 days apart OR blood test (titer) showing immunity to Varicella OR healthcare provider diagnosis. Parent-reported history of disease is NO longer acceptable.
- Five doses of DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis). The fifth dose must be administered on or after fourth birthday. Four doses are acceptable if fourth dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- Four doses of Polio. The fourth dose must be administered on or after fourth birthday. Three doses of Polio are acceptable, if third dose is given on or after fourth birthday, and a minimum interval of six months from previous dose.
- Two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) given on or after first birthday and received at least 28 days apart OR blood test (titer) showing immunity to Measles, Mumps, or Rubella is acceptable.
- Three doses of Hepatitis B, the third dose given on or after 24 weeks of age.

For the most updated information, please visit <http://bellingshamschools.org/immunizations>

Open House/Tour Schedule for Spring 2018

If you do not know which elementary school your child will attend, please visit our PDF map online at <http://bellingshamschools.org/attendanceareas>. If Internet access is not available, please call 676-6400.

Alderwood: (360) 676-6404
3400 Hollywood Ave.
Open House: 5 to 6:30 p.m. May 23

Geneva: (360) 676-6416
1401 Geneva St.
Open House: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. May 31

Roosevelt: (360) 676-6440
2900 Yew St.
Open House: 1 to 3 p.m. May 10, May 17

Birchwood: (360) 676-6466
3200 Pinewood Ave.
Open House: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. May 24

Happy Valley: (360) 676-6420
1041 24th St.
Open House: 1:15, 1:45, 2:15 p.m. May 17

Silver Beach: (360) 676-6443
4101 Academy St.
Open House: 1:30 to 3 p.m. May 17

Carl Cozier: (360) 676-6410
1330 Lincoln St.
Open House: 4 to 6 p.m. May 24

Lowell: (360) 676-6430
935 14th St.
Open House: 1:30 to 3 p.m. May 17

Sunnyland: (360) 676-6446
2800 James St.
Open House: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 24

Columbia: (360) 676-6413
2508 Utter St.
Open House: 1 to 3 p.m. May 17

Northern Heights: (360) 647-6820
4000 Magrath Rd.
Open House: 3 to 5 p.m. May 24

Wade King: (360) 647-6840
2155 Yew St. Road
Open House: 1:15 to 2:15,
2:15 to 3:15 and 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. May 24

Cordata: (360) 676-6461
4420 Aldrich Rd.
Open House: 1:45 to 4:15 p.m. May 10

Parkview: (360) 676-6433
3033 Coolidge Dr.
Open House: 1 to 1:50, 2 to 2:50 p.m. May 24

Family Partnership Program: (360) 676-6424
1409 18th Street
Open House: 10 a.m. to noon May 30