



The Parma City School District is proud to continue to expand our efforts to meet the needs of all learners. In that, we have enhanced our Kindergarten opportunities, capitalizing on the significant educational foundation of Kindergarten.

Below you will find a chart to help better understand all of the opportunities that are available to our Parma City School District families:

Program Option> Frequently Asked Questions:	Early Entrance Kindergarten Testing	Kindergarten Launch Academy	Kindergarten 1) PVLA= 100% Online 2) Traditional= In person	STEM Project Based Learning Kindergarten
How old does my child have to be?	*A parent may request early entrance to kindergarten if a child turns five-years-old after September 30 and before January 1.	Turns five-years-old between May 1 and September 30, 2021.	Turns five-years-old before September 30, 2021.	Turns five-years-old before September 30, 2021.
What schools have this program?	Dentzler Elementary Green Valley Elementary John Muir Elementary Parma Park Elementary Pleasant Valley Elementary Renwood Elementary Ridge-Brook Elementary Thoreau Park Elementary	Green Valley Elementary Thoreau Park Elementary	Dentzler Elementary Green Valley Elementary John Muir Elementary Parma Park Elementary Pleasant Valley Elementary Renwood Elementary Ridge-Brook Elementary Thoreau Park Elementary	Pleasant Valley Elementary
What time is the school day?	9:15 AM-3:30 PM	9:15 AM-3:30 PM	9:15 AM-3:30 PM	9:15 AM-3:30 PM
Is there a cost for Kindergarten?	No, Kindergarten is tuition free and all day.	No, Kindergarten is tuition free and all day.	No, Kindergarten is tuition free and all day.	No, Kindergarten is tuition free and all day.

<p>How do I know if this program is right for my child?</p>	<p>Early entrance should be viewed as a means of meeting a child’s advanced needs. The key to determining whether or not early entrance is appropriate for a child is developmental readiness. Even though a child may have a lot of ability, he/she may not be ready for kindergarten.</p> <p>Other important factors to consider are social maturity, personal development, and motor development.</p> <p>There is a difference between ability and achievement. Some children may appear exceptional simply because of their access to opportunities (i.e., preschool programs, parents working with them on skills, or access to learning materials). Early entrance is designed for the child who has high ability and easily achieves when presented with new material.</p>	<p>We’ve listened to feedback from parents and teachers indicating some of our students would benefit from an alternative step between preschool and full-day kindergarten.</p> <p>The Kindergarten Launch Academy offers a unique solution for students and is an additional way we are working to meet the needs of every student.</p> <p>The Kindergarten Launch Academy is an extension of our continuing efforts to better meet the needs of our individual learners. While some districts elect to adjust the Kindergarten enrollment deadline dates, we prefer to offer parents choice around which kindergarten option is best for their child.</p>	<p>Parma City Schools’ offers families a full-day kindergarten experience where students are expected to self-regulate, communicate with their peers and teachers, and problem solve. Educational standards help teachers ensure their students have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful by providing clear goals for student learning.</p>	<p>STEM Project Based Learners are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share thoughts and ideas with others • Work with a team to reach a common goal • Persevere to solve problems and not give up when challenged • Look at problems in a new way and think creatively • Demonstrate self-control and work independently • Take ownership of their own learning
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<p>What type of instruction/ curriculum is used?</p>	<p>PCSD Kindergarten students are engaged in a rigorous instructional program.</p> <p>PCSD Elementary Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ODE Kindergarten Standards and Model Curriculum ● HMH Into Reading ● Math Expressions ● Science Fusion ● Reading Mastery (as a second dose of reading intervention) ● Social Emotional Learning 	<p>PCSD Kindergarten students are engaged in a rigorous instructional program.</p> <p>Kindergarten Launch Academy provides students</p> <p>PCSD Elementary Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ODE Kindergarten Standards and Model Curriculum ● Foundational Literacy Skills focus that includes: Phonological Awareness Print Awareness Phonics Vocabulary ● Foundational Math Skills focus that includes: Number Sense Counting Representation Shapes, Sizes, Patterns Problem solving ● Social Emotional Learning 	<p>PCSD Kindergarten students are engaged in a rigorous instructional program.</p> <p>PCSD Elementary Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ODE Kindergarten Standards and Model Curriculum ● HMH Into Reading ● Math Expressions ● Science Fusion ● Reading Mastery (as a second dose of reading intervention) ● Social Emotional Learning 	<p>PCSD Kindergarten students are engaged in a rigorous instructional program.</p> <p>STEM Kindergarten incorporates the integration of the standards through a trans-disciplinary method of fusing subjects together through project based learning.</p> <p>PCSD Elementary Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ODE Kindergarten Standards and Model Curriculum ● HMH Into Reading ● Math Expressions ● Science Fusion ● Reading Mastery (as a second dose of reading intervention) ● Social Emotional Learning
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Is transportation provided?	Yes, if you live over 2-miles from your home school, you are eligible to receive transportation.	No, unless your child lives within the transportation eligibility zone of the building he/she will be attending.	Yes, if you live over 2-miles from your home school, you are eligible to receive transportation.	No, unless your child lives within the transportation eligibility zone of the building he/she will be attending.
Is there before/after school care available?	Yes, our Extended Day Care program opens at 7:00 AM and closed at 6:00 PM (Monday-Friday).	Yes, our Extended Day Care program opens at 7:00 AM and closed at 6:00 PM (Monday-Friday).	Yes, our Extended Day Care program opens at 7:00 AM and closed at 6:00 PM (Monday-Friday).	Yes, our Extended Day Care program opens at 7:00 AM and closed at 6:00 PM (Monday-Friday).
When do I need to apply?	A parent may request early entrance to kindergarten if a child turns five-years-old after the district's kindergarten entrance date of September 30 and before January 1. Early entrance is designed for the exceptional child who is both academically ready as well as developmentally mature when compared to others his or her chronological age.	Kindergarten Registration events begin in March. However, registration for kindergarten is open throughout the year.	Kindergarten Registration events begin in March. However, registration for kindergarten is open throughout the year.	The deadline for registration for STEM Project Based Learning is June 15, 2020 .
What is the process for applying?	STEP 1: Obtain an Early Entrance Application from the District Administration Office or Website.	STEP 1: Parents must complete the online application by visiting www.parmacityschools.org	STEP 1: Parents must complete the online application by visiting www.parmacityschools.org	STEP 1: Parent(s) and student fill out the online application. For incoming Kindergarten students this step is how you get

