

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN



**Central Dauphin  
School District**

*Dear Parents,  
On behalf of our entire  
educational family of the  
Central Dauphin School District,  
welcome to kindergarten!*

*The start of a child's education  
is a wonderful and exciting  
experience and the information  
provided in this brochure will  
help you and your child prepare  
for their first school year. Should  
any questions arise, please  
do not hesitate to contact the  
building principal. Your input  
is valued and welcomed. The  
principal will be happy to include  
you in your child's education and  
provide all the information you  
require.*

*Have a great school year!  
Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika L. Willis".

*Erika L. Willis, Ed.D.  
Assistant Superintendent*

## **Important Telephone Numbers**

District Office .....	545-4703
Chambers Hill.....	561-1655
E.H. Phillips .....	657-3203
Lawnton .....	558-9430
Linglestown.....	657-3211
Middle Paxton.....	265-7920
Mountain View .....	657-8585
North Side.....	657-3201
Paxtang .....	561-1781
Paxtonia .....	657-3202
Rutherford .....	561-1990
South Side.....	657-3204
Tri-Community .....	939-9591
West Hanover .....	657-3210

# Transportation

## Regular Transportation

The Central Dauphin School District shall provide transportation for students in grades kindergarten through 12. Parents will receive transportation notification cards in August.

## Delays

There will be times due to adverse weather conditions and traffic delays that school buses will not arrive at their stops at the designated times. Please wait a reasonable amount of time for the bus.

### For dispatch issues contact:

Krise Transportation: (717) 541-0680, Krise buses will display Central Dauphin School District on the side of the bus

Boyo Transportation: (717) 510-9880, Boyo buses are labeled Boyo Trans and designated with a "B" preceding the route number

Sweger: CAIU Special Education Transportation  
(717) 732-8410

## Safety

It is beneficial for parents to discuss with their children the safest route to and from school or the bus stop. Upon dismissal, a parent/guardian or approved designee (form available) is required at the bus stop. Parents should have a plan of action to ensure the child's safety at dismissal time. If the parent/guardian or approved designee is not present, **the child will be returned to school.**

## Transportation Changes

1. A temporary change due to an emergency (ie: disaster, death, illness) shall be permitted when approved by the building principal.
2. Parents have until July 31 to request any alternate pick up or drop off locations. After that date, requests will not be guaranteed before the third week of school. Assigned stops must be used until the approved change notification has been received from the school. See student calendar/handbook for more information.
3. The Child Care Provider Form should be submitted at registration or returned to your child's school prior to June 1.

# Kindergarten Schedule

## Regular Schedule

AM Kindergarten – 9-11:45 a.m.

PM Kindergarten – 1-3:45 p.m.

## Cycle Days

The elementary school schedule is based on a five day cycle. Days are numbered 1-5 sequentially. When school is not in session on a particular day, that day is not counted in the sequence and the following day is assigned that number. For example, if Tuesday is a cycle day #2 and Wednesday is a nonschool day (ie: snow day, holiday), school would resume on Thursday and be a cycle day #3.

## Delayed School Opening

On occasion when weather or some other emergency necessitates a delayed opening of school, the following procedures will be used:

1. Notice of a delayed school opening will be announced over local radio and television stations, posted on the district website at [www.cdschools.org](http://www.cdschools.org) and relayed via the district-wide parent notification system. Please do not call the school office or the Transportation Department.
2. The announcement that "the opening of the Central Dauphin School District" will be delayed by two (2) hours, indicates that the school staff and all pupils (both transported and walkers) are to arrive at school two (2) hours later than the usual start time.

Afternoon dismissal will occur at the regular time.

In the event of a two (2) hour delay, the following Modified Kindergarten Schedule will be in effect:

*AM Kindergarten –*

Arrive 10:45-11:00 a.m., Dismissed 12:45 p.m.

*PM Kindergarten –*

Arrive 1:45-2:00 p.m., Dismissed 3:45 p.m.

## Early Dismissal from School

On occasion when weather or some other emergency necessitates an early dismissal from school, the following procedures will be used:

1. Notice of an early dismissal from school will be announced over local radio and television stations, posted on the district website at [www.cdschools.org](http://www.cdschools.org) and relayed via the district-wide parent notification system.
2. "Bus riders" will be taken to their regular designated bus stops. The actual time of arrival may vary due to weather conditions.
3. If a parent/guardian is not at home at the time of an early dismissal, they are responsible to make provisions for the care of their children with friends or neighbors. Kindergarten students must have a parent/guardian or approved designee at the bus stop. If the parent/guardian or approved designee is not present, **the child will be returned to school.**
4. YMCA Kids Klub Programs do not operate in the event of an early dismissal.

