



# Welcome to Kindergarten



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# What is the Allen Early Childhood PTA (AECPTA)?

Thanks to Carpe Diem and St. Mark's for being sponsors!



# We Are...

- Safe, supportive group for parents/caregivers/families with children 0-5 in Allen and surrounding area
- Not affiliated with any school in Allen ISD, private preschools or daycares

# What Do We Offer?

- Cooking Club
- Book Club
- Mom's Night Out
- Monthly Member Meetings with parent education speakers
- Little Tots (0-3) and older kid playgroups
- Field Trips
- Community Service
- Online Community
- Family holiday parties and events



**Book Club**



**Monthly Meetings with Guest Speakers**



**Fire Station Field Trip**



**Cooking Club**



**Train Museum Field Trip**

# How Can I Join?

- Go to [www.aecpta.com/how-to-join](http://www.aecpta.com/how-to-join)
- Dues are \$24 for the entire year (Aug-May)
- Dues go directly to the PTA and fund our events!
- Try us out first before financially committing?
- Join our meetup.com group for a 30 day trial

# Overview

- Kindergarten in Allen ISD
- Developmental Characteristics of Kindergarteners
- School Day Info.
- Academic Year Calendar
- Preparation for August
- Questions and Answers

# Kindergarten in Allen ISD

- First and foremost, Allen ISD teachers want to love and protect your children. Safety is our number one priority!
- In addition to providing age appropriate curriculum, our teachers are dedicated to nurturing and appreciating each student while fostering classroom connections.
- Teachers will focus on building relationships, classroom routines and procedures, and helping grow developmental characteristics at the beginning of the year. As the year progresses you will see an increase in challenging curriculum.



# Developmental Characteristics

- **Emotional:** needs to feel secure, separates easily from caregiver, becomes more self-aware, develops self-control, expresses needs and wants
- **Intellectual:** is often highly imaginative, wants to learn new skills, listens and speaks at appropriate times, learns best by doing
- **Physical:** has high energy but tires easily, develops longer attention span, has better gross than fine motor skills, cares for self and belongings, catches colds or other communicable illnesses easily
- **Social:** enjoys new experiences, seeks friends, shares and works with others

# Typical School Day

- Morning Announcements
- English/Language Arts (Word Work, Reading, and Writing)
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Specials (Art, Music, P.E.)
- Centers
- Lunch and Recess
- Pack Up and Reflection



# Additional School Day Information

- **Elementary School Day:** 7:45 AM - 2:55 PM
- **Snack:** Send a healthy snack in a container your child can open.
- **Lunch:** You can choose to send lunch with your child or have them buy lunch in the cafeteria. Menus are posted on the school and district websites. You will receive information via email before the start of the school year with instructions on how to load their account with money.
- **Car Riders/Walkers:** You will be given a card to hang from the mirror in your car or carry to show the staff when you pick your child up after school.

# Additional Information

- **Buses:** Click on the [Find My Bus](#) link to see if your place of residence qualifies for bus transportation. Bus routes will be updated prior to the first day of school.
- On the **FIRST** day, parents may walk students to the classroom. After the first day, students will enter the school on their own.
- **Visitor Procedures:** Before entering the school, you will need to ring the doorbell, show identification, and briefly explain the purpose of your visit.

# 2024-25 Academic Calendar

- First Day of School: August 7, 2024
- Fall Break: October 14-16, 2024
- Parent Conference: October 18, 2024
- Thanksgiving Break: November 25-29, 2024
- Winter Break: December 23-January 3, 2025
- Spring Break: March 17-21, 2025
- Last Day of School: May 23, 2025



# Volunteer Application



Complete a [volunteer application](#) on the district's website if you're interested in volunteering at school or chaperoning a field trip. This takes about two weeks to process. Applications will be accepted beginning July 1st.

# How Can I Help Prepare My Child For Kindergarten

- Have your child practice:
  - getting dressed
  - zipping and buttoning clothes/jackets
  - tying, buckling, or velcroing shoes
  - opening, packing, and closing a backpack
  - opening snack/lunch containers and water bottle
  - taking care of all restroom needs
- Starting a couple weeks before the first day of school, practice a morning and nighttime routine with your child.



# How Can I Help Prepare My Child For Kindergarten cont.

- Have your child practice:
  - recognizing and writing their first name
  - recognizing and naming some letters of the alphabet
  - counting and recognizing some numbers
  - identifying basic shapes and colors
  - following directions
  - beginning and ending tasks at the appropriate time
  - clearly communicating their wants and needs
  - cleaning up their workspace and putting materials away







“Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.”

*-Marilyn Jager Adams*

# Kindergarten Registration

Click on the “For Parents” tab on the district website. Then, click on “Enrollment K-12.” You can also click on the [Registration and Enrollment](#) link.

You can find the school zoned for your residence by clicking on [Find a School](#) tab under the “For Parents” tab.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Will my child get to meet his/her teacher before the first day of school?
- What is the class size per Kindergarten classroom?
- Will I be able to tour the classrooms prior to school starting?
- Can I request a specific teacher for my child?



# Frequently Asked Questions

What after school programs are available?

Parents can enroll their children in the Allen ISD Kids Club program on a first come, first served basis.

Schools offer various after school programs throughout the year through the Community Education Dept. Communication from each school will be sent to parents in the fall.

# Helpful Links

[2024-25 Academic Calendar](#)

[Registration and Enrollment](#)

[School Locator](#)

[Find My Bus](#)

[Gifted and Talented Services](#)

[Dual Language and ESL Programs](#)

[Kids Club After School Program](#)

[Safe and Secure Schools](#)

[Student Nutrition](#)

[Register to Be a Volunteer](#)

We're Excited To Meet Your Children!





**This presentation will be available on our Allen Early Childhood PTA website, [www.aecpta.com](http://www.aecpta.com). You can also access our website through the Allen ISD website, under the Parents tab.**