

EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN: A Great Start for Your Child

AN EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY WITH A FOCUS ON ACADEMIC SUCCESS



What is Extended Day Kindergarten (EDK)?

Extended Day Kindergarten is a program that provides kindergarten students with additional instructional time in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Each elementary school will offer at least one EDK class with 15 students – *smaller in size than the school division's average kindergarten program.*

How is a student selected for EDK?

Every student enrolled in kindergarten is screened during the first two weeks of the school year to determine if the student would benefit from additional instruction in reading, writing and mathematics. The EDK program will begin no later than September 30. Parents will be notified if their child has been selected. However, if a student exits the EDK program during the school year, another eligible student will be selected as a participant.

How much more instructional time is offered through EDK?

Each EDK will offer a minimum of two hours and 20 minutes of reading, writing and mathematics instruction on a daily basis.

What type of instruction will be offered to students participating in EDK?

All EDK students will spend half of the day in their regular homeroom and half with the EDK teacher. By extending the kindergarten day, students will have additional classroom time to help them master the reading, writing and mathematics objectives taught in the regular kindergarten program.

EDK School Hours

Students participating in EDK will follow the same schedule as students enrolled in grades one-five in their school to include bus transportation to and from school. Elementary schools follow either an "A" schedule (8:10 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.) or "B" schedule (8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.). Students will eat lunch during the EDK portion of the day.





Small Group Instruction is Important for Academic Achievement

Small group instruction within the classroom is an essential part of the success for EDK. Teacher-led and teacher assistant-led groups of three to four students will target specific skills while the rest of the class works independently at meaningful mathematics, reading, writing and word study centers. Lessons will be flexible based on student need.

If my child is selected for EDK, how can I learn more about the program?

All parents of students selected to participate in EDK are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting at their child's school. Parents will receive notification of specific dates and times for this important opportunity to learn how EDK will help their child succeed in school.

Have a question about EDK?

Should you have a question about this wonderful learning opportunity, please contact your child's teacher. Parental involvement is important for student success. All parents are encouraged to take an active role in their child's education by maintaining an open line of communication with their teacher.

vbschools.com

your virtual link to Hampton Roads' largest school system

Virginia Beach City Public Schools
2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-0038

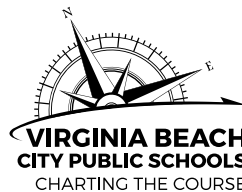
Produced by the Department of Media and Communications for the Department of School Leadership.
For further information, please call (757) 263-1088.

Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

Virginia Beach City Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation/gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, disability, marital status, age, genetic information or veteran status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. School Board policies and regulations (including, but not limited to, Policies 2-33, 4-4, 4-6, 4-43, 5-7, 5-19, 5-20, 5-44, 6-7, 7-48, 7-49, 7-57 and Regulations 4-4.1, 4-4.2, 4-6.1, 4-43.1, 5-44.1, 7-11.1, 7-17.1 and 7-57.1) provide equal access to courses, programs, counseling services, physical education and athletic, vocational education, instructional materials and extracurricular activities.

To seek resolution of grievances resulting from alleged discrimination or to report violations of these policies, please contact the Title VI/Title IX Coordinator/Director of Student Leadership at (757) 263-2020, 1413 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23451 (for student complaints) or the Section 504/ADA Coordinator/Chief Human Resources Officer at (757) 263-1133, 2512 George Mason Drive, Municipal Center, Building 6, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456 (for employees or other citizens). Concerns about the application of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should be addressed to the Section 504 Coordinator/Director of Student Support Services at (757) 263-1980, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456 or the Section 504 Coordinator at the student's school. For students who are eligible or suspected of being eligible for special education or related services under IDEA, please contact the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at (757) 263-2400, Laskin Road Annex, 1413 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23451.

Alternative formats of this publication which may include taped, Braille, or large print materials are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Call or write the Department of Student Leadership, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, 2512 George Mason Drive, P.O. Box 6038, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-0038. Telephone 263-1088 (voice); fax 263-1260; 263-1240 (TDD) or email cindy.mclendon@vbschools.com.



No part of this publication may be produced or shared in any form without giving specific credit to Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

September 2016