

Welcome

to the Olympia School District's

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN



March 6, 2021

Welcome & Agenda

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Today's Event

- A Day in the Life...
- Registration
- Resources



Children Learn What They Live

Poem by Dorothy Law Nolte

If children live with **encouragement**, they learn **confidence**.

If children live with **tolerance**, they learn **patience**.

If children live with **praise**, they learn **appreciation**.

If children live with **acceptance**, they learn **love**.

If children live with **approval**, they learn **to like themselves**.

If children live with **recognition**, they learn it is good **to have a goal**.

If children live with **sharing**, they learn **generosity**.

If children live with **honesty**, they learn **truthfulness**.

If children live with **fairness**, they learn **justice**.

If children live with **security**, they learn to **have faith in themselves** and those about them.

If children live with **friendliness**, they learn the **world is a nice place** in which to live.

Student Outcomes

Olympia School District Students Will:

- 1 Be compassionate and kind.
- 2 Have the academic and life skills to pursue their individual career, civic and educational goals.
- 3 Advocate for the social, physical and mental wellness of themselves and others and be hopeful about the future.
- 4 Have the skills, knowledge and courage to identify and confront personal, systemic and societal bias.
- 5 Discover their passions, be curious and love learning.
- 6 Be critical thinkers who contribute to and collaborate with our local, global and natural world.

What Kinders Experience

- Art
- Cooperation and Respect
- Focus on Literacy (Wonders) and Number Sense (Bridges Number Corner)
- Lunch / Story / Snack
- Recess
- Specialists (Library, Music, PE)
- Science / Social Studies / Centers
- Technology
- Social Emotional Skills
 - Olympia School District is intentional in their support of social emotional skill development.



First Day of School

- The first day of kindergarten will be **September 13, 2021**.
- **September 8, 9, and 10, 2021** will include conferences and time to meet with your teacher.



Sample Hybrid (in person) Bell Schedule Cohort A and B

8:30 - 9:00 AM:	Morning Meeting
9:00 - 9:45 AM:	Core Instruction
9:45 - 10:00 AM:	Recess
10:00 - 11:25 AM:	Core Instruction
11:25 - 11:55 AM:	Lunch
11:55 AM - 12:10 PM:	Recess
12:10 - 1:52 PM:	Core Instruction

Sample Distance Learning (Remote) Schedule

Time and Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 9:30 30 Min	Morning Meeting Synchronous	Morning Meeting Synchronous	Morning Meeting Synchronous	Morning Meeting Synchronous	Morning Meeting Synchronous
9:30 11:30 120 Min.	AM Instructional Block	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time
9:30 11:30 120 Min.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00 12:30 30 Min.	Social Skills	Synchronous and Asynchronous Social Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Social Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Social Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Social Time
12:30 2:00 90 Min.	PM Instructional Block	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time	Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning Time
2:00 3:05 66 Min.	Office Hours	Asynchronous Learning Time	Asynchronous Learning Time	Asynchronous Learning Time	Asynchronous Learning Time

Glossary of Terms

- **Synchronous:** Live session in Zoom (whole group, small group, individual) where teachers and students interact in a live way.
- **Asynchronous:** Independent work time for students. Watching pre-recorded content, working on classwork either digitally or paper pencil work.
- **Morning Meeting:** Whole group meeting for morning check-in. Content can include, but is not limited to: SEL learning, Weekly Second Step lesson, Number Corner, community-building activities, attendance taking, etc.
- **Attendance:** Prior to the morning meeting, students/families will log into the OSD Portal to complete the attendance check in.
- **Core Instruction Time:** (Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Second Steps) Small groups work in Zoom with classroom teachers, focused on one content area at a time. Core time is regularly scheduled and consistent for families, and may be a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning. Students are practicing new skills with teachers during core instruction time. Whole group instruction can happen, but all students must be present or have access.



Glossary of Terms, continued

- **Intervention/Enrichment Time:** Small group time. This is time for Special Education, LAP, EL, Intervention/Enrichment, etc., to pull small groups of students. Classroom teachers and support staff are also pulling a small group of students.
- **Specialist Time:** Music, PE, Art, Library. Classroom teachers are not required to attend. Sessions will be a combination of synchronous and asynchronous time. Teacher Librarians will begin the year developing a plan for book reservation and check-out before providing instruction.
- **Office Hours:** Time for teachers to connect one-on-one with students or families to support their educational journey. Priority given to those furthest from educational justice.
- **Flipped Classroom:** Students engage in new learning through pre-recorded videos prior to attending a live session with the teacher. During the live session, students spend time applying the skill they learned in an asynchronous setting.



Lunch

- Please visit our website to learn about more resources available to support your child's nutrition needs.
 - Free-and-reduced lunch
- Please reach out to your building's principal if you have additional nutrition needs for your child.
- The Olympia School District is committed to serving nutritious lunches. Included with hot lunch is an assortment of salad bar items and a milk choice.
 - Breakfast: \$1.80 Lunch: \$2.85 F/R: No Charge

[Click Here: Demonstration of Lunch Video](#)

[Click Here: Child Nutrition Services](#)





Crosswalks; Safe Walking & Biking Routes

[Click Here: OSD Transportation Video](#)



Visit OSD's Transportation website to learn bus safety, both on and off the bus.

