



Worthington Schools 2024-2025 Enrollment Timeline

Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Phase I - Kindergarten enrollment opens for both All-Day Kindergarten Lottery Enrollments and Half-Day Kindergarten enrollments.
Friday, November 3, 2023	Kindergarten phone appointments begin
Friday, November 17, 2023	Local Level Payment Portal Opens for All-Day Kindergarten payments.
Monday, February 5, 2024	Middle and high school enrollment opens for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
Friday, February 23, 2024	Final day to enroll for the All-Day Kindergarten Lottery for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Local Level payment portal closes at 11:59 pm.
Friday, March 1, 2024	Schools needing a lottery for ADK will be announced on the Worthington Schools website.
Monday, March 4, 2024	Grades 1 - 5 enrollment opens for the 2024 - 2025 school year
Thursday, March 7, 2024	All-Day Kindergarten Lottery starting at 9:00 AM only for elementary schools requiring a lottery.
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Lottery results, waitlist and enrollment options will be emailed to families.
Monday, March 18, 2024	Phase II Kindergarten enrollment and payment portal reopens for those parents still needing to enroll their kindergarten children. Any All-Day Kindergarten spots are open to any parent who does all three things below. This process is now first come, first served according to your child's homeschool. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Completes the ADK enrollment online and has supplied all required documentation2) Has also completed the ADK appointment with a Welcome Center staff member3) Made the Local Level payment



KINDERGARTEN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) 2024-2025



1. **HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE TO START KINDERGARTEN?**

Your child must be 5 years old by September 30 to enroll in Kindergarten.

2. **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HALF-DAY AND THE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN (ADK) PROGRAMS? ARE BOTH OPTIONS AVAILABLE?**

The curriculum is the same for both the Half-Day and the All-Day Kindergarten Programs. The extra time All-Day Kindergarten students spend at school is devoted to activities half-day students engage in at home or elsewhere. e.g., eating lunch, taking breaks, having recess, and reinforcing learning.

A choice between All-Day Kindergarten and Half-Day Kindergarten is available to parents in Worthington Schools. There is a tuition fee for All-Day Kindergarten.

Administrators will use enrollment numbers to determine Half-Day and All-Day Kindergarten sections in each building.

3. **DESCRIBE THE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY PROCESS?**

First, the parent/guardian completes an online registration (OLR) for their incoming kindergarten student. [CLICK TO COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATION \(OLR\)](#)

Second, the parent/guardian will receive an email link to schedule a phone appointment with a member of the Welcome Center to complete their child's enrollment. The Welcome Center will call parents at their scheduled phone appointment time to complete the registration process.

AFTER the successful completion of the phone appointment, the parent/guardian will receive an email with a link to sign up for the All-Day Kindergarten Lottery/Program and to make the first month's tuition payment once the payment portal opens.

IMPORTANT: It is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to complete the All-Day Kindergarten sign-up and payment.

The enrollment period to be eligible for the All-Day Kindergarten Lottery is:
November 1, 2023 - February 23, 2024. All children signed up during that period will be in the **same** selection pool by home school, for the All-Day Kindergarten Lottery. See ADK Timeline on the Welcome Center website for details.

“Post-Lottery” All-Day Kindergarten seats fill on a first come, first served basis according to when the parent/guardian pays the tuition and completes the All-Day Kindergarten sign-up. (Sign-ups are time stamped and dated upon submission so there’s no confusion.) All-Day Kindergarten seats fill quickly. Completing enrollment earlier in the spring versus later in the summer is to your advantage.

4. WHEN IS AN ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY NECESSARY?

If there are more All-Day Kindergarten applicants than available seats at an elementary school, then a lottery will be necessary. If there are more seats available than applicants at a given elementary school, then a lottery will not be necessary.

5. WHAT IS THE COST OF THE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM? IS THERE A PLAN FOR FAMILIES WHO CANNOT AFFORD THE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM?

Parent/guardian is charged a monthly tuition fee. (9 total payments; September-May) in addition to the standard school fee that is paid by all Kindergarten families.

If you believe your child may qualify for free or reduced tuition under the Federal Lunch Program, please share that during your Welcome Center enrollment phone appointment and **prior to** signing up for the All-Day Kindergarten Lottery/Program.

6. ARE REFUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS?

Refunds will be processed **after** the All-Day Kindergarten Lottery if:

Your child enrolls in a private Kindergarten (withdraws from the ADK Program).

Your family moves out of the Worthington School District (withdraws from the ADK Program).

Your child accepts a Half-Day Kindergarten slot.

Refunds for children on the All-Day Kindergarten waitlist will be processed at the end of the first week of school. Refunds will be issued on a prorated basis once the school year is underway.

7. DO OPEN ENROLLED STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME SCHOOLS?

If there is space available. **Open enrollment is a choice, and there is no guarantee that your child will be able to return to their home school for 1st grade.**

8. IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS?

Transportation will be provided to kindergarten students (both half-day and all-day) who live on established school bus routes and who are not open enrolled.

