



Fee-for-service kindergarten in Portland Public Schools

All PPS K-5 and K-8 schools offer full-day kindergarten. The state of Oregon covers only the cost of half-day kindergarten. As a result, at this school the second half of the day is tuition-based and paid by parents. This is called fee-for-service kindergarten. Following is information about the fee-for-service kindergarten program.

Tuition for full-day, fee-for-service kindergarten is \$335 per month, September-May, or \$3,015 for the school year. Tuition covers the cost of teachers, supplies, scholarships and administrative fees, and is nonrefundable.

Payment plan options – The program offers a variety of payment plan options, including:

- Automatic withdrawal from your account or charge debit or credit card
- Payment by personal check or payment in full at the beginning of the school year
- Individualized payment plan, such as smaller payments over a longer period

Late payments – The district takes late payments seriously. Parents who are late with payments receive a reminder letter with a new deadline. If payment is not sent by the deadline, the parent must pick up his/her child at the half-day dismissal time. **To prevent this, we ask families to call the program manager to set up an individualized payment plan.** For transfer students, the half-day option may only be available at the neighborhood school.

Scholarships - Scholarships are available based on gross family income. Families qualifying for the free and reduced-price meals program *do not pay tuition*. Families whose income is 250% of the poverty rate (about \$4,656/month for a family of 4) or less receive a 50% discount. Scholarships are available to all eligible neighborhood and transfer families.

Contracts – Every family with a child in full-day kindergarten completes a fee-for-service contract. Families enrolled in the neighborhood school complete the contract at registration. Transfer families complete the contract after approval in the lottery. On the contract, families indicate their choice of payment plan or scholarship. For scholarship requests, PPS will contact you in July with instructions for completing a free and reduced-price meals form.

Half-day– Because of high demand for full-day kindergarten, most schools do not offer separate half-day classrooms. Instead, you may enroll in a free, half-day program and pick up your child at the half-day dismissal time. **This option may not be available at a transfer school.** Contact the school for details.

For more information about the fee-for-service program, go to www.pps.net, click “Departments” then “Kindergarten” or email nhauth@pps.net, or call 503-916-3230.

Reminder: Register for kindergarten as soon as possible, and no later than May 1 to ensure that you get invited to spring and summer events at the school!