



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS
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Full-Day Kindergarten Announcement

The School District of the Chathams is pleased to offer a full-day kindergarten section in each elementary school for the upcoming school year. A child must have turned five-years of age by October 1 to be eligible for admission. 20 slots will be available at each school--Milton, Southern, and Washington--on a lottery basis, at a tuition rate of \$7,000. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainty it has caused, the tuition deposit payment (\$3,500) will not be due until June 30. Please find below an overview of key features of the program.

There will be one full-day kindergarten section offered as a stand-alone class at Milton Avenue School, Southern Boulevard School, and Washington Avenue School; students will not start the day in a half-day section and then switch classrooms to complete the day. Students will remain with their same homeroom for the full day.

The parents of any Chatham child who turns five-years-old by October 1 may enter their child into the lottery.

There will be one lottery held at each school. Southern children will be eligible to attend Southern, Milton children eligible to attend Milton, and Washington children eligible to attend Washington.

Students selected from the lottery who also qualify for the federal free/reduced lunch program will not be charged a tuition payment.

If a student selected from the lottery is a twin or higher-order multiple sibling, the sibling(s) of the student will also gain admission to the program and count as one of the 20 slots. We will not "break up" twins or triplets.

The school day in the full-day kindergarten sections will resemble a typical full-day kindergarten or first-grade schedule in terms of time allotted to academic subjects (like math and E.L.A.) and special subjects (like physical education, art, and music). The school day will also include lunch and recess time.

If you are interested in registering for the lottery for the full-day kindergarten program, please visit [this page of our website](#).

Please note that even if you have already registered your child for half day kindergarten, you must register via the link on the website to be eligible for the FDK Lottery.

Lottery Registration will close on Friday, March 5. Additional information about the date and nature of the Lottery drawing will be sent to all registrants in the coming weeks. Thank you!