

EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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THE EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN TEAM

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EEK PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



- 1. OSPI and Bellevue Schools Policy for EEK**
- 2. Research Findings to Help You Make a Decision**
- 3. Application Process**
- 4. EEK Identification Process**
 - Screening Process**
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STATE AND LOCAL GUIDANCE FOR FOR EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN APPLICANTS

- **OSPI/State of Washington Entrance to Kindergarten Policy:**

- WA State cut-off for entering K is age 5 by August 31st



- **Bellevue School District Policy for Early Entrance to Kindergarten :**

- Procedure 3110.1P

- **EEK Application is available for children 4 years old, who will be 5 between Sept 1st - Oct 31st , 2022**

- Prior to Application Process, families must show proof of residency in BSD to apply for EEK

RESEARCH FINDINGS TO HELP YOU MAKE A DECISION:



“Research shows the link between social and emotional skills and school success is so strong, it is a greater predictor of children's’ academic performance in the (early years) than their familial background and their cognitive abilities.

Why is this link so strong?

Simply put, we know that **learning is a social process**. Children cannot learn when they are:

- struggling to follow directions
- get along with their peers
- control their emotions in a classroom setting.



KEY SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS IDENTIFIED FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS



Key Social and Emotional Skills

- Getting along with others (parents, teachers and peers)
- Following directions
- Identifying and regulating one's emotions and behavior
- Thinking of appropriate solutions to conflict
- Persisting on task
- Engaging in social conversation and cooperative play
- Correctly interpreting other's behavior and emotions
- Feeling good about oneself and others.



SOURCE: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/kindergarten_readiness_social_and_emotional_development

EEK IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

1. Application Process

- ❖ Application via Microsoft FORMS (Link will be on the EEK Web Page from March 1 through April 1)
- ❖ Personal check or money order for \$75.00 written to Bellevue School District
- ❖ Establish Residency (*Information will be on the Application Link*)
- ❖ *NOTE: If you have other children in BSD, you have already established residency*

2. Screening Process

- ❖ Once the application process is complete, Social Skills Screening Inventory will be emailed to your child's pre-school teacher.
- ❖ Social Skills Screening Inventory must be complete by April 18.
- ❖ Performance of student's social development must be in the 84%tile, for their age.
- ❖ Parent communication on further assessment will be made by late April.

3. Further Assessment

- ❖ Further assessment fee is \$300.
- ❖ A birth certificate will need to be presented.
- ❖ Testing will take place end of May to mid-June 2022.
- ❖ Results emailed week of June 27.

FURTHER ASSESSMENTS

Communication Skill

Expressive Communication

Receptive Communication

Motor Skill

Fine Motor Skill

Perceptive Motor Skills

Two out of four assessment must be 84% +

Cognitive Skill

Attention & Memory

Reasoning & Academic

Perception & Concepts

Two of three assessment must be 84%+

EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN BEGINNINGS....

MARCH 1, 2022 – April 1, 2022

1. Application and Parent Survey via Microsoft FORMS (This will be on the EEK Web Page on March 1 –April 1)
2. Personal check or money order for \$75.00 written to Bellevue School District (Can be dropped off at BSD Main office: 12111 NE 1st Street, Bellevue, 98005)
3. Establish Residency (NOTE: If your child has a sibling currently attending a BSD School, residency has already been established. You can skip this step 😊)

Once all these three items are complete, a Screening Inventory will be sent to Pre-School Teacher.



Early Entrance to Kindergarten TimeLine

March 1, 2022	Early Entrance Kindergarten (EEK) Application begins
April 1, 2022 (midnight)	Early Entrance Kindergarten (EEK) Application closes
April 18, 2022	SEL Teacher Inventory Due
April 22, 2022	Parent letters will be emailed both to those who meet the SEL Benchmarks and will require further testing AND to those who did not meet the SEL Benchmarks
Early May -Mid June	Further testing times will be scheduled for those that meet the SEL Benchmarks
Week of June 27, 2022	Letters will be emailed to parents of those students who meet the EEK Communication Skill, Motor Skill and Cognitive Skill criteria benchmarks AND to those who did not meet the criteria.

TIMELINE OVERVIEW



QUESTIONS?

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