## Mission Statement

Central Dauphin, a uniquely diverse school district, ensures all students a challenging and dynamic curriculum that prepares them to succeed in a changing, global society by inspiring lifelong learning in a caring, collaborative community.

## Philosophy

The kindergarten program in the Central Dauphin School District will provide an introduction to formal education through various learning opportunities based on students' needs. Instruction in the kindergarten program will focus on the development of early literacy and math, social and emotional, and communication skills.

## What Is Kindergarten All About?

Your child's first year in school is a new experience for parent and child alike. There are many things that a child will learn to do that will be the cornerstone of his/her education. What is kindergarten all about? Kindergarten is learning to:

1. Work and play together.
2. Respect the rights of others.
3. Be a good listener.
4. Communicate clearly.
5. Follow directions.
6. Develop good work habits.
7. Complete assigned tasks.
8. Practice organizational skills.
9. Share and use a variety of materials.
10. Explore letters, words, and books.
11. Develop an interest in books and numbers.
12. Improve fine and gross motor skills.
13. Develop new interests.
14. Use new vocabulary words.
15. School is an enjoyable and fun experience.

# Kindergarten Curriculum

## Language Arts

In kindergarten, our curriculum is literature based with an emphasis on phonemic and print awareness. Students are exposed to language through a variety of themes using poetry, music, rhymes and literature. They also learn to print using a multi sensory program that develops fine motor skills.

## Math

In kindergarten, our curriculum encourages active student participation and hands-on learning activities. Students are introduced to the Standards of Math Practice to make connections to other areas of the curriculum.

Concepts include:

- Identifying and Writing Numbers
- Addition
- Subtraction
- 2- and 3-Dimensional Shapes
- Graphing
- Measurement

## Reporting Procedures

Communication between parent and teacher is an important part of the educational process. Report cards are issued to kindergarten students two times per year via Home Access Center.

Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled by the school for all kindergarten students two (2) times a year. Additional conferences may be requested at a mutually convenient time by contacting the school.

## Special Services

The Central Dauphin School District works with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) to transition children identified for early intervention services to district programs. When appropriate, eligible students may receive emotional support, learning support, life skills support, multiple disabilities support, autistic support, blind and visually impaired support, deaf and hard of hearing support, speech and language support, or other health-impaired support. If you suspect your child has learning or emotional difficulties, contact the Guidance Counselor in your building. The building Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) team will review the child's benchmark and progress monitoring data to identify specific academic or behavioral needs and assign any necessary interventions. If appropriate, your child may be referred for a multi-disciplinary evaluation or identified for special education services through the MTSS process.

# Before & After School Begins

## Immunizations

The Pennsylvania School Health Law requires all children entering Pennsylvania schools for the first time to have proof of the following immunizations:

### **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Acellular Pertussis\*** –

Four (4) doses.

**Polio\*\*** – Four (4) doses.

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella\*\*\*** – Two (2) doses.

**Hepatitis B** – Three (3) doses.

**Chicken Pox (Varicella)** – Two (2) doses or evidence of immunity.

\* Usually given as DTP, DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td.

\*\* A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose.

\*\*\* Usually given as MMR.

## School Vaccination Information for Parents:

<http://dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov>

<http://www.health.pa.gov>

## Annual Screening

In addition to the School Health Department requirement for annual height and weight, the Pennsylvania Department of Health requires the Central Dauphin School District to include the calculation of Body Mass Index (BMI) figures for all children. Parents or guardians will receive the results of their child's screenings so they may follow up on any areas of concern.

## School Attendance/Tardiness

Regular attendance at school is required. Once a parent elects to enroll his/her child into kindergarten, that child is subjected to provisions of Section 1327 of the PA School Code. This means, if a student accumulates more than three unlawful absences in a school year, the parent/guardian will receive legal notification and the possibility of truancy fines. Frequent tardiness is a serious problem. Parents should strive to see children are on time every day. Any child arriving after the late bell must report to the office before going to homeroom.

## Unlawful Absence

Excused absence may include the absence of a pupil for any one of the following reasons: illness, death in the family, or quarantine. A written note/excuse from the parent/guardian must be submitted within three (3) days of returning to school. If a note/excuse is not submitted upon return to school, such absence will be classified as unlawful.

## Release of Students

No child will be dismissed from school without a written note from the parent/guardian. For cases of early dismissals, the parent/guardian must report to the school office to request release of the child.

## Admission to the Elementary School Building

All persons must enter the main entrance of the building via a locked security system. Each visitor is required to provide identification and register in the office through the Visitor Management System. The visitor will receive a visitor's badge which must be worn during the visitor's entire stay. Children are admitted to the school building fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of classes. Parents are asked to cooperate in having their children arrive during this fifteen (15) minute period. Pupils transported by school bus will be admitted to the building upon arrival. Kindergarten children who ride in private cars should be picked up promptly at dismissal time.