



Iowa City Community School District

Educational Services Center

Stephen F. Murley Superintendent of Schools

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TO: Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students

FROM: Amy Kortemeyer, Assistant Superintendent, Iowa City Community School District

RE: Optional Half-Day Kindergarten Parameters for 2019-20 School Year

The Iowa City Community School District allows parents to choose a half-day kindergarten program for his/her student. The conditions to which parents of students in the half-day kindergarten program are required to adhere are:

1. The half-day option is available only in the student's neighborhood school. Students who are approved for transfer to another school may not choose the half-day option.
2. Parents will be required to pick up their student when the morning session ends or bring their student when the afternoon session starts after lunch recess. The morning session ends when all students go to lunch and the afternoon session begins when they come back from lunch or lunch recess.
3. Parents who choose half-day kindergarten may change this preference **ONLY ONCE** during the year. (e.g. choose to enroll in half-day then switch to full-day or visa versa). Parents must contact the building principal of their kindergartener's school in order to request a change.
4. The curriculum offered will be a full-day curriculum. The curriculum will not be shifted to accommodate half-day requests. Teachers will not provide materials or activities that are provided in the other half of the day. Special events will not be changed to accommodate the half-day students.
5. Activities that happen during the part of the day that a student is not registered will not be adjusted. Parents may not opt into or out of a special activity that occurs when the student is not typically in school.
6. Transportation may be provided, per district guidelines, at the start of the full day or at the end of the full day. Mid-day transportation is the parent's responsibility. Parents choosing half-day kindergarten in the a.m. will be required to pick up their students in the morning when the all-day students go to lunch. Parents choosing half-day kindergarten in the p.m. will be required to drop off their students when the all-day students return from the lunch recess time.
7. To apply for the half-day kindergarten option, parents should complete the form, "Half-Day Kindergarten Request Form" found on the District's website.



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Half-Day Kindergarten Preference Form

TO: Kindergarten Parents

FROM: Iowa City Community School District

Only fill out this form if you prefer your child attend a **half-day** kindergarten program in his/her neighborhood school. Please return to your building principal's office.

Kindergarten Preference

_____ I prefer _____ attend morning kindergarten.
(Child's Name)

She/he will be picked up when the class goes to lunch. I understand that my child may not alternate between a.m. and p.m. kindergarten.

_____ I prefer _____ attend afternoon kindergarten.
(Child's Name)

She/he will be dropped off when the class comes back from lunch or lunch recess. I understand that my child may not alternate between a.m. and p.m. kindergarten.

By signing below, I agree to the conditions stated herein and in the attached district memo.

Parent's Signature

Date

NOTE: During the year, parents may change this preference **once** during the year and go from half-day to full day.

Change of Attendance Choice

_____ I prefer _____ change their attendance choice
(Child's Name)
and attend full day, every day kindergarten.

Parent's Signature

Date