2023-2024 Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Information
Lake Orion Community Schools
Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Options

LOCS KINDERGARTEN
• Lake Orion Community Schools offers a full-day kindergarten experience in all six elementary buildings for children who are 5 years old on or before September 1.
• A rigorous kindergarten curriculum is taught to all kindergarten students.
• Teachers differentiate curriculum to meet student's needs.
• Student’s develop social competence, creative problem-solving, and gross and fine-motor skills.
• Experiential play and learning develops language, cognitive and social-emotional skills.

LOCS DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN
• This is a full-day experience to prepare students for the rigor of kindergarten.
• School readiness and social development happens through play-based learning.
• Students focus the first semester on social emotional learning and second semester more academics are weaved into the day.
• Developmental Kindergarten is an option if your child turns five years old between July 1 and December 1. This is a free option.
• Transportation is not provided for Developmental Kindergarten students who do not attend their neighborhood school.
• If you are considering DK, a screening process is required to determine if your child qualifies.
• Sign up your child up below for the DK screening on May 5, 2023: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aaac2bab1f94-development2#/

https://www.signpupgenius.com/go/5080c4aaac2bab1f94-development2#/
Parents interested in DK must have their child go through a mandatory screening.

Click the link below to sign up for a time on May 5, 2023, to have your child screened for DK - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aaaac2ba1f94-development2#

Screening will take place at the Early Childhood Center (corner of Joslyn Road and Clarkston Road).

The screening will consider social/emotional and a small amount of academics.

A district committee will meet to determine eligibility for each student going into DK.

Parents will be notified of placement in DK, along with building location the week of May 30, 2023.
Lake Orion Community Schools has six elementary buildings, which all offer Kindergarten programming. Each building’s curriculum is designed to meet the State of Michigan’s rigorous standards and benchmarks.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Blanche Sims, Carpenter, Orion Oaks, Paint Creek, Stadium Drive, and Webber

- Each elementary school is designed to reflect the unique characteristics of the families and neighborhoods it serves.
- Differentiated instruction and enrichment programs are created around the needs, interests and talents of the students in each building, resulting in a challenging and supportive educational environment.
- Enrollment is open to students living within the school’s boundaries.
- This learning community provides an atmosphere of caring and trust in which children are nurtured and thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Developmental Kindergarten building options will be determined once student enrollment is confirmed.
Kindergarten Information Nights

Parent Information Nights for all elementary schools
March 20, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Elementary Schools
Blanche Sims • Carpenter • Orion Oaks
Paint Creek • Stadium Drive • Webber

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR
How to enroll your DK or Kindergarten student

- Enrollment registration can be completed online via PowerSchool Enrollment beginning February 2023: https://www.lakeorionschools.org/district/kindergarten

- Contact Central Enrollment with questions at:
  Community Education Resource Center
  455 E. Scripps Road - Room 110
  Lake Orion, MI 48360
  Phone: (248) 814-0215  Fax: (248) 693-5317

- Registration for the School Aged Child Care program will also be available for incoming kindergarten students during enrollment call Early Childhood Offices at 248-693-5439.

Central Enrollment’s webpage:
LakeOrionSchools.org/enroll
Age Waiver

- Your child must be 5 years old before September 1, 2023 to enroll in developmental kindergarten or kindergarten.
- If your child turns 5 from September 2, 2023 until December 1, 2023 an age waiver must be completed - this is for both developmental kindergarten and kindergarten students.
- The age waiver form can be found on Central Enrollment’s webpage.
Health Appraisal Form and Immunization Opt-Out Waiver Information

Health Appraisal form

Immunization Opt-Out Waiver information
The following slides may be helpful after registering a Developmental Kindergarten (DK) or Kindergarten student.
Teacher Information

- Elementary schools send home letters from the child’s teacher in August.
- School letter will detail the first day/week of school for all Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.

First week of school

- The first day of school all Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will attend a 1-hour orientation at their neighborhood school and does not include lunch.
- The second day of school for ½ of the DK and Kindergarten students will be a full day of school and includes lunch that the student provides or purchases from the cafeteria.
- The third day of school for the other ½ of the DK and Kindergarten students will be a full day of school and includes lunch.
- All DK and Kindergarten students will attend school on Friday for a full day of school and includes lunch.
How to set up a lunch account

- For general Food Service information
  - lakeorionschools.org/departments/food-nutrition

- For a lunch account
  - sendmoneytoschool.com
  - Contact the building secretary for your child’s student number.

- For lunch menus
  - lakeorionschools.org/departments/food-nutrition/menus-and-nutritional-information
School Age Child Care
(before or after school care)

- For more information to sign up for before or after school care, click on the link below:
  lakeorionschools.org/early-childhood-program-and-education/parent-information/forms-documents
Transportation - busing

- Bus letters are generally sent by U.S. mail to families the week prior to school starting
- Visit the district transportation website for more information: LakeOrionSchools.org/Transportation

- Transportation phone number and hours:
  - 248-391-5455
  - Office hours: 6 a.m.-5 p.m.