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.
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.

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.