[Click Here: OSD Transportation Webpage](#)

Student Drop-off and Pick-Up



Transportation Plan

- If you live more than one (1) mile from school, you can request bus transportation to your neighborhood school when you register your child. All other requests for transportation are reviewed on an individual basis.
- All kindergartners must be met at the bus stop by an authorized adult every day. We do not transport from childcare facilities outside of the Olympia School District, nor does enrollment in a childcare facility that has close proximity to a school ensure enrollment.

[Click Here: Transportation](#)

Safety, Security & Communications

- The Olympia School District's first priority is your student's safety. Every building has a Comprehensive Emergency Plan that covers earthquakes, fire, lockdowns, shelter-in-place, and more.
- The Olympia School District Communications and Community Relations Department takes the lead on communicating with district families and the broader community via the district website; school Web pages; SchoolMessenger automated phone call and email system; social media including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram; a community newsletter emailed monthly to families; and the news media.

[Click Here: Communications & Community Relations](#)

The McKinney-Vento Program

- This is a district-wide program designed to support students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act.
- We seek to:
 - Remove barriers to enrollment and access to educational opportunities
 - Maintain school stability
 - Offer resources and referrals
 - Support with paperwork

Please contact the McKinney-Vento office at 360-596-6313 with questions.

Olympia School District Education Foundation

- The Olympia School District Education Foundation (OSDEF) raises private funds to provide grants, programs, and services to our students and teachers in order to enrich educational opportunities and help remove income-related barriers to learning.

[Click Here: OSDEF](#)



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Tips for the Transition from Preschool to Kindergarten

- Consult with your child's preschool teacher about current skills and potential future needs.
- Register at your neighborhood school.
- Update your child's immunizations.
- Continue to read with your child, engage in imaginative play, point out environmental print and numbers.



Preparing for Kindergarten

- Engage in play that fosters cooperation and socialization.
- Continue to read; engage in imaginative play; look for printed letters and numbers in your community with your child.
- Consult with your child's daycare or preschool teacher about current skills and potential future needs.
- Visit your child's health care provider.
- **Before and After School Planning.**
- Think ahead about what your child will do both before and after school to coincide with your family's needs.
 - Y-Care before and after school
 - Boys and Girls Club
 - Area Childcare Facilities
 - Carpooling
 - OSD bus Transportation



Optional Programs

We have three (3) optional, multi-age elementary programs in the Olympia School District.

Upcoming Informational Enrollment Sessions

- **HAP:** March 16 and March 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM
- **Lincoln Options:** March 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM
- **ORLA Montessori:** March 11 and March 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Kindergarten Registration

Begins March 29, 2021

- **Registration Includes:**

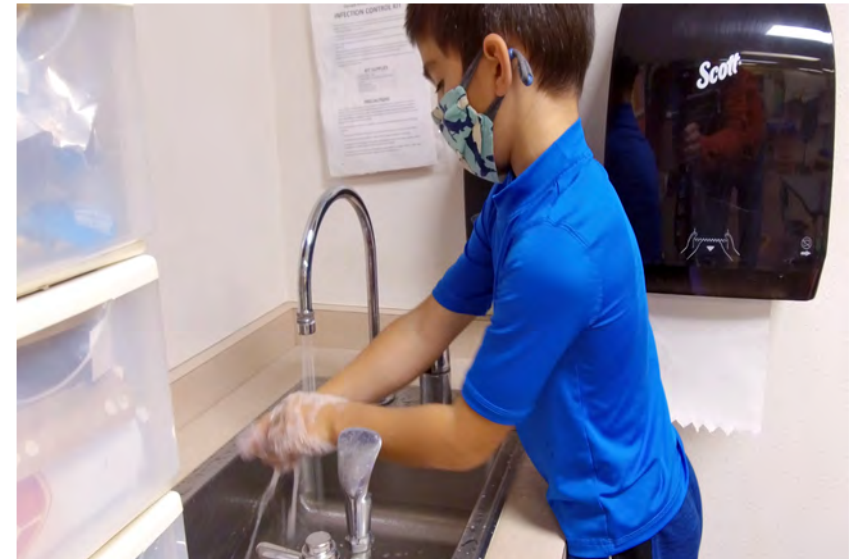
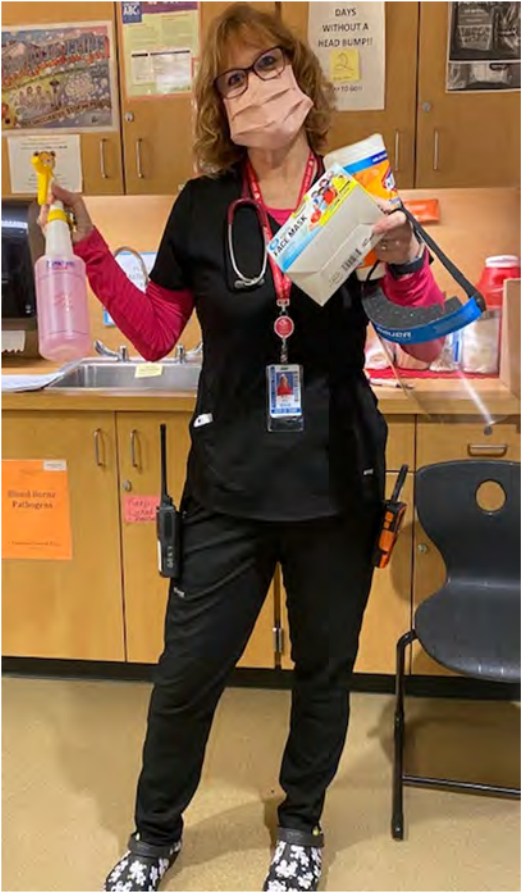
- Application for Enrollment
- Home Language Survey
- Student Housing Questionnaire
- Verification of Residency
- Student Health Information
- Immunization Status (CIS and COE)
- Transportation Information
- Kindergarten Transition Information

