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Full-Day Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

Recently, the Colorado General Assembly passed House Bill 19-1262. This bill provides public school districts in Colorado the necessary funding to operate a full-day kindergarten program for all eligible students. Governor Jared Polis has signed this bill into law.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, all kindergarten classrooms in traditional Lewis-Palmer School District elementary schools will become full-day classrooms. There will be no tuition required for students to attend full-day kindergarten.

Q: Will all kindergarten classes in D38 be full day?

A: Yes, all kindergarten classrooms in our traditional schools will implement the full-day kindergarten instructional model.

Q: What will curriculum and instruction include in the full-day kindergarten model?

A: The full-day kindergarten instructional model is rooted in developmentally appropriate practice and brain research on how young children learn. Content is woven together through the development of rich vocabulary, a focus on literacy and making meaning through literature, play, movement, music, creativity, mathematical and scientific concepts and understanding the world around them.

Q: What if my child is not yet enrolled for kindergarten?

A: Please complete an online enrollment for your child:
<http://www.lewispalmer.org/enroll>.

Q: Is kindergarten required in the State of Colorado under the new legislation?

A: While kindergarten provides great benefits to all students, it is not compulsory in Colorado.

Q: What if I have already set aside pre-tax income to pay for full-day kindergarten?

A: Contact your tax advisor. There may be other options for use of these funds.

Q: What if I do not want my child to attend full day?

A: For the few students whose families choose to have their child attend mornings only, children will go home at lunchtime and will not participate in the instruction that occurs in the afternoon. The instruction that a child would miss could include literacy, mathematics, science, specials, or any other content area. The instructional schedule differs at each school. Parents electing to have their child attend mornings only or who have questions regarding instruction should contact their child's school.