

Loveland Early Childhood Center Full Day Kindergarten 2021-2022 Frequently Asked Questions

Will Loveland offer Full Day Kindergarten for the 2021/2022 school year?

Our goal is to be able to provide Full Day Kindergarten for LECC students and Families. We will provide updates and information on this as soon as we can. If you are interested in Full Day Kindergarten, please indicate that preference when completing the enrollment process.

*We know you need this information to plan accordingly for the fall. We are doing our best to plan a program that meets the needs of our community and we will get this information to you as quickly as possible.

Will everyone who wants to be in full-day kindergarten be able to enroll?

We anticipate that there will be more families who would like for their children to attend this program than we will be able to accommodate at this point (due to limitations of space). Therefore, we will conduct a lottery-style drawing to determine which families will be given the offer to make the deposit and hold a spot for their child in this program.

What specials do full day kindergarten students have?

Full day kindergarten students have music, physical education, and art. Students will also have access to the LECC Library and technology.

Do kindergarten students get recess?

Full-day classes will have two recesses, weather permitting we will have recess outside.

Will full-day kindergarteners eat lunch at school? Will they be able to access the school lunch program?

Yes. Full Day Kindergarteners will be able to pack or buy their lunch.

What will it cost to send my child to full-day kindergarten?

The tuition for 2021-2022 full-day kindergarten will be \$3465 or \$385 per month.

Why is there a cost associated with full-day kindergarten?

The half-day program does not have an additional cost to parents because the State of Ohio provides partial funding to the district to operate the required half-day program offering. Loveland Schools does not receive additional funding from the state for the additional half-day that makes up the full-day program.

Do other districts charge tuition for full-day kindergarten?

Yes. Many districts throughout our region and state charge tuition to help supplement the additional staffing and other costs associated with offering this program. This helps to offset some of the costs incurred by local taxpayers for providing a longer school day than what is required by or funded by the State.

Is there a sliding scale to help cover the tuition if needed?

Students whose families qualify under the Income Eligibility Guidelines for the 2020-2021 Free and Reduced Price School Meals will have the tuition waived if they are selected in the lottery for all-day kindergarten. Parents can check their eligibility by following the guidelines below.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020**

Households with total incomes less than or equal to the values below are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE Number of Members	FREE					REDUCED				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$16,237	\$1,354	\$677	\$625	\$313	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$963	\$889	\$445
2	21,983	1,832	916	846	423	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	44,967	3,748	1,874	1,730	865	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	50,713	4,227	2,114	1,951	976	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	56,459	4,705	2,353	2,172	1,086	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
Each Additional Member Add	+5,746	+479	+240	+221	+111	+8,177	+682	+341	+315	+158

INCOME CONVERSION:

Weekly Income x 52 = Annual income
 Every Two Weeks (Every other week, Biweekly) x 26 = Annual income
 Twice a Month Income (Bimonthly) x 24 = Annual income

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If applying for a tuition waiver, the Free and Reduced Price Meals application must be completed at the time of enrollment. A new form must be completed at the start of each school year.

If a child is retained in kindergarten, is (s)he eligible to be considered in the full-day lottery?

Retention is a team decision with the student’s parents, made at the end of the year. Eligibility to enter the full-day program lottery would also be a team decision that would need to be made prior to the lottery drawing.

How will the lottery work?

Required documentation must be received by the central registrar prior to the lottery, which will be held in the spring. Every student applicant will be assigned a number and all numbers will be drawn randomly (using a “randomizer” feature/tool). Those selected for the program will be notified via email as quickly as possible. Those selected for the full-day classes will then be offered the chance to commit to the program by paying the deposit of \$385 (which will be applied to

cover the end-of-year May tuition amount). We will not request your deposit, until your child is offered a spot. Once paid, the deposit will only be refunded if a replacement student can be found to fill the vacancy. If any student is selected in the lottery whose parents change their minds or don't make the down payment, we will contact the next family in the order in which they were drawn in the lottery. Families who demonstrate financial eligibility based on the 2021-2022 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price School Meals will have the deposit as well as the tuition waived.

Will the full-day students have a different curriculum from that in the half-day program?

No. The state standards and the local curriculum requirements will remain the same for all kindergarteners. Students in the full-day program will have increased opportunities for socialization, movement, inquiry-based hands-on exploration, as well as more time for math workshops, reading groups and project-based learning. Full day students will also have art class outside of the regular classroom, whereas art will be embedded into the regular classroom for half-day students.

How can I get more information?

LECC will be hosting a virtual "Kindergarten Round-Up" meeting from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on February 25 to share information about kindergarten with parents. Parents whose first child will be coming to LECC next year are especially encouraged to attend. Parents may also call the school at (513) 683-4200 or email LECC Principal Jesse Kohls (kohlsje@lovelandschools.org) or LECC School Counselor, Jaime Heybruch (heybruja@lovelandschools.org)