

Frequently asked Questions – Full Day Kindergarten Academy

What is the difference between the curriculum for the Full Day and the Half Day kindergarten programs?

- All students will receive the core curriculum in a Half Day program.
- Those students who attend the full day kindergarten program will engage in more in depth learning experiences of the core curriculum during the additional time.
- In the Full Day program, students will focus the second half of their day on the math and literacy Early Learning Standards for Kindergarten.

What is the difference between the Full Day kindergarten program and daycare?

- Academic curriculum is delivered by certified teachers in the Full Day program.

What is the length of the Full Day kindergarten program?

- Students are in school from 8:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m., consistent with the school day for grades 1-5.
- Students will remain in school for lunch. They may purchase lunch or bring their lunch.

If I do not select the Full Day program for my child, how will the first grade teachers handle teaching my child? How are you going to meet the needs of my child?

- There is great variability among children's experiences in kindergarten, first and second grade. We will address the needs of students in the same way that we address the various needs of students coming from different preschool experiences.

Will transportation be provided?

- For students who qualify for bussing services, district transportation will be provided.

Will students participating in Full Day kindergarten have the same classroom teacher for the full day?

- The students in the Full Day program will have the same teacher throughout the day.

Are the Half Day students with the full day kids for the entire time? If so, won't those transitions be a distraction and added stress for the kids and teachers?

- Yes, they will be together the entire time. When those students are preparing to leave at 10:35, the full day students will be preparing to go to lunch, thus making this a very natural transition for all involved.

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What is the tuition for the Full Day program?

- A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due in order to reserve your child's spot.
- \$225 will be billed monthly at the beginning of the month (Sept-May).

Is there a reduced rate for twins?

- Tuition is per child, and there is no reduced rate.

Since regular fees are waived for free/reduced lunch program, how will this impact the Full Day program?

- Fees will not be waived for those who qualify for free/reduced lunch. This is a voluntary program and the option of half day is still available.

Can students from outside the Liberty attendance zone attend the program?

- This program is intended for Liberty based students and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Is there a nap or relaxation time?

- Students will begin the year with a quiet relaxation time. As the year progresses and students mature students will function with reduced quiet time.

How do other districts offer a Full Day program without any additional cost?

- Other districts have higher taxes compared to District 300.