2021-2022 Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Information

Orion Oaks Elementary School

Lake Orion Community Schools

Orion Oaks Quick Facts

- DK – 5th Grade Building including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Program
- Special Subject Offerings:
  - Art, Media, Music, PE
- 540 Students
- 65 Staff Members
- At Orion Oaks, our mission is to be a community of caring and respectful leaders.
- Helpful Websites:
  - https://www.lakeorionschools.org/orion-oaks-elementary

Orion Oaks Points of Pride

- We are a Michigan Green School, having achieved Evergreen Status
- We are recognized as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School
- We are recognized as an Energy Star School
- Our student philanthropic efforts have included donating time, money, and supplies to charities such as Orion/Oxford Food Pantries, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and drives supported by LOHS student groups
- We partner with student groups at LOHS, such as the Leadership Class, to host student mentors and volunteers
- Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports the Orion Oaks community through fundraising and hosting events such as Spooky Halloween Night, our annual Fun Run, March is Reading Month, and our holiday Santa Shop event

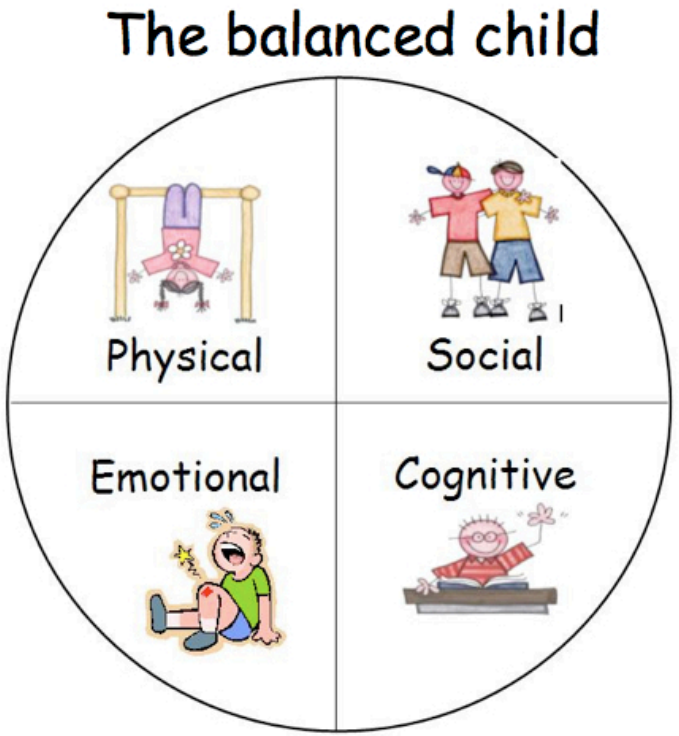
GAP/Enrichment Opportunities

- Multiple Enrichment Offerings
  - Friendship Squad
  - Girls on the Run
  - Board Game Club
  - Floor Hockey Club
  - Perler Bead Club
  - Fine Motor Club
  - Crazy 8s Math Club

