



Mount Vernon Schools

Successful Learners Strengthening Our Community

Dear Mount Vernon Family-

Mount Vernon Schools is excited to continue to offer a Transition to kindergarten (TTK) program for the community's youngest learners. We believe every child in the community deserves equal access to a high-quality early learning program, and as such, offer our TTK program as an additional program to the high-quality early learning programs that already exist locally so that more children have the opportunity to benefit from additional preparation for school.

TTK focuses on social and early academic skills and is designed for children who would begin kindergarten in the subsequent fall, who have not yet had access to a structured early learning opportunity, and who would most benefit from additional preparation for kindergarten.

TTK classes are offered at all six elementary schools in the District. There are two classes at Madison which follow the school's dual language program model. Like all kindergarten classes, this program will be full day. TTK follows the school year calendar from when the program begins on November 4, 2024 through the last day of school.

To be eligible to apply, a student must meet the following criteria:

- 4 years of age on or prior to August 31, 2024, and be planning to attend kindergarten in the fall 2025
- No prior access to a structured early learning program, including licensed in-home family child care, center-based child care, and/or pre-school.
- Live within the attendance boundaries of Mount Vernon School District
- Demonstrate the need and/or ability for an extended kindergarten experience
- Enrollment in Madison's TTK program does not automatically guarantee a spot in the K-5 Dual Language program

If your child meets the above initial eligibility criteria, and you are interested in enrolling your student in one of our TTK classrooms, please complete the attached *Transition to Kindergarten Application*. If based on your application materials your child is eligible, they will be invited to engage in a screening process to determine if they will be placed in a TTK classroom or if they will be referred to another early learning program in the community. The TTK screening process and professional knowledge of the TTK staff provides a reasonable means to detect potential developmental delays that may require further evaluation. If the TTK screening process yields information about the child's current functioning that suggests a possible developmental delay, the TTK team will be in communication with you about next steps.

The screening process will begin on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, and continue until Friday, October 11, 2024. Following the screening, families will be informed via written letter and follow-up phone call of whether their child qualifies for TTK enrollment. If your child does not qualify, efforts will be made to connect you with another highly qualified early learning program in the community.

Applications may be returned to the school site where you are applying for your child to attend TTK or to the District Office. If you need assistance completing your application, please contact Esme Fernandez at 360-428-6236 for support in English or Spanish. Applications are due by September 30, 2024.

Thank you for considering Transition to Kindergarten as an early learning opportunity for your child!

In partnership,

Melissa Van Straten

Director-Elementary Teaching, Learning, and Leadership



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APPLICATION FOR TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Does your child have sibling(s) that attend school in the Mount Vernon School District? Yes ___ No ___

Names _____

Has your child attended preschool or childcare? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, where did they attend? _____ Dates: From _____ To _____

How Often: (days per week/hours per day) _____ Teacher(s): _____

** Please note that we work in partnership with other early learning providers in the community. With the completion of the TTK application, you are granting permission to the Mount Vernon School District to share necessary information regarding your child's placement in our program.*

Has your child learned how to use the toilet independently? Yes ___ No ___

*If No, please begin to work on this skill with your child.

Do you receive any free or reduced services (ex. discounted utilities, EBT, SNAP, TANF, etc.) Yes ___ No ___

Has your child ever been offered placement or enrolled in the Head Start/ECEAP program? Yes ___ No ___

Please indicate the language(s) spoken in your home—check all that apply:

English _____ Spanish _____ Mixteco _____ Russian _____ Ukrainian _____ Other _____

When the school contacts you, which language do you prefer?

English _____ Spanish _____ Mixteco _____ Russian _____ Ukrainian _____ Other _____

Reason(s) you are seeking Transition to Kindergarten for your child:

I understand that my child will be screened as part of the application process to determine whether they meet the qualifications for the program. I give consent for my child to be screened.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____