- **Family Provides:**

- Child's Birth Certificate
(State issued certificate for verification of meeting age requirements)
- Child must be five (5) years of age on or before August 31, 2021
- Immunization records and Health Information
- Proof of Residency (utility bill)

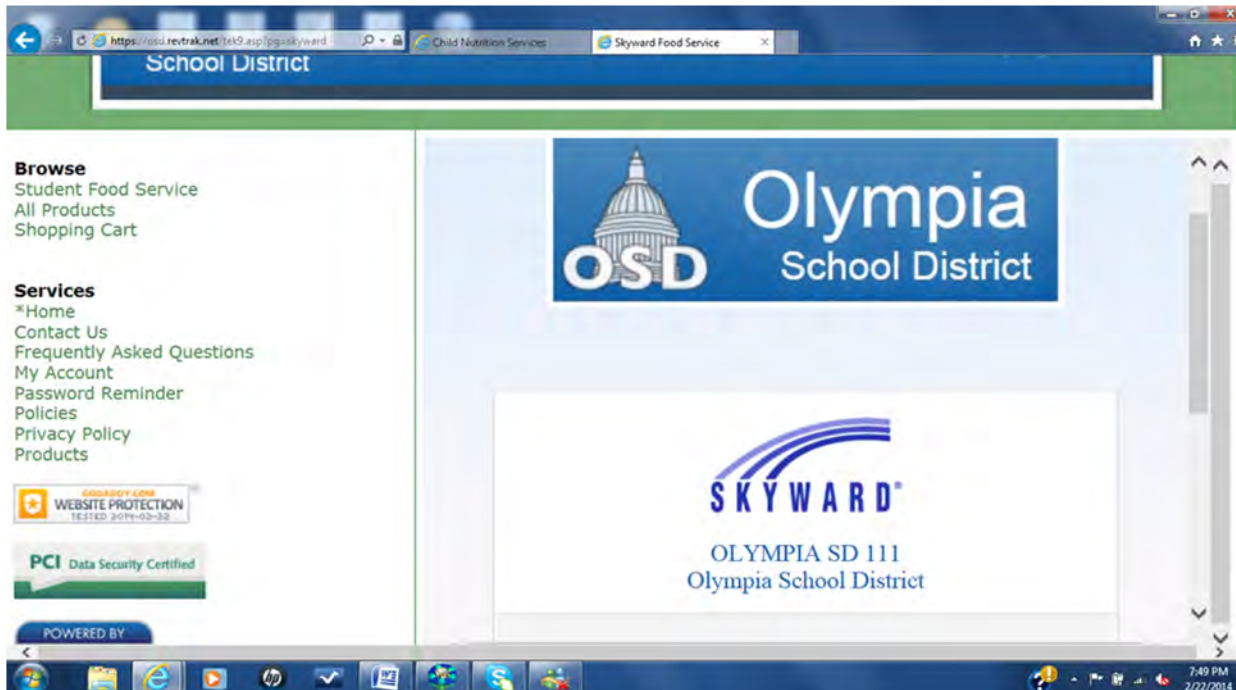
Student Health

Paperwork is required for immunizations, medications at school, emergency action plans for illness (life-threatening allergies, food allergies, asthma, seizures, etc.). Please check with the school nurse if you have any questions related to the Olympia School District Health Services.



Skyward Family Access

- <http://family.olympia.wa-k12.net>
- 24/7 access to your student's records and information



Dates to Remember

- Registration Begins: **March 29, 2021.**
- School Visit / Orientation: TBD in June, 2021.
- Pick-Up Student Chromebook: TBD in August, 2021.
- Conference Dates: **September 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2021.**
 - Individual conferences held to give teachers, families and students the chance to get to know one another.
- Class begins **September 13, 2021.**
- Updates for 2021-22 school year will be finalized this spring.



Thank You for Joining us today

If you have any questions please
contact dfuller@osd.wednet.edu



“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world”. — Harriet Tubman