Orion Oaks PTO & Volunteer Opportunities

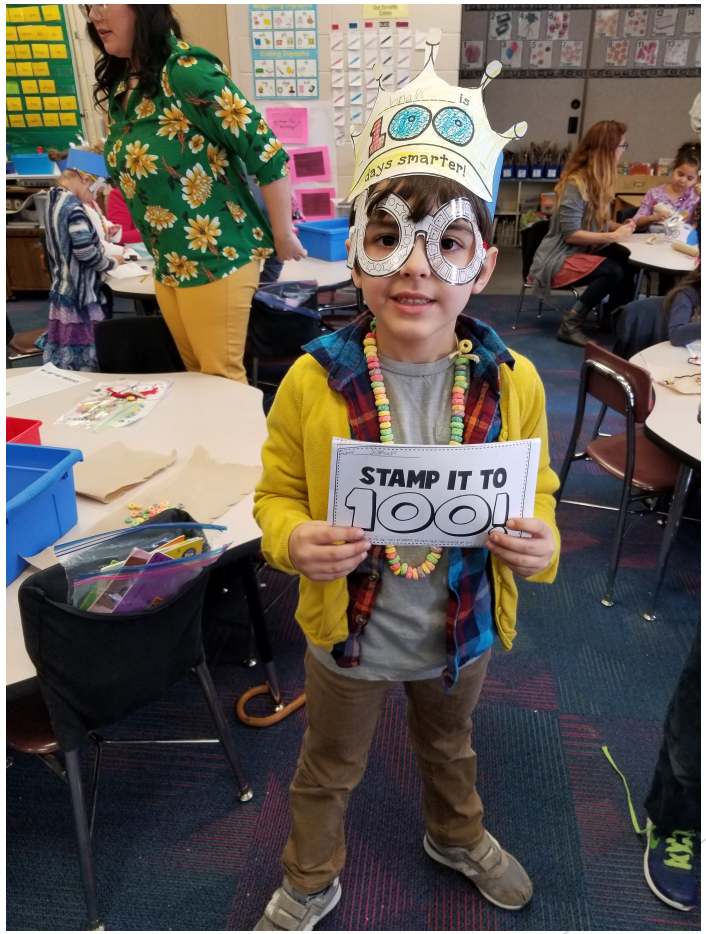
- Support Student Learning
- Assist Teachers with Classroom Preparation
- Assist in Orion Oaks' Media Center
- Assist with School Wide Events
- For More Information Please Visit:
  - https://orionoakspto.com

A Day in the Life of an Orion Oaks Kindergartner



A Look At Our Day in Kindergarten

- Morning Work/Attendance/Lunch Count
- Morning Meeting/Calendar
- Read Aloud
- Reader's Workshop
- Phonemic Awareness/Phonics/Handwriting
- Literacy Stations/Small Group Work
- Gross Motor Development/Snack
- Writer's Workshop
- Math/Math Stations
- Lunch/Recess/Rest Time
- Words Their Way (Word Study)
- Science/Social Studies
- Purposeful Play
- Afternoon Meeting/Dismissal



Academic and Social/Emotional Supports in Kindergarten

- Family School Coordinator
  - Caring Communities
- Kindergarten Reading Interventionist Program
  - Reading Interventionist staff member assigned strictly to Kindergarten level
  - Collaborate with Kindergarten classroom teachers
  - Analyze data and provide targeted instruction to meet student needs
  - Instruction is delivered in small groups and/or within classroom
  - Monitor student progress every two weeks to determine student achievement
  - Interventionists deliver research based interventions/strategies to students on a daily basis

DK and Kindergarten Options

LAKE ORION KINDERGARTEN: The Lake Orion School District is thrilled to offer, as its recommended program, a full day kindergarten experience in all six of our elementary buildings to children who are 5 years of age on or before September 1. Full day programming does not add additional curriculum, but rather ensures that the existing curriculum is taught in ways that reflect the needs and development of these young learners. Full day programs allow kindergarten teachers more time for formal and informal instruction, as well as the flexibility to differentiate the curriculum to meet student's needs and interests. Also significant is that the additional time develops a student's social competence, creative problem-solving, and gross and fine-motor skills. The opportunity for kindergartners to play and learn experientially develops their language, cognitive and social-emotional skills. The unhurried pace of a full-day provides a stress-free environment in which children grow and thrive.

DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN: The Lake Orion School District believes that the traditional Lake Orion kindergarten experience meets the needs of all kindergarten students, including those students who are socially and emotionally less mature. However, the district recognizes that some parents strongly believe their child would be better served by attending developmental kindergarten for a year before entering kindergarten. If your child turns five between July 1 and December 1, ***Developmental Kindergarten*** is an option. This option is ***free*** to families wishing to enroll their child in DK. Contingent upon parental interest and available classroom space, the district will strive to provide parents this option at limited locations. If this is an option you are interested in, a screening process will be in place this year to determine if your child qualifies for Developmental Kindergarten. Transportation is not provided for Developmental Kindergarten. When you contact your neighborhood school regarding kindergarten, you should indicate if you are interested in Developmental Kindergarten for your child.

