

PARKWAY FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM 2010-11

Parkway School District offers parents an alternative full-day kindergarten program for their children. This fee-based program is designed to compliment rather than accelerate the half-day program and follows the kindergarten curriculum framework. Activities are designed to meet individual needs of the kindergarten children, and are based on the knowledge of what is developmentally appropriate for young learners.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Enrollment for the full-day kindergarten program will be open to all kindergarten-age children residing in the district or participating in the Voluntary Transfer Program. To enroll in either the full-day or the half-day kindergarten program for the 2010-11 school year, children must be 5 years of age prior to August 1, 2010.

TUITION

Full-day kindergarten tuition during the 2010-11 school year will be \$3,520. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. The remaining tuition (\$3,420) will be payable to the Parkway School District through direct debit of your account (either checking or savings) in monthly payments of \$380 on the 20th of each month, September through May. This tuition offsets the costs involved in providing an additional half-day of school time.

DAILY SCHEDULE

The full-day program will follow the Parkway School District calendar. School hours for the full-day program will be the same as the regular elementary school schedule. Parkway bus transportation is provided for those students attending full-day kindergarten classes based on the qualifying criteria for all Parkway students.

BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE

Before and after-school child care is offered at each elementary school through the West County YMCA's School Age Child Care Program. The School-Age Child Care Program opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. and coincides with the Parkway School District calendar. (When Parkway is not in session, the YMCA's School-Age Child Care and full-day kindergarten are also closed.) Call the West County YMCA at (636) 532-6515 for further information about this program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Registration for half-day and full-day kindergarten will begin on January 26, 2010, at every Parkway elementary school. Application forms for full-day kindergarten will be available at registration, and should be completed and mailed to the home school or hand delivered **no later than February 19, 2010.**

PLACEMENT PROCESS

Each full-day kindergarten class will be limited to 20 students. Full-day kindergarten applicants will be placed in the program unless the school receives more than 20 applications. If this occurs, the placement process will be facilitated through a random drawing. Parents submitting applications for placement for the full-day kindergarten program will be notified in writing regarding the status of their application by February 26, 2010. If not selected through the drawing, parents may request their child's name be placed on a waiting list at their home school (in the event of a canceled registration).

Another option available for parents is to submit a special assignment request to attend a full-day kindergarten in another Parkway elementary school. This placement requires transportation be provided by parents. After February 26, 2010, your home school will have a list of schools with full-day openings and the special assignment request forms. Kindergarten students placed by special assignment will return to their home school for first grade.

For more information about Parkway's kindergarten program, please call Dr. Bonnie Maxey, Assistant Superintendent, (314) 415-8010.