



## Lincoln Public Schools

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### 2020-21 Kindergarten Updates

[Click here to watch our "Welcome to Kindergarten" video!](#)

#### ASAP

Please complete the [Kindergarten Student Records Release](#) (linked here and below)

#### June 8, 6:30-7:30 pm

Lincoln School Kindergarten Orientation, *Virtual Meeting* - *Google Meet Link will be emailed on 6/8*

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Dear Families,

We are looking forward to connecting with you about Kindergarten at the Lincoln School. Typically we are able to meet you and your children at 2-3 events between March and September. Of course, this is not a typical year and so we are adapting to provide a virtual "Welcome to Kindergarten".

#### Registration & Enrollment

If you have a kindergarten eligible student (5 years old by October 1, 2020 and a Lincoln resident) you may register your child using the Online New Student Registration system.

Additional documents are required to complete the registration process. They are listed below. However, due to the school closure we are unable to collect these documents at this time. Please use this list as a guide until we have further information to provide.

- Birth Certificate
- Record of Immunizations
- Record of Physical Exam
- Proof of Residency Documents (Lincoln Residents)

\*\*\*Current Lincoln Preschool students are already registered in the Lincoln Public Schools, however we need confirmation if you would like to enroll your child in Kindergarten for 2020-21. If you have already indicated that your child is coming by completing the "Intent to

Register” form then you are all set! If you have not, please let us know by emailing Beth McGuire at [bmcguire@lincnet.org](mailto:bmcguire@lincnet.org).

LINK: [LPS Online Registration](#)

LINK: [Proof of Residency Documents List](#)

### **Screening Appointments Transition Reports**

Kindergarten screening is one way that we get to know your child. It is a short appointment for your child to “play games” with a teacher. Since we are not able to meet in person this spring, screening will take place when school resumes.

### **Home Language Survey**

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regulations require that all schools determine the language(s) spoken in each student’s home in order to identify their specific language needs. This information is essential in order for schools to provide meaningful instruction for all students. If a language other than English is spoken in the home, the District is required to do further assessment of your child. One of our EL teachers, Mrs. English or Ms. Sweeney, will be in touch with families who have completed registrations to complete the survey with you.

### **Kindergarten Transition Report & Records Release**

Another way for us to learn about your child is through a Kindergarten Transition Report that your child’s preschool or childcare provider completes. This information will help us prepare for your child, and assist us with the class placement process. We will need you to complete a release and exchange form in order to request this information from your child’s current school/daycare (not applicable to students who attend Lincoln Preschool). Please provide the requested information by completing the Kindergarten Student Records Release google form linked below. If you need assistance with this form please email Beth McGuire at [bmcguire@lincnet.org](mailto:bmcguire@lincnet.org).

LINK: [Kindergarten Student Records Release](#)

### **Class Placement**

The class placement process for incoming kindergarteners includes the input from sending teachers, along with the expertise of the kindergarten teachers, administrators, service providers, and the school nurse.

Our goal is to create classrooms where students will have the greatest opportunity for success. There are many considerations including students’ strengths and needs in

academics, as well as in the social, emotional and behavioral domains. There is no “quota” for each classroom; rather, we will look to create a balance of academic proficiencies, emotional maturity, behavioral dynamics, peer relationships, and services received. The staff will work collaboratively to make thoughtful decisions about each student’s placement.

Families have the opportunity to provide input for placement consideration by completing the “Placement Google Form” by Friday, June 12. The form is not required, and your child’s placement will be carefully considered with or without this input.

However, if there is compelling information from your family that should be considered for placement, please complete the form no later than June 12, 2020.

Requests for a specific teacher will not be accepted. You may indicate if one of your children has already had a specific teacher and you wish for the sibling to have a different experience. Similarly, given the complexity and multi-faceted nature of the class placement process, we cannot guarantee that requests for friends will be granted. Finally, please be aware that, for all the reasons described, changes to placement, once it is complete, are rarely, if ever, made. I cannot make any guarantees due to the number of students and factors that must be considered for the whole school, however, the family perspective is important and will be carefully reviewed should you choose to provide it.

Finally, class placements will be sent out via email in the second week of August.

LINK: [Class Placement - Family Input Form](#)

### **The 2020-21 School Year**

The K-4 classrooms will be housed in “the mods” on centerfield for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Additionally, the district is forming an “LPS Education 2021 Task Force” that will create the Lincoln Public Schools Plan for Education and Operations for the 2020 -2021 school year. Superintendent McFall will provide a more comprehensive presentation regarding the LPS Education 2021 Task Force at the School Committee meeting this Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 pm. You can watch livestreaming on local access TV channels 8 and 33 or at [this link to LIncoln TV](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the virtual Kindergarten Orientation on June 8th!

Sincerely,

*Sarah Collmer*