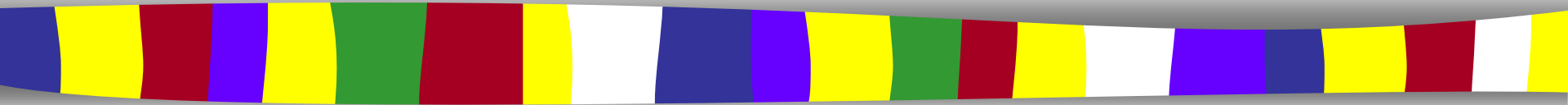


The Kindergarten Experience



Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7

2020



District 7 Schools

District 7 has six primary attendance centers:

Hamel Elementary (K-2)	124 students
Midway Elementary (K-2)	147 students
Leclaire Elementary (K-2)	320 students
Nelson Elementary (K-2)	312 students
Glen Carbon Elementary (K-2)	349 students
Goshen Elementary (PreK– 2)	511 students



District 7 Schools

District 7 has four intermediate centers:

Worden Elementary	(3-5)	258 students
Woodland Elementary	(3-5)	502 students
Columbus Elementary	(3-5)	407 students
Cassens Elementary	(3-5)	515 students



District 7 Schools

Lincoln Middle School

- 6th - 8th grades
- 788 students

Liberty Middle School

- 6th - 8th grades
- 971 students

Edwardsville High School

- 9th - 12th grades
- 2,231 students



Where Are They?

- Leclair School 5 classes
- Nelson School 5 classes
- Glen Carbon School 6 classes
- Hamel School 2 classes
- Midway School 2 classes
- Goshen School 4 classes



The Kindergarten Student

- Illinois School Code requires a child to be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020, however there is a process for children who meet specific criteria to enter school early.
- This year, District 7 has 24 sections of kindergarten
- Presently, there are 510 kindergarten students attending District 7 schools



How Does the Young Child Learn?

- Through instruction that is appropriate for a five year old child
- By being actively involved
- By talking and working with other children
- Through a combination of quiet and active learning experiences



Kindergarten Curriculum

- A strong emphasis on language arts and literacy instruction that meets each child's individual needs
- A math curriculum that emphasizes problem solving and critical thinking
- A science curriculum that uses a hands-on/discovery approach
- A strong emphasis on social development



Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

Parents can also help prepare their children for the first day of kindergarten by helping their kindergartener:

- Recognize and write his/her first name
- Identify the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that those letters make
- Notice rhyming words in books
- Count items 1-20 and rote count up to 30

Guided Reading Levels

(August to May)

Progress Monitoring by Instructional Text Reading Level

GRADE	MONTHS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
K	–	–	A	B	B	C	C	C/D	D	D
1	D/E	E	F/G	G	H	H	I	I	J	J
2	J/K	K	K	K	L	L	L	M	M	M
3	M/N	N	N	N	O	O	O	P	P	P
4	P/Q	Q	Q	Q	R	R	R	S	S	S
5	S/T	T	T	T	U	U	U	V	V	V
6	V/W	W	W	W	X	X	X	X	Y	Y
7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
8	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
9-12	Z	Z	Z	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+

Math Concepts

Concepts	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Counts Quarter 1 (1-20) Quarter 2 (1-40) Quarter 3 (1-60) Quarter 4(1-100)	B D P	B D P	B D P	B D P
Recognizes the 8 basic shapes	B D P			
Understands positional words	B D P			
Writes numbers 1-20	B D P	B D P	B D P	B D P
Understands one to one correspondence Quarter 1 (1-10) Quarter 2 (1-20)	B D P	B D P		
Compares number values (1-10) Greater than, less than, equal to		B D P		
Sorts and classifies objects		B D P		
Understands addition Addends 0-5			B D P	B D P
Understands subtraction From 5 or less			B D P	B D P
Compose and decompose teen numbers into tens and ones				B D P
Understands measurement concepts				B D P
Recognizes 2D and 3D shapes				B D P
Counts to 100 by 10's				B D P

Early Literacy Skills

Early Literacy Skills

- A blank indicates a correct response.
- A dash indicates no response.
- An incorrect response is recorded.

