

# Loveland Early Childhood Center

## Kindergarten 2019-2020

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#### **What is included in the kindergarten curriculum?**

All kindergarten students will have instruction in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, handwriting, and health.

#### **What specials do kindergarten students have?**

All kindergarten students have music, physical education, library, and computer lab. Full day kindergarten also has art and STEM class.

#### **Do kindergarten students get recess?**

Half-day classes get one recess. Full-day classes get two recesses.

**How do I know if my child is ready for kindergarten?**

It is helpful if a child brings most of these skills with him/her to kindergarten:

<b>Academic Skills</b>	<b>Social &amp; Self Help Skills</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Print own name</li><li>*Identify some letters &amp; sounds</li><li>*Recognize rhyming words</li><li>*Know basic shapes &amp; colors</li><li>*Count to 10</li><li>*Recognize numbers</li><li>*Sort objects by color, size or shape</li><li>*Talk in complete sentences of 5-6 words</li><li>*Retell a story in sequential order</li><li>*Represent simple objects through drawing</li><li>*Hold &amp; use a pencil &amp; scissors</li><li>*Have basic computer mouse competence</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Show a general understanding of the time of day</li><li>*Pay attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks &amp; stories</li><li>*Button shirts, pants, coats and zip zippers</li><li>*Manage bathroom needs</li><li>*Clean up personal space</li><li>*Know first &amp; last name</li><li>*Share materials with others</li><li>*Follow 2-3 part directions</li><li>*Separate from parents without getting upset</li></ul>

**How does busing work at LECC?**

All students are encouraged to ride the bus to and from school. For half-day kindergarten families, Clermont and Warren County residents will attend the morning session. Hamilton County residents will attend the afternoon session. [There are a few specific Hamilton County streets that are served in the morning session. If that is applicable to you, you will be told at the time of registration.] For full-day kindergarten students, the district will offer busing to and from LECC from all parts of the district. This is one of the reasons why we need to conduct the full-day admissions lottery and get commitments from families in the spring – so that the transportation department can be sure to add the necessary routes to pick up and deliver these students.

**How many classrooms/students will be full-day?**

At this time, we are able to accommodate three sections of full-day kindergarten. We anticipate having 24 students in each class. We continue to try to look at ways to grow this program.

**Will LECC ever offer additional sections of full-day kindergarten in the future?**

We hope to be able to do so. The ability to expand the program will depend on available space in the school, as well as interest level in this program.

**What will it cost to send my child to full-day kindergarten?**

In 2019-2020 the tuition will be \$3000 for the year, which breaks down to an initial \$360 deposit plus eight monthly payments of \$330. The deposit is applied to cover the final (ninth) month’s tuition cost.

**Why is there a cost associated with full-day kindergarten?**

The half-day program does not have an additional cost to parents because the State of Ohio provides partial funding to the district to operate the required half-day program offering. Loveland Schools does not receive additional funding from the state for the additional half-day that makes up the full-day program.

**Is there a sliding scale to help cover the tuition if needed?**

Students whose families qualify under the Income Eligibility Guidelines for the 2018-2019 Free and Reduced Price School Meals will have the tuition waived if they are selected in the lottery for all-day kindergarten. Parents can check their eligibility by following the guidelines below.



**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019**

Households with total incomes less than or equal to the values below are eligible for free or reduced -price meals.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE Number of Members	FREE					REDUCED				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$15,782	\$1,316	\$658	\$607	\$304	\$22,459	\$1,872	\$936	\$864	\$432
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Each Additional Member Add	+5,616	+468	+234	+216	+108	+7,992	+666	+333	+308	+154

**INCOME CONVERSION:**

Weekly Income x 52 = Annual income  
 Every 2 Weeks Income (Every other week, Bi-weekly) x 26 = Annual income  
 Twice a Month Income (Bi-monthly) x 24 = Annual income

THIS CHART IS TO BE USED BY INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOLS, CENTERS AND SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS TO APPROVE AND CATEGORIZE COMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED MEALS.

If applying for a tuition waiver, the Free and Reduced Price Meals application must be completed at the time of enrollment. [Free and Reduced Application](#)

**Will full-day kindergarteners eat lunch at school? Will they be able to access the school lunch program?**

Yes. Kindergartners will be able to pack or buy their lunch.

**Do other districts charge tuition for all-day kindergarten?**

Yes. Many districts throughout our region and state charge tuition to help supplement the additional staffing and other costs associated with offering this program. This helps to offset some of the costs incurred by local taxpayers for providing a longer school day than what is required by or funded by the State.

**Will everyone who wants to be in full-day kindergarten be able to enroll?**

We anticipate that there will be more families who would like for their children to attend this program than we will be able to accommodate at this point (due to limitations of space). Therefore, we will conduct a lottery-style drawing to determine which families will be given the offer to make the deposit and hold a spot for their child in this program.

**If a child is retained in kindergarten, is (s)he eligible to be considered in the full-day lottery?**

Retention is a team decision with the student's parents, made at the end of the year. Eligibility to enter the full-day program lottery would also be a team decision that would need to be made prior to the lottery drawing.

**How will the lottery work? When will it be conducted?**

Parents who enroll their child for kindergarten may indicate interest in the full-day program and pay a \$75 initial deposit to hold their spot in the lottery. That \$75 will later be applied to cover the annual school fees for the student (\$50) and processing costs (\$25) whether or not they are selected for the full-day program. ***Required documentation must be received by the central registrar prior to the lottery, which will be held on Friday, March 1 at 12:00 p.m.*** Every student applicant will be assigned a number and all numbers will be drawn randomly (using a "randomizer" website). Those selected for the program will be notified via email by the end of the day on **Monday, March 4**. Those selected for the three classes will then be offered the chance to commit to the program by paying the \$360 deposit (which will be applied to cover the end-of-year May tuition amount). Once paid, the deposit will only be refunded if a replacement student can be found to fill the vacancy. If any student is selected in the lottery whose parents change their minds or don't make the down payment by Monday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m., we will contact the next families in the order in which they were drawn in the lottery. Families who demonstrate financial eligibility based on the 2018-2019 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price School Meals will have the deposit as well as the tuition waived.

**Will the full-day students have a different curriculum from that in the half-day program?**

No. The state standards and the local curriculum requirements will remain the same for all kindergartners. Students in the full-day program will have increased opportunities for socialization, movement, inquiry-based hands-on exploration, as well as more time for math workshops, reading groups and project-based learning. Full day students will also have art class outside of the regular classroom, whereas art will be embedded into the regular classroom for half-day students.

**How can I get more information?**

LECC will be hosting a “Kindergarten Round-Up” meeting from 6:00-7:15 on Wednesday, January 16 to share information about kindergarten with parents. Parents whose first child will be coming to LECC next year are especially encouraged to attend. This meeting is for **parents only**. Parents may also call the school at (513) 683-4200 or email Principal Jesse Kohls ([kohlsje@lovelandschools.org](mailto:kohlsje@lovelandschools.org)), or Building Coordinator Melanie Laurent ([laurenme@lovelandschools.org](mailto:laurenme@lovelandschools.org)).