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## Kindergarten Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. What do I need to do to finalize my Kindergartner's enrollment?

- Please provide one of these acceptable forms of proof of residency. You may attach in the online enrollment portal or email to [enrollment@usd266.com](mailto:enrollment@usd266.com).
  - Current water, gas, trash or electric bill OR if just moved and haven't received one of these:
  - Housing contract OR
  - Rental Agreement
- Foster parents must provide a placement agreement.
- Certified birth certificate
- Current immunization record.
- Completed health assessment (physical) form – can be found at [usd266.com](http://usd266.com)

### 2. When will I know what school my Kindergartner will attend?

- Elementary student placement is based on the number of students, class size, and siblings. Placement is determined by administration. If you have finalized your Kindergartner's online enrollment by May 15, 2020, a letter will be sent home with your Kindergarten student's building assignment by June 1.
- The district's boundary system does not impact elementary placement and only applies to secondary building placement. Only middle and high school students will be assigned to a designated school based on the address of their primary residence.

### 3. Will there be fees for Kindergarten?

- There is a district-wide yearly curriculum fee that is paid by every student in the district in the district. [Click here to see curriculum fees and food service prices for the current school year.](#) Curriculum fees for the next school year will be approved at the May Maize Board of Education meeting. This fee covers items including textbooks, workbooks, consumable materials, etc. The yearly curriculum fee is normally paid during the district-wide enrollment period.

### 4. What payment methods are available for the yearly curriculum fee?

Fee payment collection for the 2020-21 school year begins in July during enrollment review.

- **Option No. 1: Cash or check payments** may be sent directly to the student's school. Be sure to include the student's name and what you are paying for in the memo section of the check or with the cash payment.
- **Option No. 2: Credit card payments** may be made by logging into the student's Skyward Family Access account. Select "Fee Management" and the "Make a Payment." Choose "Update Payment Amount" and select which fee to apply the payment to by clicking on the corresponding "Pay Charge" box. (Detailed instructions for making online fee payments are provided in Skyward Family Access. Click on "Online Fee Instructions" listed under "District Links.")

- Option No. 3: Waived Curriculum Fees** are available as part of the Free and Reduced School Meals Program if the application is completed properly and the family is qualified and approved for benefits by the Food Service Director.

**The 2020-21 Application Packet for Free and Reduced Price School Meals will be available on the district website, [www.usd266.com](http://www.usd266.com), (under "Frequently Requested Forms") in July.** The Consent for Disclosure (back page of the application) must be completed to be approved for waived tuition and fees. The Director of Food Service will notify you of your benefit status by mail after August 2, 2020. A new Application must be completed each school year to continue benefits. If you are applying for waived fee benefits, please do not submit curriculum fee payment until you have been notified of your benefit status. If free-reduced meal/waived fee benefits are declined, please remit payments due promptly.

**5. What will class sizes be? How many sections will be offered at each school?**

- Maize Schools will not know the class size or the number of sections in each building until the enrollment process is completed.

**6. Is half-day Kindergarten available at every elementary school?**

- No. While every school will offer all-day kindergarten, only Maize Elementary School and Pray-Woodman Elementary School will offer morning and afternoon half-day programs.

**7. Is my child going to be on the bus longer at noon if he/she attends a half-day program because there are fewer students to be transported?**

- Bus routes are based on geography and number of students. There shouldn't be a significant difference.

**8. Is my child going to be behind academically to his/her peers if he/she attends a half-day program rather than the all-day program?**

- The same core curriculum will be covered in both programs, but the all-day program does allow for the teachers and students to go deeper. Research shows that all-day kindergarten can benefit your child. However, there are several factors that affect a student's success, including the skills he/she brings to kindergarten.