

KINDERGARTEN

in Poudre School District | 2021-22



Register your student

Kindergarten online registration is available beginning **Jan. 8, 2021** at olr.psdschools.org

The designated kindergarten registration day is Jan. 14, 2021. Contact your neighborhood school **first** for updates and information.

Even if you opt to send your child to a school outside your local neighborhood through school choice, **you must still register your child at your neighborhood school.**

For more information on [registration](#) or [school choice](#), visit psdschools.org, using the "[Student Registration](#)" Quick Link.

Welcome to Kindergarten in PSD!

Kindergarten is an exciting and important first step in your child's educational journey in [Poudre School District](#). By motivating all students to learn, challenging them to excel, and supporting them along the way, we work with families to ensure they graduate prepared to succeed in our changing world.

PSD students are supported in many ways, including by collaborative teachers and staff, through a strong instructional framework, and in a safe and welcoming learning environment. Together, we foster the whole child and build on each other's strengths in a community of learners. Together, we are committed to student success. Together, we are PSD!

Free All-Day Kindergarten

PSD offers free all-day kindergarten. With the passage of House Bill 1262, Colorado started funding full-day kindergarten the 2019-20 school year.

Half-Day Kindergarten

Parents who are interested in discussing options for their child to attend a half-day program should contact their respective school principal.

School Lunches

Meals offered in PSD are balanced, nutritious, and tasty, exceeding all federal and USDA nutritional guidelines. Students may be eligible for free or reduced-price lunches if they receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or if the household income is within the eligibility limits set by the federal government. Contact the [Child Nutrition Department](#) at 970-490-3557 for more information.

Transportation

Transportation eligibility for students is based upon the distance between their home and neighborhood school. Elementary school students are eligible for transportation if they live more than one mile from the neighborhood school in their attendance area. Contact the [Transportation Department](#) at 970-490-3155 with questions.

- One-way transportation is provided for half-day kindergarten.
- Round trip transportation is provided for full-day programs.
- Transportation is not provided for school choice students.

Explore our schools

PSD has 37 elementary schools, including 29 neighborhood schools, four option schools, and four charter schools. The majority of PSD families choose to send their children to their neighborhood school, the school located within the attendance area in which they live. In addition to using a rigorous standards-based curriculum, neighborhood schools offer various instructional and enrichment programs designed to fit individual student needs.

PSD elementary schools will host virtual open house nights and orientation meetings for parents to learn more about individual schools. Please visit each school's website to find their orientation offerings.

Educate . . . Every Child. Every Day.

Kindergarten checklist

Determine Eligibility

Your child must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1 of the respective school year to register for kindergarten for the fall 2021 school year.

Locate Your Neighborhood School

Use the school locator tool on the PSD website found under "[School Locator](#)" to enter your address and locate your neighborhood school.

Learn about School Options

Detailed information on the wide variety of educational options available to your child can be found on the PSD website under the "[Student Registration](#)" QuickLink.

Instructional program options include Core Knowledge, International Baccalaureate, Expeditionary Learning and Bilingual/Dual Immersion. Some schools also feature programs such as Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM), Gifted & Talented, Arts & Technology and Leader in Me. Learn more about each of these programs on the [PSD website](#) or by visiting the schools website.

Attend Informational Meetings

Kindergarten information meetings, open houses and orientation nights are available on individual schools website.

Utilize these times to learn more about teachers and principals, ask questions, take virtual tours, and learn about the curriculum, enrichment and other programming available for your child.

Register Online

Kindergarten online registration is available beginning **Jan. 8, 2021** for all neighborhood schools. Register online at olr.psdschools.org or register in-person at your neighborhood school – hours vary by school; check online or call the school directly for a schedule. Even if you register online, the following documents must be received by your neighborhood school to complete the registration process.

- Verification of child's birth date (birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, military ID, original or certified copies acceptable).
- Immunization records or signed State of Colorado Exemption Certificate.
- Proof of residency (example: ID or utility bill).

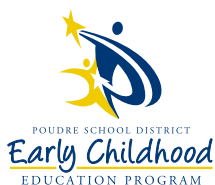
Paper student enrollment forms will be available through the [PSD website](#) or at school sites.

School Choice Options

To apply to attend a school other than your neighborhood school, you must complete the [online school choice application](#) on the PSD website. Deadline for first consideration for elementary and secondary schools is **noon (MST) on Jan. 15, 2021**. Once the application period closes, applications will be processed and you will be notified by email of your status. This process can take up to two weeks once the deadline has closed.

- If you are applying to send your child to another school through school choice, you should still register at your neighborhood school. This ensures your student is registered and accounted for should your school choice option not be available.
- Charter schools DO NOT follow the PSD school choice procedures. Contact the charter school directly for application procedures.

PSD preschool programs



Apply Today! Applications are available for the 2021-22 school year on our [website](#) or at the Fullana Learning Center.

Interested in Early Childhood programs? PSD's [Early Childhood Education \(ECE\)](#) program serves about 1,000 children, ranging ages 0 to 5, providing support and resources for families including:

- **Highly-qualified instructional staff including teachers, paraprofessionals, and family mentors.**
- **Social/emotional skills, literacy and language development**
- **Individualized academic plans.**
- **Your youngster will become an emotionally strong and capable, student, able to navigate social settings with ease by the time they go to kindergarten.**



Many factors other than income are considered for **tuition-free preschool**.

Do you have questions about the early development of your child? Call the Child Find Specialist at 970-490-3040.

