

Two-Year Kindergarten Policy

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, the Hudson City School District will offer two different kindergarten programs to ensure that each child is placed in the appropriate learning environment from the start. The two programs shall be as follows:

- One (1) year traditional kindergarten program (1YK)
- Two (2) year transitional kindergarten program (2YK)

The one (1) year traditional program will admit children who, after the kindergarten assessment, meet or exceed the established criteria for the traditional one year program.

The two (2) year transitional program will admit children who, after the kindergarten assessment, meet the established criteria for the transitional program.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall have the authority to establish the appropriate initial assessment, curriculum, staffing, interim and final assessment, and make all determinations related to enrollment and final program placement.

Parents/Guardians of eligible children shall be notified of the availability of both programs and the age, residency, immunization and any other enrollment requirements. Parents/Guardians shall be notified, after their child's assessment and prior to September 1, of their child's placement. If enrolling after the start of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified within ten (10) days of enrollment and assessment of their child's placement.

Kindergarten screening consists of multiple measures to help make the determination about which program is best for your child. If, after a review of the results, school professionals determine that your child may benefit from a two-year kindergarten program, the building Principal will review all data and contact the child's parents to discuss the appropriate placement. The Principal shall have the authority to make determinations related to student placement in the 2 year transitional program or 1 year traditional program.

If a parent or guardian disagrees with the Principal's placement in either the 2 year transitional or 1 year traditional program, they have the right to file a written appeal with the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall review the written record and make a determination regarding program placement.

The final determination for your child's placement rests with the Superintendent or his/her designee.

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