

FWES Kindergarten Virtual Open House Questions and Answers from 6-18-2020

Reminder that there are additional [Kindergarten FAQs](#) available on our website from the 2019-20 school year. **Scroll down the bottom** of the page for the Kindergarten section. As soon as we can make updates for the 2020-21 school year, all documents will be updated.

Will there be staggered entry this year?

We will not know until the opening of school decisions are made.

Typically kindergarten students start the first week of school by attending only 1 day that week. With only 25% of our students and ALL of our teachers and instructional assistants each day, it is like our students' own orientation day. The day is set up like a typical kindergarten day with whole group activities and small group activities and one on one learning with the teacher- lunch and recess, too. During all of the activities, some initial assessment information is gathered so that classes can be created that are balanced and better structured to meet the needs of ALL learners. Staggered entry is typically M-Th; Thursday afternoon students are assigned to classrooms and then on Friday of that 1st week teacher assignment information is posted and- Kindergartners and families are invited to campus in the afternoon for their own Meet The Teacher event.

My kindergartener wants to know if the bathrooms are in the classroom, or if they leave class.

There are bathrooms in every Kinder classroom.

Is there time for snack?

Yes, there is time for students who bring a snack to eat it but it typically will be a time when other things are also happening in the classroom such as a read aloud or students reading books at their seats, etc. We do not like to stop learning to eat a snack and so we often call it a working snack. We ask that all snacks be healthy and that only water be consumed in the classroom.

Do you know anything about afterschool yet- if so, when/how do you sign up?

We have no information yet about next year as soon as it is available, we will let you know.

If there is staggered entry would that be the week or the 17th or the week before the 10th?

Staggered entry begins the first full week of the regular school year. So if there is staggered entry this year it would be the week of August 17th- M-Th and Friday, August 21st would be the Meet the Teacher event.

How many Kinder classrooms are there?

Currently we have 6 Kindergarten classes for 2020-2021

Are there assessment exams? quizzes?

Kindergartners are assessed by their teachers throughout the year, most often in small groups or one on one. These assessments let the teacher know what the child has mastered and where additional help or extension work is needed. Often they are hands on, based on a student's work (such as a writing piece) or the teacher listening to the child talk through the "why" to solving a math addition problem. This formative assessment model allows teachers to differentiate for each student's learning needs. There will be a formal reading and math benchmark given to the student three times a year (beginning, middle and end) that is typically given in that one on one or small group setting. The data, like other assessments, is used to identify student strengths and needs with the foundational reading and math concepts. Information from these benchmarking assessments will be shared with families throughout the year.

How many children will be in a class max?

NC State Class Size Law requires a ratio in kindergarten of 18 students to 1 teacher +3. So a kindergarten classroom max would be 21 students but are typically around 18-19 students.

Any PTA meetings, if so when?

[FWES PTA](#) is awesome. Check out the link to their website and reach out to join to get all the information you need to attend meetings and become involved to support our school!

If there is remote learning, can you describe a little what that was like for K class. Thank you

Remote learning in Spring 2020 for our kindergartners was done through the See Saw platform. Teacher posted "assignments" for student to complete and students uploaded their assignments. The assignments were as interactive as possible and included videos the teachers made about the learning and the directions for the assignment. Students often uploaded videos or photos of their work. We did find that even though our kinders had been using See Saw in the classroom all year, it required much adult supervision to complete assignments.

We are not sure what kinder remote learning would look like moving forward as our students have not had experience with the tools, as the students last year had had and the district is hoping to use a common platform for all K-5 students. More information to come....

Is Seesaw an app we can add now to my tech stuff now personally to use to prepare my student for fall?

It is a teacher based app and not really something a family could download to teach at this point. We will need to wait on the district choice for platform if remote learning is going to be an option.

Are we going to find out plan for remote learning or in school learning on July 1st?

At this time, the governor is scheduled to announce the re-opening of school guidelines for 2020-21 on July 1st. There is a document available from the Department of Health and Human Services that outlines three different opening scenarios. He will announce which of the three that districts will need to use for starting the 2020-21 school year. At that time, districts will then begin to outline procedures for schools and schools will work through their individual structures to prepare.

It is most likely going to take a couple of weeks before all specific information is available to families, but WCPSS and FWES will share information as soon as it is available.

[Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
[NC DPI Re-Opening of Schools Guidelines](#)