



Kinder Academy Parent Agreement

Forms to be turned into the Welcome Center:

- Birth Certificate
- Registration documents
- Signed Parent Agreement/Contract

Practices to Ensure Program Excellence:

- Your registration date is confirmed when the Welcome Center receives all documents needed to register for Kinder Academy; including: *application documents, birth certificate, and this parent agreement*. Kindergarten families should also supply their child's up-to-date immunization records and preschool screening results. *For assistance please contact the Welcome Center at (952) 556-6112 or welcomecenter@district112.org.*
- **Kinder Academy** is a proactive program that prepares students for success in school.
- **Kinder Academy** is an alternate Kindergarten experience designed for young five year old children. Those who will turn five in the summer are the most likely candidates.
- The program goals include developing academic aptitude and social-emotional maturity.
- Personalized instruction will be enhanced by allowing students to meet Kindergarten standards.
- An inquiry based, hands-on, classroom environment will encourage active learning along with small and large motor development.
- Young five year old students may attend **Kinder Academy** for either one or two years before transitioning to first grade. In order to provide continuity, students who stay in the program will remain with the same teacher as much as possible.
- Most Kinder Academy classrooms are mixed-age, with second year students as classroom leaders and role models.
- In the second trimester, Kindergarten benchmarks and standardized assessments will be used to inform conversations between teachers and parents. Together they will determine the best placement option for the following year by March 13.
- Transition options include advancing to first grade or spending a second year with the same teacher in the **Kinder Academy**. Assessments will be used to enable parents and teachers to determine the best placement option for each child following the first year in the program.
- Students will attend this full day program at no cost. The program is housed at La Academia.
- The Kinder Academy program has a lower average class size target than the average class size for kindergarten across the district. Completed enrollments received by 11:59 p.m. January 15 with all necessary forms, including this contract, will be considered for initial enrollment. If the number of initial enrollment requests exceed the seats available, a lottery will be used to identify students for placement. Students not admitted through the lottery will be added to a wait list based on the completion date of all enrollment materials. Any enrollments completed after January 15 will be admitted if space still exists in the program or will be placed on the waitlist based on completion date of all enrollment materials.

*I support the vision of the **Kinder Academy** Program. I can support either outcome for my child: transitioning directly to first grade or completing a second year in **Kinder Academy**.*

Parent's signature

Date

Print Child's full name