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Kindergarten Education/Tuition**

The District provides education for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

In order to anticipate the number of students to enroll in the kindergarten classes for the upcoming year, the following procedure will be used:

1. The District's elementary schools will communicate kindergarten registration processes and timelines to parents, beginning in the fall of the preceding year, via school newsletters and local newspapers.
2. During the spring preceding entry into kindergarten, elementary schools will invite parents and kindergarten students to participate in kindergarten orientation. This orientation will include registration, the sharing of program information by the principal, and provide time for kindergarten students to visit the kindergarten classrooms and meet the teachers.

Schools have the option to allow parents to indicate preferences for a.m. or p.m. kindergarten if both are offered. All requests for class changes due to personal hardship will be reviewed and a final decision will be made by the principal.

The District may elect to offer supplemental kindergarten in District school(s).

“Supplemental kindergarten” means instructional hours provided at the kindergarten level that exceed the minimum number of instructional hours required for kindergarten by rule of the State Board of Education and that meet other standards and rules of the Board.

If the District elects to offer supplemental kindergarten, the District may charge tuition for such program, notwithstanding ORS 339.115(1), ORS 339.141 and ORS 339.155. Such tuition must be consistent with NCLB program regulations as applicable (e.g., supplement/not supplant and Title I program regulations – school wide vs. targeted assisted).

If the District elects to offer supplemental kindergarten, the District may not charge tuition for a student who is:

1. A member of a “low income family” as defined in ORS 339.147 (free/reduced lunch); or
2. A ward of a juvenile court or a ward of the Oregon Department of Human Services.

The District will waive or reduce, by an amount determined by the Superintendent, the tuition for a student eligible to enroll in a supplemental kindergarten program offered by the District upon a showing of severe hardship by the student's parent or guardian.

The definition of “severe hardship” is a family that is below the median family income for the applicable county or region under the income limits established by the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Income Limits Documentation System.¹

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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¹www.huduser.org/datasets/il/il2008_docsys.html