

Dow's Prairie School
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Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school has not yet been set, but we anticipate it will be on Monday, August 26, 2019. Dow's Prairie school begins at 8:00 am and dismisses at 2:05pm. We have early dismissal at 12:55pm on Mondays for teacher collaboration.

What are kindergarten screening days?

Kindergarten screening days will be held on August 14th and 15th. A letter with a date and appointment time will come home in early August. Appointments are 20 minutes in length. During this time your child will work with a teacher who will assess pre-academic skills, fine motor skills, and some social skills. While your child is being assessed, you will complete a parent questionnaire. Following screening, your child will be able to choose a book to take home.

When does my child need to have their required immunizations completed?

The required immunizations must be completed before the first day of school. The school district is required by the state to verify all immunizations are up to date.

When does my child need to have their physical examination completed?

The exam must be completed within the six month period before entering kindergarten. You will need to present a copy of the examination before the first day of school.

Is transportation provided?

Bus transportation is available for students to and from school daily. We have four bus routes throughout McKinleyville. Specific information about the routes can be obtained in mid August and will be available on the website or from the school office.

Is before or after school care available at the school?

Students can be dropped-off beginning at 7:30am at Dow's Prairie. MUSD offers AMcare beginning at 7:00 am at the middle school. There is a fee for AM care.

The Expanded Learning Program runs after school until 6:00pm. The program can have an enrollment of up to 84 students. There is no fee for the ELP.

Are breakfast and lunch served at school?

Breakfast and lunch are available daily. Information regarding free or reduced priced meals will be sent home in the first day packets. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:30am.

Is my child eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?

Transitional kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a planned two year kindergarten program. Students who turn five between September 2 and December 2 are eligible for TK. Children born after December 2 are outside the age range for TK. On a case by case basis, early entry students can be considered for enrollment.

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