

Loveland Early Childhood Center

Full-Day Kindergarten 2017-2018

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When does LECC plan to begin offering full-day kindergarten?

All-day kindergarten will be offered starting with the 2017-2018 school year.

How many classrooms/students will be full-day?

We are able to accommodate three sections of full-day kindergarten. We anticipate having 24 students in each class.

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 2017-2018 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 2016-2017 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.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2016-2017			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$423
2	29,637	2,470	570
3	37,296	3,108	718
4	44,955	3,747	865
5	52,614	4,385	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	1,160
7	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	1,455
Each additional person:	7,696	642	148

If selected in the lottery, families will then need to demonstrate their income eligibility before the tuition is waived by completing and submitting this downloadable application:

<http://www.lovelandschools.org/Downloads/Free%20and%20Reduced%20Meal%20Application2.pdf>

Will full-day kindergartners 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.

Is transportation available for students who will attend all-day kindergarten?

Yes. The district will offer busing to and from LECC from all parts of the district for all-day kindergarten students. 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.

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.

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 \$50 initial deposit to hold their spot in the lottery. That \$50 will later be applied to cover the annual school fees for the student 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 3.*** Every student applicant will be assigned a number and all numbers will be drawn randomly. 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 Friday, March 24, 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 2016-2017 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price School Meals will have the deposit as well as the tuition waived, but that documentation must be completed by March 24 to hold your spot in the program.

Will the 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.

How can I get more information?

LECC will be hosting a separate information meeting from 6:00-7:15 on Thursday, March 16, specifically tailored to address questions about kindergarten generally, but also the full-day program specifically. Parents may also call the school at (513) 683-4200 or email Principal Kyle Bush (bushky@lovelandschools.org), or Building Coordinator Melanie Laurent (laurenme@lovelandschools.org). It should be noted that a “Kindergarten Round-Up” meeting will be held the evening of May 4th. That meeting will be for parents of students who will be attending our half-day program. The information may be much the same, and parents of any incoming kindergartners would be welcome. However, it is not suggested that a family attend both.