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Admissions and Attendance: Kindergarten

A. The Board of Education provides kindergarten classes free of charge for kindergarten children residing within the District.

Utah Code § 53G-7-203(2)(a) (2025)

- B. Notice of Registration Deadline
 - 1. The Board of Education shall establish the deadline of March 15 for priority kindergarten registration and shall communicate that deadline to the District community through multiple methods of communication, including email, posters, posting on the District or school websites, or other announcements. The information shall be provided in the languages prevalent in the District community.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-730-4(1), (4), (6) (August 7, 2024)

- C. Half-Day Kindergarten
 - 1. For the students of each parent who requests half-day kindergarten, the District will provide a full-curriculum half-day kindergarten option for students which meets the standards for half-day kindergarten established by the State Board of Education. The half-day option may be a half-day kindergarten class or participation by the student in a portion of a full-day kindergarten class. The full-curriculum for a half-day kindergarten student means all of the Utah State Board of Education approved standards for English language arts and mathematics together with inclusion of other content area standards to the fullest extent possible. A half-day kindergarten student who is enrolled in a class that includes full-day kindergarten students will receive instruction that at least meets the minimum standards for half-day kindergarten established by the State Board of Education.

<u>Utah Code § 53G-7-203(2)(b)(i), (vi) (2025)</u> <u>Utah Admin. Rules R277-730-2 (August 7, 2024)</u> Utah Admin. Rules R277-730-3(2), (3) (August 7, 2024)

2. When a parent requests kindergarten registration for a student, the parent shall be provided the option to register for a designated full-curriculum half-day kindergarten, including a description of the different kindergarten options available (including half-day and full-day options), a typical daily schedule for each option, and the additional

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educational resources or opportunities available to parents who select the half-day option. The parent shall be provided this information also be informed of this registration option through multiple methods of communication, including email, posters, in-person meetings, posting on the District or school websites, or other announcements. The information shall be provided in the languages prevalent in the District community. Parents shall also be informed regarding the additional educational resources and opportunities available to parents who select the half-day kindergarten option.

<u>Utah Code § 53G-7-203(2)(b)(ii), (v) (2025)</u> <u>Utah Admin. Rules R277-730-3(1) (August 7, 2024)</u> Utah Admin. Rules R277-730-4(2) – (6) (August 7, 2024)

3. When enrollment of half-day kindergarten students at an individual school or a regional school exceeds 18 students during the kindergarten priority registration period, a dedicated half-day kindergarten class shall be designated and the school shall be designated as a half-day kindergarten provider for the improvement of recruiting teachers that prefer half-day teaching.

<u>Utah Code § 53G-7-203(2)(b)(iii), (iv) (2025)</u> Utah Admin. Rules R277-730-3(4) (August 7, 2024)