



# Kindergarten Information Night

## Easthampton Public Schools

### Mountain View School

### Kindergarten Information Summary

#### Registration Process

Registration packets will be mailed to families on the city census list and are also available digitally on the EPSD website ([www.epsd.us](http://www.epsd.us)) or by contacting Central Office by phone 413-529-1500 ext. 123. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to submit registration packets between March 9 and May 1, 2023.

Parents/Guardians must have the following to register their child for Kindergarten:

- Completed registration packet
- Child's official birth certificate – original with a raised seal (not hospital record) – we will make a copy and return the original to you; your child must be 5 years old by **8/31/23**.
- Copy of child's immunization record and most recent physical exam
- Proof of residency as outlined in the registration packet
- Health concerns that would impact school attendance should be well documented
- Copy of your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), if applicable

**\*To complete the registration process for your Kindergarten student, please bring the materials listed above to Kindergarten Registration Day on March 9th 2023 from 3:30-6pm at Mountain View School.\***

#### Transportation Process

Kindergarten students living at least 2.0 miles from school are eligible for free bus transportation. Students who live 1.5 to 2.0 miles from school are eligible to purchase a bus pass. Information on qualifying for the bus and bus stop times is sent out in August. Information on bus fees is included in your registration packets.

Parents/guardians are expected to meet their child at the bus stop, otherwise the child is brought back to school (kindergarten year only).

#### Screening Process

Your child will be asked to participate in 2 screening sessions, one in the spring and one in the fall. You will receive your child's spring screening appointment after their registration is complete. Spring screening dates will be May 4th and 5th. Fall screening appointments will be mailed home in early August.

These screenings are social, emotional, and academic assessments of your child's strengths. Screenings assist teachers with understanding your child's current level of performance and is a wonderful opportunity for both the teacher and child to get to know each other.

#### Tours & Kindergarten Play Dates

Families will have the opportunity to tour the school during Kindergarten Information night, as well as during both screening dates. In addition, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) hosts playdates in mid-August for students and families to meet each other after receiving your teacher and classroom assignments.

## **Class Assignment Process**

An attempt is made to maintain classroom balance including class size, gender, and student needs. Parent/Guardian requests are considered but not guaranteed and must be made in writing to the principal. We currently have five kindergarten classrooms. All kindergartens have a teacher and a paraeducator. Class sizes are typically around twenty students.

## **Starting School**

School hours are 8:45am-3:10pm. The district calendar can be found at [www.epsd.us](http://www.epsd.us). You and your child will receive a welcome letter in August from your child's teacher along with their classroom assignment. In that letter there will be a list of things to bring to school along with information about classroom and school routines. Typically, we ask that children bring a backpack, a small healthy snack, a home lunch (optional), and a labeled change of clothes for the first full day of school. Information about the cost of lunches, free and reduced forms and school lunch menus are on our websites and will be provided to families.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact Jill Pasquini-Torchia, Head of School at 529-1545 or Judy Averill, Principal, PK-2 at 529-1530.