Developmental Kindergarten (DK)

- Your child must be age eligible for DK, which means, turn 5 years old between July 1, 2021 and December 1, 2021
- Your child MUST attend the **DK screening** on May 7, 2021 at the CERC. Click here to sign up for a time slot:
  - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AAAAC2BA1F94-development
- At registration parent/guardian needs indicate that you are considering DK for the 2021-2022 school year
- For the 2020-2021 school year DK locations are at Blanche Sims, Carpenter, Orion Oaks and Webber
- A final decision regarding DK locations for the 2021-2022 school year have not been made yet
- There will only be full day DK (NO ½ day option for students)
- Parents will be notified of the DK placement the week of June 1, 2021

DK Screening Information

Lake Orion Community Schools

Development Kindergarten Screening

If families are interested in DK for their child (their birthdate should fall between July 1 and December 1), it is LOCS district procedure that the child attend the DK screening to be considered.

Please go to the below Sign-Up Genius to sign your child up to attend one of the DK screening time slots at the CERC on Friday, May 7, 2021.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AAAAC2BA1F94-development

Date: Friday, May 7, 2021

Time slots: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

To keep numbers limited we are requesting only one parent/guardian attend with the child and no siblings. The parent/guardian must stay for the entire screening process. There will be a short questionnaire for the parent/guardian to fill out regarding the child.

Please report to **room 108 at the CERC when you arrive for your scheduled time. Parent and child must wear a mask.

Kindergarten Screening and First Day

- Kindergarten screening at Orion Oaks – Date to be determined in May
- September 7, 2021 - First day of school (half day)

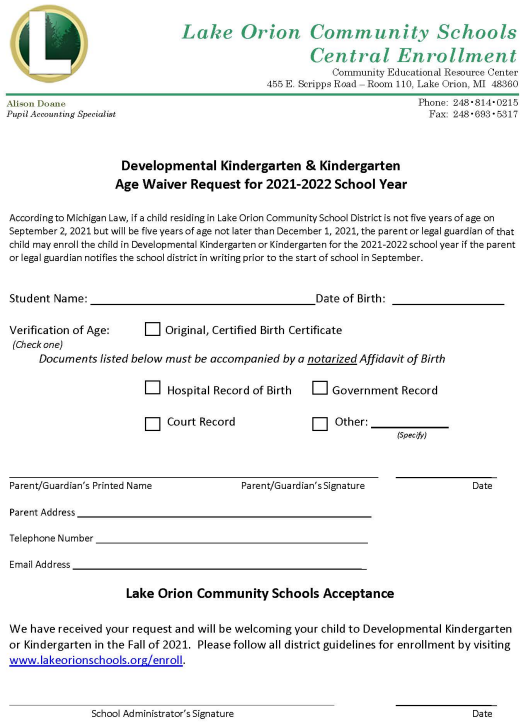
Kindergarten and DK Registration

- **Kindergarten Registration ~ Begins online March 1, 2021**
  - Go to lakeorionschools.org/enroll and select New Student Enrollment for instructions and requirements
  - Required documents can be dropped off at Orion Oaks on
    - March 23, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. OR
    - Appointments can be made at Central Enrollment after the online registration is complete, any time after March 1.

What to Bring With You to Enroll Your Child

- Enrollment information, including what documents to bring, can be found at Kindergarten - Lake Orion Community Schools (lakeorionschools.org)
- Please note it is required for DK and Kindergarten students to have a health appraisal and vision screening. Copies need to be provided to the building by the first day of school.

