

All I really  
need to know ...  
I learned in  
kindergarten

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It's true! Kindergarten provides all students the first experience of their academic career.

While there is still a strong emphasis on your student's social-emotional development, the kindergarten experience in Adams 12 Five Star Schools provides every student with rigorous academic programs necessary to develop a strong foundation that will help them succeed as they progress through their elementary and secondary school career.

This year, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is offering a tuition-based Extended Day Kindergarten option in addition to the Half-Day Program. The Extended Day Kindergarten Program is available at district schools with student enrollments large enough to run the program. We know that it is always optimal to attend your boundary school, but with an expanded number of schools opening Extended Day Programs, we are confident that no matter which school your student attends they will benefit from a rich kindergarten experience.

Visit [www.adams12.org/programs\\_kindergarten](http://www.adams12.org/programs_kindergarten) for more information.

## FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

**If I live outside Adams 12 Five Star Schools boundary, can I still apply for an opening in the Extended Day Kindergarten Program?** Yes, however out-of-district priority falls behind neighborhood school and district boundary applicants.

**Will I receive transportation services for my kindergartener?** Transportation will be provided for students who qualify at their boundary school. Transportation services are not provided for students who attend an Extended Day Program outside of their boundary school. To see if your student qualifies, visit [www.adams12.org/boundary\\_locator](http://www.adams12.org/boundary_locator)

**If my child's name is not in the school's lottery, can I stay on the waiting list at both the school and the district?** No, you must choose. If you elect to attend a school that is outside of your neighborhood boundary by entering the district's central pool, you may not stay on two waiting lists. If you are on a waiting list at your boundary school, and your name is not drawn from the lottery prior to school starting, your child would attend the Half-Day Program at your boundary school and only enter the Extended Day Program if their name would be drawn from the lottery.

**How will I know if my child's name is selected?** The school or district will contact you by February 15th if your child's name has been drawn.

**What if we get into a program and can't pay the tuition?** You must keep your account up to date each month. If your account becomes delinquent, your child will be moved to a Half-Day kindergarten class.

**If needed, will my child receive special services in kindergarten?** All schools in Adams 12 Five Star Schools offer programs for students who speak English as a secondary language, who qualify for services through an individualized education plan (IEP), or who have been identified as gifted and talented.

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Five Star Schools  
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## Adams 12 Five Star Schools Kindergarten

Every student, every school,  
now you get to make the  
right choice for your child



HALF-DAY  
EXTENDED DAY

## Kindergarten Programs Include:

- A highly qualified certified classroom teacher
- A rigorous curriculum directed by the State's common core standards
- Participation in PE, art and music classes
- A six and a half-hour school day which includes an extended blocks of PE, music and art instruction

## Kindergarten by the Numbers

5 years

Your child must be 5 years old by October 1st

100%

of your child's day is being impacted with highly qualified teachers who have been licensed through the Colorado Department of Education

18-26

The average number of kindergarten students in each classroom

\$15.00

per day is the cost of Extended Day Kindergarten Program

100% Before and after school care is available

## The Best Value in Town

We know how important it is to compare costs of your student's Extended Day Program. In a cost comparison of private kindergartens, Adams 12 Five Star Schools provides an excellent value for your budget. In addition to a balanced literacy program, math instruction provided through our Everyday Math program and the opportunity to participate in physical education, music, arts, technology, science and social studies, we offer every child a balanced and comprehensive experience.

\$15.00 per day/  
\$300.00 per month

### How do I choose what's best for my student



### Half-Day Kindergarten

If you choose to enroll your child in the traditional Half-Day Program, simply register your child at your neighborhood boundary school. Your student will automatically be enrolled for fall and the school will notify you if your student will be attending a morning or afternoon program.

**HOURS: AM Kindergarten: 7:45 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.**  
**PM Kindergarten: 11:35 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

### Extended Day Kindergarten

If you're interested in the Extended Day Program, register for the program during open registration dates at your child's neighborhood boundary school. Your child's name will automatically be entered into a computer-generated lottery to be held in February. If you are selected for that school's program, you will be notified by February 15.

**HOURS: 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

### District Choice

If you have applied for Extended Day Kindergarten and your student's name is not chosen in the lottery, you have a choice:

- You can either stay on your neighborhood's boundary school's waiting list **OR**
- You may enter your child's name on the district interest list to attend an Extended Day Program at another district school. You will be notified by April 8th if your student has been selected in the district's lottery to attend an Extended Day Program.

If your student is going to attend an Extended Day Kindergarten Program outside your boundary school, their attendance will only be for one year. They will automatically return to their boundary school for first grade. See district's choice policy 5260 for more clarification by visiting [www.adams12.org](http://www.adams12.org).

### Getting Started

- **Register your child at their neighborhood school**  
January 30, 2012 – August 2012  
*Extended Day Kindergarten priority registration*  
January 30, 2012 – February 10, 2012
- **Choose the Half-Day or Extended Day Kindergarten Program**
- **If you register for Extended Day Kindergarten and are selected in the priority lottery**, \$50 registration fee is due by February 24th.
- **If your child is registered to attend an Extended Day Program**, a non-refundable \$250.00 deposit is due by March 15th to reserve a space for your child. The \$250.00 deposit and \$50 registration fee will be applied toward the May 2013 payment. *You will be required to sign a contract agreeing to pay tuition on an assigned payment schedule. Failure to pay will result in your account being turned over to a collections agency, and your child will be moved to a Half-Day Kindergarten class.*