Capital Letters

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	26
Q1																											
Q2																											
Q3																											
Q4																											

Lower Case Letters

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	26
Q2																											
Q3																											
Q4																											

Letter Sounds - Consonants

	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	X	Y	Z	21	
Q3																							
Q4																							

Long Vowels

	A	E	I	O	U	5 pts
Q3						
Q4						

Short Vowels

	A	E	I	O	U	5 pts
Q3						
Q4						

English Language Arts

English Language Arts

Reading	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Understands concepts of print: left to right, top to bottom, letters/words	B D P	B D P	B D P	B D P
Makes predictions from pictures and context	B D P	B D P	B D P	B D P
Identifies story elements: characters, setting and major events		B D P	B D P	B D P
Identifies rhyming words		B D P	B D P	B D P
Uses letter sound association to read words			B D P	B D P
Sequences events in a story			B D P	B D P
Produces rhyming words				B D P
Writing	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Uses writing and drawing tools with confidence and control	B D P	B D P	B D P	B D P
Prints first name (Using correct capitalization starting 3 rd quarter)	B D P	B D P	B D P	B D P
Prints last name (Using correct capitalization)				B D P
Copies written words		B D P	B D P	B D P
Uses developmental spelling			B D P	B D P
Writes a simple sentence				B D P
Uses spaces between words				B D P
Capitalizes the first word in a sentence and the pronoun I				B D P
Recognizes ending punctuation				B D P



Kindergarten Experiences

All Kindergarten students will have an opportunity to:

- Receive PE, art, and music instruction from a teacher certified in this area
- Relax during a scheduled “rest-time”
- Have an opportunity for outdoor exploration and play when weather permits
- Interact with other kindergarten classes



School Services

District 7 provides a range of services for eligible students:

- Speech and language therapists
- Reading interventions
- Collaborative team
- School nurses available to all students



Parent Involvement

A parent's involvement in their child's school experience is an essential element to student academic achievement

- School parent-teacher organizations (PTO)
- Parent-teacher conferences
 - formal (fall)
 - informal (throughout the school year)
- Classroom volunteering



Parent Involvement

Parents can be involved on a regular basis by:

- Reading to their children every night
- Help foster independence in your children
- Looking at weekly folders
- Discussing their child's work and classroom behavior
- Visiting the classroom on Curriculum Night
- Reading classroom newsletters to stay informed of classroom activities



Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

- Talk positively about starting school
- Drive by your child's school during the summer
- Visit the playground
- Purchase clothes and shoes that your child can manage independently



Preparing for Kindergarten

Parents need to prepare, too:

- Collect required documents – Birth certificate, residency documents, etc.
- Make appointments for a school physical, vision exam, immunizations and a dental check up
- Plan on attending Kindergarten Orientation – TBD



Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation is essential for a smooth transition to school:

- Tour the school and playground
- Program details and overview by classroom teacher
- Meet other parents and students
- Be prepared to bring school supplies



Transportation

- First Student Bus Company is the District 7 transportation company
- Once District 7 registration is complete for the 2020-2021 school year, parents will be provided login information to Tigerview in order to access bus assignments, drop-off and pick-up times and bus corner locations



Half-Day and Full Day Kindergarten Options



Half-Day Kindergarten

- Requests must be filed by June 30, 2020, for the half-day option
- 20+ requests will require the creation of a separate half-day classroom at one school
- This is a permanent placement - no changes to full day will be allowed
- Bus transportation is available
- Parent notification in early July



Half-Day Kindergarten

- Fewer than 20 requests will allow District 7 to offer an embedded program
- Children will attend their home school
- Children will attend from 9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
- Students may switch to a full day program after a conference with the building principal



Questions and Comments

- Your child's teacher
- School principal
- First Student Bus Company
- Phone: (618) 656-0125
- www.ecusd7.org