9. ARE LUNCHES AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS?

All-Day Kindergarten students are able to purchase lunch at school or may bring a packed lunch. Lunch is not necessary for Half-day Kindergarten students.

10. IS THE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY PROCESS DIFFERENT FOR MULTIPLES?

If a lottery is necessary at your home school, then the parent/guardian of multiples will be contacted. If the parent/guardian would like siblings kept together, then the siblings will be on one placement card for the All-Day Kindergarten Lottery. In that scenario, each sibling will receive a seat in the All-Day Kindergarten Program if their card is drawn. If parents would like sibling in separate classrooms, this should be discussed during the phone appointment.

11. WHAT IS A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN CLASS SIZE?

Class sizes are typically between 24-26 students.

12. HOW ARE MORNING/AFTERNOON (AM/PM) HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN PLACEMENTS DETERMINED?

Morning/afternoon (AM/PM) placements are made at the elementary school.

Bluffsview, Brookside, Evening Street, Granby, Wilson Hill, and Worthington Hills have AM ONLY.

Colonial Hills, Worthington Estates and Worthington Park have PM ONLY.

Liberty and Slate Hill have AM and PM.

For more Kindergarten Resources go to the

[Welcome Center Website](#)

OR

Feel free to contact your elementary school directly if you have remaining questions.



Note from the Nurse:

Welcome to Worthington schools. As part of the enrollment process, please provide a legible, updated copy of the immunization record for each child including the name of the vaccine, the month, date and year each vaccine was given. The record must have the child's name on it.

If you do not have an immunization record or if your record is incomplete with the State of Ohio Immunization School requirements, your student will need to begin the immunization process to meet those requirements. Please bring your immunization record to the Columbus Health Department or Franklin County Health Department for a record review and to receive any needed immunizations. See below for information. You have 14 days from the enrollment date to provide the required immunization documentation to your child's school, or to start the immunization process if that is required.

If you are moving to Worthington from out of the country, please check to see if a TB (tuberculosis) test is required prior to starting school. Please bring your immunization record with you when you go for a TB test for a more efficient use of your time and to avoid any delays beginning school.

Columbus Public Health offers walk-in, no appointment necessary, vaccine clinics. Plan to arrive early as this is a first come first serve clinic opportunity and they may close the line early once their supply demand is met. The address is 240 Parsons Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Mon 8am-4:15pm

Tue 10am-6:15pm

Wed 8am-12:00pm

Thur/Fri 8am-4:15pm

Franklin County Public Health Department offers immunization clinics by appointment only on Wednesdays from 9am-2:pm, at 280 East Broad St Columbus Ohio 43235. Call 614-523-3719 to schedule an appointment.

See the following page for specific immunization requirements per age group.



WORTHINGTON SCHOOLS IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

State School Immunization Law, Sections 370.12, 3313.671 and 5104.011 (A) (5) of the Ohio Revised Code states that all students must have an Immunization Record on file within 14 days of entrance. If the student is not in compliance, she/he will be subject to exclusion from school until this compliance is met. Your son/daughter's record is due in the nurse's office by _____.

Required Immunizations for School Attendance – OHIO

Month/Day/Year

DTaP/DT Tdap/Td Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	<u>K-12</u> Four (4) or more doses of DTaP or DT, or any combination. If all four doses were given before the 4th birthday, a fifth (5th) dose is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is not required.	
	<u>Grades 1-12</u> Three doses of Td or a combination of Td and Tdap is the minimum acceptable for children ages 7 years and older with the first dose of being Tdap. Minimum spacing of four weeks between doses 1 & 2, and six months between doses 2 and 3.	
	<u>Grade 7</u> One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after the 10 th birthday	
	All students in grades 8-12 must have one documented Tdap dose	
POLIO	<u>K-12</u> Three (3) or more doses of IPV. The FINAL dose must be administered on or after the fourth (4 th) birthday regardless of the number of previous doses and there must be six months spacing between doses 2 & 3. If a combination of OPV and IPV was received, four (4) doses of either vaccine are required.	
MMR Measles Mumps Rubella	<u>K-12</u> Two (2) doses of MMR. Dose one (1) must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after dose one (1).	
HEP B Hepatitis B	<u>K-12</u> Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose), must not be administered before age 24 weeks.	
Varicella (Chickenpox)	<u>K-12</u> Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. Dose one (1) must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose one (1); however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.	
MCV4 Meningococcal	<u>Grades 7</u> One (1) dose of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered prior to seventh (7 th) grade entry. All student grades 8-11 must have one documented dose of MCV4.	
	<u>Grade 12</u> Two (2) doses of MCV4 by age 16 years, with a minimum interval of eight (8) weeks between doses. If the first dose was given on or after the 16 th birthday, only one (1) dose is required.	
TB Test	Students entering the district from a foreign country must provide evidence of a negative Mantoux TB test or chest x-ray report within the past 90 days prior to entering school	

I understand if the above immunizations are not in by the specified date, my child will be excluded on that day until the requirement is met.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Physician's Signature/Stamp