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Dear School District of Philadelphia Families:

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. If you have a son or daughter who will be five years old on or before September 1st, please register them by May 28th to give them an opportunity to [Thrive at Five](#).

There are four ways to register:

- Online using this [online registration portal](#).
- In-person at the Education Center, by appointment only. Call 215-400-4290 to schedule.
- Over the phone by calling your neighborhood school. Find your school's phone number [here](#).
- Via dropbox in the lobby of the Education Center. Find more instructions [here](#).


Registering by May 28th is important because it gives families and children time to meet with school staff and become familiar with a school, which helps make the kindergarten transition a smooth one. The District will hold a Kindergarten Open House Day on March 2 and a Kindergarten Open House Week beginning May 3. The open house may be virtual or in-person, depending on health and safety protocols. Please continue to visit philasd.org/thriveatfive for updates.

The District also has a Pre-Kindergarten program, with about 200 Pre-K locations across the city to serve our youngest learners. This program offers a high-quality curriculum, special needs support and opportunities for parent participation. [Click here to learn more about Pre-Kindergarten](#).

Pre-K and kindergarten attendance sets children on a path to success in school and in life. During these years, they learn to play well with others, make friends, build confidence and begin to learn to read and write – all very important skills that help kids thrive.

Please don't delay. Register your child for kindergarten today!

Sincerely,



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