

# HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

### **1. Must my child attend kindergarten?**

On October 21, 2009 WI Act 41 was passed into law. It requires a child who is enrolled in 5-year-old kindergarten in a public or private school to regularly attend kindergarten during the school year. Beginning in the 2012–2013 school year, with certain exceptions, this new law also requires a child to complete 5-year-old kindergarten as a prerequisite to being admitted to first grade in a public school.

### **2. How do I enroll my child in kindergarten for the 2012–2013 school year?**

If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012, s/he is eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall. If your child is currently enrolled in a HASD 4K program they are automatically registered for HASD 5K. For those students **NOT** in the HASD 4K program, registration is scheduled from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Hortonville Elementary School and on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Greenville Elementary School. Parents may register at either location, regardless of which school their child may be attending. Parents should bring proof of residency, the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or passport with them to registration. Immunization records are also required before your child may begin kindergarten in the fall.

### **3. Which elementary school will my child attend?**

Three attendance zones have been created for kindergarten enrollments.

Zone #1: The first zone is the area that encompasses all district homes existing west of North Road. If the family residence is located in Zone 1 (the area west of North Road), the kindergarten age child will be enrolled at Hortonville Elementary School.

Zone #2: The second zone encompasses all the homes within a boundary which begins at the north of the district and follows North Road south to School Road, School Road east to Julius Road, Julius Road North to Hillview Road, Hillview Road east to Greenwood Road, and Greenwood Road back north to the edge of the district. If the family resides within the Zone 2 area, several scenarios will have an impact on determining the kindergarten classroom placement:

1. If there are no older siblings in attendance at either elementary, the child will attend Hortonville Elementary School
2. If there are older siblings in attendance at Hortonville Elementary School, the kindergarten student will also be enrolled at Hortonville Elementary School
3. If there are older siblings in attendance at Greenville Elementary School, the parent will have the option of either
  - a. Keeping the children together by enrolling the kindergarten student at Greenville Elementary School, or
  - b. Keeping the children together by enrolling the kindergarten student and the older siblings at Hortonville Elementary School.

Zone #3: The third zone encompasses the district area east of the second zone boundary beginning with Greenwood Road on the north edge of the district and North Road on the south edge of the district. If the family residence is in zone 3 (the area east of North Road but outside of Zone 2), the child will be enrolled at Greenville Elementary School.

Please refer to the [district map](#) for more details

### **4. North Road has traditionally served as the attendance boundary in determining if a student attended Greenville Elementary School or Hortonville Elementary School. Why was the Zone 2 attendance area created?**

This Zone establishes the potential for providing more balance to kindergarten class sizes across the district and establishes class sizes at the lowest possible student-to-teacher ratios. Although it takes in a slightly larger area, the new zone closely follows the current attendance boundary for the district's two middle schools.

**5. I live in the newly created Zone 2 which, in former years would have been solely the Greenville Elementary attendance area. If my child attends kindergarten at Hortonville Elementary School, where will my child attend in subsequent years AND what accommodations will be made for his/her attendance while at Hortonville Elementary School?**

To relieve some of the overcrowding at Greenville Elementary School our district schools have been working together, for several years already, to offer the Hortonville Elementary School option to parents residing within this attendance area. We currently have students from this area who are attending school at Hortonville Elementary. If the scenario exists where older siblings are in attendance at Hortonville Elementary School, kindergarten students will also remain at Hortonville Elementary School following the kindergarten year. All other students will return to Greenville Elementary School for first through fourth grade.

In developing bus routes, a commitment is being made to establish routes that will have kindergarten students riding buses for the shortest time possible.

In developing class lists, attention will be paid to placing students from the Zone 2 area within the same room(s) at Hortonville Elementary School. This is being done to foster friendships, develop a sense of community, and as a possible convenience for parents. Students who return to Greenville Elementary School for first grade will also be placed in classrooms as small groups of students (from the kindergarten classroom) so that they have a base of classmate familiarity within the new first grade classroom.

**6. Our family situation is unique. Can I request a school placement not outlined in the attendance zone guidelines?**

The attendance zone guidelines are very specific and do address most situations that could arise. If you feel there are unusual circumstances which require special consideration, please direct the question to the principal of your attendance zone school. The answers to these types of questions are reviewed on an individual basis and are largely dependent upon school enrollments and transportation.

**7. What should I know about kindergarten transportation?**

[Board Policy Number 9002](#) addresses Pupil Transportation. Students are eligible for transportation if their residence is within the school district boundary and they live two (2) or more miles from the school they attend. If they live less than two miles, transportation will also be supplied if they live within an area declared unusually hazardous for walking as determined by the Board of Education.

The policy also addresses babysitter and daycare questions. Since these arrangements may be a determining factor in establishing transportation for your child, the service must be on a continuous basis and not intermittent. For example, the service must be continuous Monday through Friday, not home one day, babysitter the next. The Policy in its entirety can be found on the district web site.

Please contact the transportation department as soon as possible with any changes in permanent child care as this may impact a child's placement regarding school attendance area. The transportation department can also be contacted for information on approved pick-up and drop-off sites.

Parents are notified of busing information; bus driver, bus number, pick-up and drop-off times, pick-up and drop-off locations, etc. in early August.

**8. What can I do to prepare my child for kindergarten?**

As a service to parents, a kindergarten screening session is scheduled at each elementary school in May. The screening will provide additional insight into a child's school readiness skills. The information can be used for parents to more effectively prepare their child for the kindergarten experience.

**9. Can I request a specific teacher for my child?**

A number of factors are considered to assure a quality classroom experience for our students. In developing class lists, the following criteria are used:

- Balancing readiness levels of students (indicated through parent, screening, and birth date information) so there is a rich variety of strengths in every classroom
- Equalizing class size
- Distributing the ratio of boys and girls
- Ensuring that students with known specialized needs have access through the scheduling process to appropriate resources
- Grouping students by attendance areas when appropriate.

As a result, special requests for classroom placement are usually not necessary.

If a parent does have an educational reason to support a specific classroom placement, their suggestion will be considered. The process for making a request is to submit a written statement containing the child's name, date, the desired teacher, academic and social rationale for the suggestion, and a parent/guardian signature. This should be submitted to the elementary office no later than April 29, 2012. Parental requests for special consideration will be processed in the order in which they are received with priority given to suggestions that have educational reasons supporting the placement. Please be assured that we will try our best to accommodate these requests but, also be reminded of all of the variables that must be considered in establishing class lists. Taking all of these factors into consideration, please understand that we are unable to guarantee that every request will be honored. All parents will be notified of their child's specific classroom placement during the August registration process.

**10. When will I be notified of my child's placement and who his/her teacher will be?**

Information of a more specific nature including transportation details and important dates are mailed to families throughout the summer. An all school registration is also scheduled before school begins in August. It is at this registration that school fees are paid, additional school information is distributed, records are updated, a variety of required forms are completed, and classroom placements are announced. Information regarding this all school registration will be mailed to families during the summer and will be posted in various locations when dates, times, and locations are finalized.

**11. Who should I contact with additional questions?**

If there are questions that have not been answered in this fact sheet, please feel free to contact either of the school offices:

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