Age Waiver



Lake Orion Community Schools
Central Enrollment
Community Educational Resource Center
455 E. Scripps Road – Room 110, Lake Orion, MI 48360

Alison Doane
Pupil Accounting Specialist
Phone: 248•814•0215
Fax: 248•693•5317

Developmental Kindergarten & Kindergarten
Age Waiver Request for 2021-2022 School Year

According to Michigan Law, if a child residing in Lake Orion Community School District is not five years of age on September 2, 2021 but will be five years of age not later than December 1, 2021, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in Developmental Kindergarten or Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing prior to the start of school in September.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Verification of Age: ☐ Original, Certified Birth Certificate
(Check one)
Documents listed below must be accompanied by a notarized Affidavit of Birth

☐ Hospital Record of Birth ☐ Government Record

☐ Court Record ☐ Other: _____ *(Specify)*

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Printed Name Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Parent Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

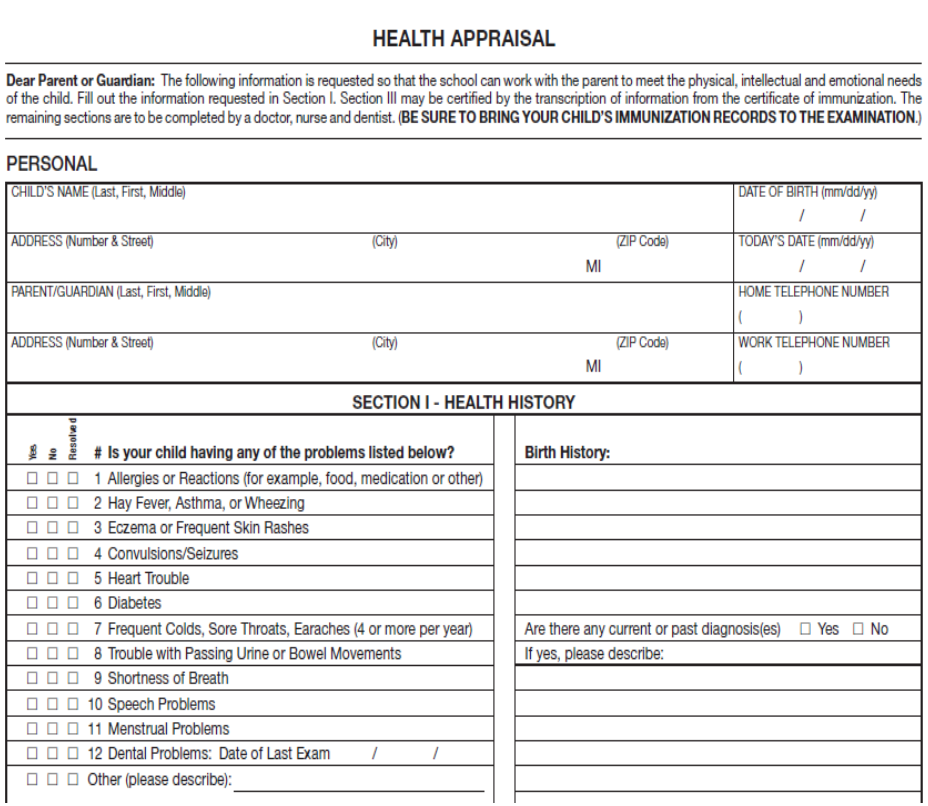
Lake Orion Community Schools Acceptance

We have received your request and will be welcoming your child to Developmental Kindergarten or Kindergarten in the Fall of 2021. Please follow all district guidelines for enrollment by visiting www.lakeorionschools.org/enroll.