The sooner you submit an application for a preschool program, the sooner you may find out that your child qualifies.

Early Childhood Education Program at the Fullana Learning Center

220 N. Grant Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521 | 970-490-3204 | psdschools.org/programs-services/childhood-education

See what makes our schools great!

All PSD neighborhood and option schools teach board-approved curriculum aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards.

Please visit each school's website to find out more about orientations and informational meetings.

● Half Day	▲ Before School Care	◆ Core Knowledge	✚ Expeditionary Learning	★ Early Childhood
■ Full Day	◇ After School Care	○ Dual Language	┃ International Baccalaureate	

	Elementary School	Principal	Offerings	Phone	Website
Neighborhood Schools	Bacon	Joe Horky	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-5300	bac.psdschools.org
	Bamford*	Alissa Poduska	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-8500	bam.psdschools.org
	Bauder	Stephen Boese	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-4150	bau.psdschools.org
	Beattie	David Patterson	● ■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-4225	bea.psdschools.org
	Bennett, an IB World School	Amy Smythe	■ ▲ ◇ ┃ ★	970-488-4750	ben.psdschools.org
	Bethke	Ann Alfonso	■ ▲ ◇ ◆	970-488-4300	bet.psdschools.org
	Cache La Poudre, an IB World School	Landus Boucher	■ ▲ ◇ ┃ ★	970-488-7600	cpe.psdschools.org
	Dunn, an IB World School	Abby Himlie	■ ▲ ◇ ┃	970-488-4825	dun.psdschools.org
	Eyestone	Kristin Broadbelt	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-8600	eye.psdschools.org
	Irish Bilingual	Lindsey Walton	■ ▲ ◇ ○ ★	970-488-6900	iri.psdschools.org
	Johnson	Georgianna Dawson	● ■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-5000	joh.psdschools.org
	Kruse	Kirk Samples	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-5625	kru.psdschools.org
	Laurel	Tommi Sue Cox	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-5925	lau.psdschools.org
	Linton	Kristin Stolte	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-5850	int.psdschools.org
	Livermore	Tom Schachet	■	970-488-6520	mtn.psdschools.org
	Lopez, A Leader in Me School	Traci Gile	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-8800	lop.psdschools.org
	McGraw, an IB World School	Amy Smith	■ ▲ ◇ ┃ ★	970-488-8335	mcg.psdschools.org
	O'Dea Core Knowledge	Laurie Corso	■ ▲ ◇ ◆	970-488-4450	ode.psdschools.org
	Olander School for Project-Based Learning	Mark Strasberg	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-8410	ola.psdschools.org
	Putnam	Steve Apodaca	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-7700	put.psdschools.org
	Red Feather Lakes	Tom Schachet	■	970-488-6550	mtn.psdschools.org
	Rice	Melissa Duvé	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-8700	ric.psdschools.org
	Riffenburgh, an IB World School	Melanie Mierzwa	■ ▲ ◇ ┃ ★	970-488-7935	rif.psdschools.org
	Shepardson STEM	Wayne Thornes	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-4525	she.psdschools.org
	Stove Prairie	Tom Schachet	■	970-488-6575	mtn.psdschools.org
	Tavelli	Christine Hendricks	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-6725	tav.psdschools.org
	Timnath	Jill Barela	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-6825	tim.psdschools.org
Werner	Hayden Camp	■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-488-5550	wer.psdschools.org	
Zach	Aisha Thomas	■ ▲ ◇ ◆	970-488-5100	zac.psdschools.org	
Option Schools (100% Choice)	Harris Bilingual Immersion School	Norma Huerta-Kelley	■ ▲ ◇ ○ ★	970-488-5200	har.psdschools.org
	Polaris Expeditionary Learning (K-12)	Joe Gawronski	■ ◇ ✚	970-488-8260	pol.psdschools.org
	Poudre School District Global Academy** (K-12)	Brad Avery	■	970-490-3086	pga.psdschools.org
Charter Schools	Traut Core Knowledge	Alissa Kendall	■ ▲ ◇ ◆ ★	970-488-7500	tra.psdschools.org
	Fort Collins Montessori	Paul Vincent	● ■ ▲ ◇ ★	970-631-8612	focomontessori.org
	Liberty Common School	Keith Churchill	● ■ ▲ ◇ ◆	970-482-9800	k6.libertycommon.org
	Mountain Sage Community School	Liv Helmericks	● ■	970-568-5456	mountainsage.org
	Ridgeview Classical Academy**	Derek Anderson	■ ◇ ◆	970-494-4620	ridgeviewclassical.com

* Bamford Elementary will not be accepting any School of Choice students for the first two years after opening in 2021 – they will be building enrollment with neighborhood students first.

** Non-traditional Kindergarten schedule. Contact school for details.



2407 LaPorte Avenue
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Kindergarten [online](#)
registration:
Jan. 14, 2021

Learn more about
PSD schools:
www.psdschools.org

Poudre School District

EIGHT
communities 
served throughout Northern Colorado



PSD students consistently
outperform statewide
peers on assessments

Earned numerous
state and **national**
awards and **recognitions** 



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- Hybrid/Online Options
- International Baccalaureate
- Leader in Me
- Project-Based Learning
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math (STEM and STEAM)

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Customer Support Center: 970-490-3333

Child Nutrition: 970-490-3557

Transportation: 970-490-3232

Finance: 970-490-3654

Elementary School Services: 970-490-3302

Please call your school directly with questions pertaining to registration, school choice, open houses, and moving to the area.