	<p>STEP 2: Return the following items listed below to the Registration Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed and signed Early Entrance to Kindergarten Application • Completed Kindergarten Readiness Checklist • The Evaluation and Review Permission Form • A copy of your child's birth certificate indicating your child will be turning five during the next school year. <p>STEP 3: Once all of the required acceleration documents have been received, arrangements will be made to begin the evaluation process.</p>	<p>and click “register now” on the tip menu bar.</p> <p>Create an account and follow the prompts to begin your online registration.</p>	<p>and click “register now” on the tip menu bar.</p> <p>Create an account and follow the prompts to begin your online registration.</p>	<p>assigned your lottery number.</p> <p>STEP 2: Complete and sign the STEM Compact.</p> <p>STEP 3: A PCSD representative will email the teacher's email provided in the application with instructions for them to fill out their online teacher recommendation.</p> <p>STEP 4: Random numbers will be assigned to each application. PCSD will use a random number generator to help in the Kindergarten selection process.</p>
<p>What tests will my student have to take?</p>	<p>The <u>Iowa Acceleration Scale, 3rd edition (IAS)</u> in accordance with ODE Model Policy for Academic</p>	<p>Kindergarten students are administered the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment prior to November 1. This</p>	<p>Kindergarten students are administered the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment prior to November 1. This</p>	<p>Kindergarten students are administered the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment prior to November 1. This</p>



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	<p>Acceleration is used to test for early entrance to Kindergarten. As required, an Acceleration Evaluation Committee will review the results of the comprehensive evaluation and determine the most appropriate available learning environment for your child.</p>	<p>assessment gives us baseline data for how ready a student is to be successful in school.</p> <p>Aimsweb is given three times a year and is a literacy assessment. This measures a student's reading and math abilities.</p>	<p>assessment gives us baseline data for how ready a student is to be successful in school.</p> <p>Aimsweb is given three times a year and is a literacy assessment. This measures a student's reading and math abilities.</p>	<p>assessment gives us baseline data for how ready a student is to be successful in school.</p> <p>Aimsweb is given three times a year and is a literacy assessment. This measures a student's reading and math abilities.</p>
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