_____ _____
School Administrator's Signature Date

- Your child must be 5 years old before September 1, 2021 to enroll in Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten
- If your child turns 5 from September 2, 2021 until December 1, 2021 an age waiver must be completed – this is for both Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten students
- The age waiver can be found on Central Enrollment's webpage
- Print and bring the completed waiver with you to enroll your Kindergarten student

Health Appraisal Form and Immunization Opt-Out Waiver Information



HEALTH APPRAISAL

Dear Parent or Guardian: The following information is requested so that the school can work with the parent to meet the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of the child. Fill out the information requested in Section I. Section III may be certified by the transcription of information from the certificate of immunization. The remaining sections are to be completed by a doctor, nurse and dentist. (**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO THE EXAMINATION.**)

PERSONAL

CHILD'S NAME (Last, First, Middle)			DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yy) / /
ADDRESS (Number & Street)	(City)	(ZIP Code) MI	TODAY'S DATE (mm/dd/yy) / /
PARENT/GUARDIAN (Last, First, Middle)			HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER ( )
ADDRESS (Number & Street)	(City)	(ZIP Code) MI	WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER ( )

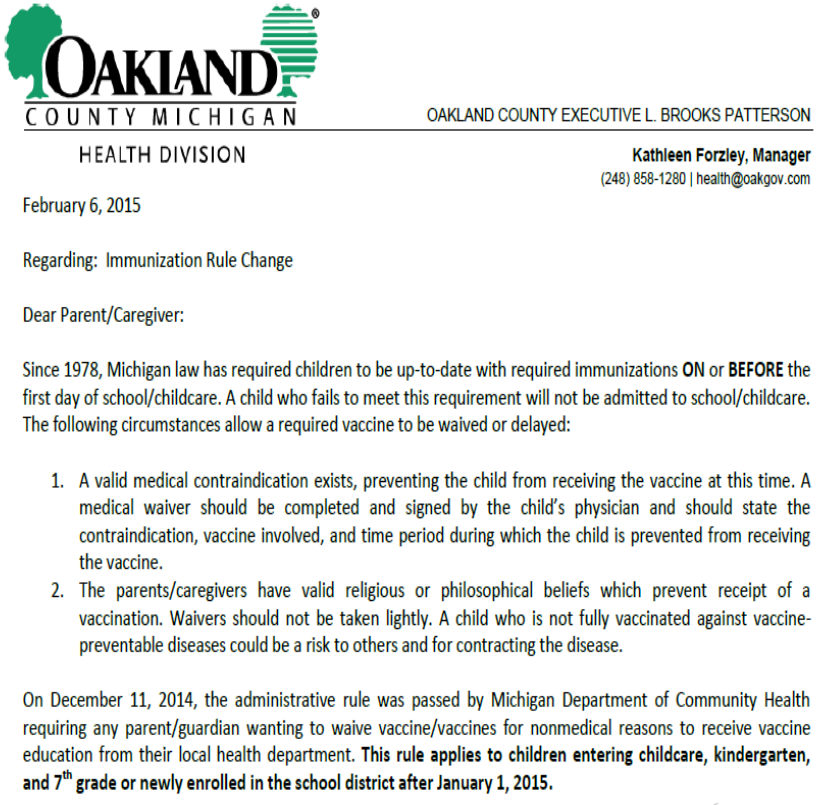
SECTION I - HEALTH HISTORY

Yes	No	Resolved	# Is your child having any of the problems listed below?
☐	☐	☐	1 Allergies or Reactions (for example, food, medication or other)
☐	☐	☐	2 Hay Fever, Asthma, or Wheezing
☐	☐	☐	3 Eczema or Frequent Skin Rashes
☐	☐	☐	4 Convulsions/Seizures
☐	☐	☐	5 Heart Trouble
☐	☐	☐	6 Diabetes
☐	☐	☐	7 Frequent Colds, Sore Throats, Earaches (4 or more per year)
☐	☐	☐	8 Trouble with Passing Urine or Bowel Movements
☐	☐	☐	9 Shortness of Breath
☐	☐	☐	10 Speech Problems
☐	☐	☐	11 Menstrual Problems
☐	☐	☐	12 Dental Problems: Date of Last Exam / /
☐	☐	☐	Other (please describe): _____

Birth History:

Are there any current or past diagnosis(es) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe:



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HEALTH DIVISION

OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE L. BROOKS PATTERSON

Kathleen Forzley, Manager
(248) 858-1280 | health@oakgov.com

February 6, 2015

Regarding: Immunization Rule Change

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Since 1978, Michigan law has required children to be up-to-date with required immunizations **ON** or **BEFORE** the first day of school/childcare. A child who fails to meet this requirement will not be admitted to school/childcare. The following circumstances allow a required vaccine to be waived or delayed:

1. A valid medical contraindication exists, preventing the child from receiving the vaccine at this time. A medical waiver should be completed and signed by the child's physician and should state the contraindication, vaccine involved, and time period during which the child is prevented from receiving the vaccine.
2. The parents/caregivers have valid religious or philosophical beliefs which prevent receipt of a vaccination. Waivers should not be taken lightly. A child who is not fully vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases could be a risk to others and for contracting the disease.

On December 11, 2014, the administrative rule was passed by Michigan Department of Community Health requiring any parent/guardian wanting to waive vaccine/vaccines for nonmedical reasons to receive vaccine education from their local health department. **This rule applies to children entering childcare, kindergarten, and 7th grade or newly enrolled in the school district after January 1, 2015.**

After registering your incoming Developmental Kindergarten or Kindergarten student the following slides may be helpful.

How to Set Up a Lunch Account

- For general Food Service information please visit: https://www.lakeorionschools.org/departments/food-nutrition
- Visit this website: www.sendmoneytoschool.com
  - Please contact our building secretary for your child's student number
- For lunch menus click on the link below:

  https://www.lakeorionschools.org/departments/food-nutrition/menus-and-nutritional-information

Teacher Information and The First Week of School

- Teacher Information
  - Elementary schools send home letters from the child's teacher in August
  - This letter will detail the first day of school for all DK and Kindergarten students
- First Week of School
  - The first day of school for all DK and Kindergarten students will be a half day and does not include lunch
  - The second day of school for all DK and Kindergarten students will be a full day of school and will include lunch that can be purchased from the cafeteria or brought from home
  - All DK and Kindergarten students will follow the same calendar as all other elementary students

School Age Child Care (SACC)

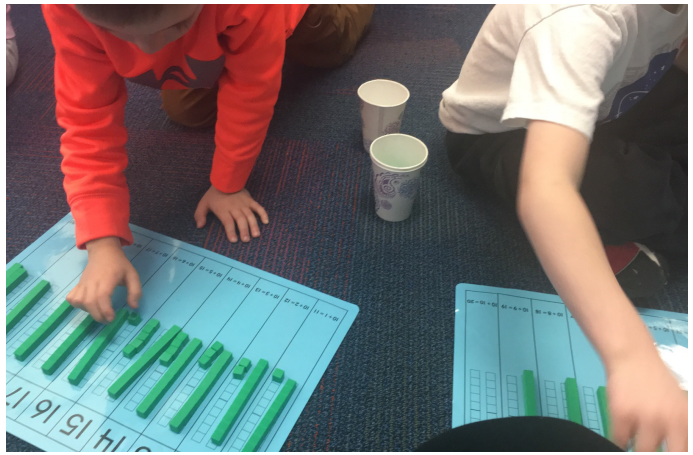
- Complete the New Family Online Application located under Enrollment on the Early Childhood website
- Submit the School Age Child Care Schedule and Tuition Express Forms (located on website) to the Early Childhood Office
  - 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion MI 48360
  - charlene.mcvety@lok12.org or bridgit.craig@lok12.org
- $50 registration fee per student
- Program hours 6:30am-6:00pm
- Program is closed when schools are closed
- Questions: (248) 693-5439

Bus Transportation

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

  https://www.lakeorionschools.org/departments/transportation-_services

Transportation phone number and hours:

- 248-391-5455
- Office hours: 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We Look Forward To Seeing You In The Fall At Orion Oaks!