



VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT

YOUNG 5'S & KINDERGARTEN

Saline Area Schools | 2022-2023



MEET THE BUILDING PRINCIPALS



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What are the differences and similarities of the Young 5's Program and the Kindergarten Program?

How are they the same?	How are they different?
Students can independently use restroom	Focus in Y5's is on developing social skills
Getting to School	<u>Curriculum</u> - Young 5's is less rigorous
Building Schedule - 8:51 AM - 3:44 PM	Y5's has more rest and play time built into the program.
Safety & Security	
Lunch and Food Service	
Specials	
Recess	



How do I know my student is eligible to attend Young 5's?

Students who will turn 5 between August 1, 2022 and December 1, 2022 are eligible.

However, it is important for the school district and the parent (s) to determine need. After the screening process is held, a school district recommendation will be provided to the parent (s). At that point, the parent will consider the recommendation and ultimately decide on whether to enroll in Young 5's, Kindergarten or another option.



What if my student doesn't have a birthday that falls between 8/1-12/1 and I would still like him/her in the Young 5's Program?

There is a chance that students outside this window could be in the Young 5's Program, but it depends on all of the following:

1. Is there room in any of the buildings?
2. When screened, does the child demonstrate a need?
3. How close is the child's birthday to the window (Aug. 1-Dec.1)? *
4. If a child has identified special needs, is this an agreed upon placement by the special education team?

** December 2nd and later not eligible for the Y5's Program*



The Young 5's Screening Process

What is the purpose of the screening?

- To assess both academic and social/emotional readiness. We will be using a Brigance screening tool that asks both student and parent (s) a set of simple questions to assess readiness. District officials (administrators and staff) will assess the results and provide a recommendation for each child.
- We may have a number of students who go through the Young 5's screening process and demonstrate skills that would suggest that they are more than capable of being in a Kindergarten classroom.
- Vision screening will be available as well

This year the Young 5s screening will take place at Liberty School on the following dates:

- Monday, May 9th (12:00 - 4:00 pm)
- Thursday, May 12th (9:00 - 12:00 pm)
- Wednesday, May 18th (2:00 - 6:00 pm)

You will be sent a link to register for the Young 5s screening once you have completed the district enrollment process



How many sections of Young 5's will be offered?

Currently, we offer 2 sections at Harvest, 1 section at Woodland Meadows and 2 sections at Pleasant Ridge. However, we are analyzing enrollment and will make a determination as to the number of sections this spring.

We aim to keep our Young Five class size below 20 students.



Kindergarten + Young 5's Orientation and the First Day of School

- **Late August 2022:** Elementary Open House 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 29, 2022:** Kindergarten/Young 5's Orientation -
 - Child attends with family members for a 45 minute orientation
 - No buses for Kindergarten/Young 5's students on this day.
 - Click [here](#) for more information
- **Tuesday, August 30, 2022:** First full day of school for Kindergarten/Young 5's students



Kindergarten Screening

- The purpose of screening is to offer a short 15 minute session with a Kindergarten teacher in order to get a sense of your child's academic and social emotional skills. Our goal is to create balanced classrooms in all of our K classes. Vision screening will also be available.
- All kindergarten students should sign up for a screening time, even if they have attended Young 5's. Following registration, a screening sign up link will be shared with you.
- If the days for screening at your home building do not work for your schedule, you can sign up at another building.



Harvest: July 28 and August 1st



Pleasant Ridge: August 1st and August 2nd



Woodland Meadows: July 27 and August 1st





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Young 5's Team



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HARVEST ELEMENTARY



Nancy Zebrowski
Kindergarten
Teacher



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Teacher



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Kindergarten
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The Foundation for Saline Area Schools is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that began in 1987. We provide funding to support creative and innovative initiatives that **benefit our students** and contribute to the educational excellence of Saline Area Schools. We award teaching, building, district, partnership and student-led grants throughout the school district.

Since 1987, we've awarded \$1.5 million in grants to SAS.





STUDENT HEALTH

- Overview of Nursing Services at Saline Area Schools
 - Karan Hervey, BSN, RN, NCSN: hervekar@salineschools.org / 734-401-4160
 - Wendy Portwood, RN: portwoow@salineschools.org / 734-401-4390
 - What do school nurses do? Chronic Health Conditions, Medications communicable disease and more!
 - District Health Services site: (salineschools.org → Departments → Health Services)
- Immunization Requirements for Young 5's/Kindergarten
- Hearing/Vision Screening Requirement for Young 5's/Kindergarten (at Young 5s and Kindergarten screenings)
- COVID-19 - what does this mean for my Young 5's or kindergarten student?
Please reach out - we are here to help and support your student!



STUDENT SERVICES

Saline Area Schools offers a full inclusion model of special education services at every building. The following may be provided based on identified student needs:

- Response to Intervention groups (RTI)
- Speech and Language support
- Social Work Support
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Teacher Consultant Support
- Resource Room Instruction

Contact Molly Garcia - garciam@salineschools.org / 734-401-4006



TRANSPORTATION

Interested in learning more about how the SAS Transportation Busing system works? Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.

Further questions about transportation can be directed to Tracey Mulcare:
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FOOD SERVICES

Food Service Homepage

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SERVICES

Food Services

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION
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SOCIAL MEDIA
▶ [SAS Food Service on Twitter](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW SAS LUNCH MENUS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO DEPOSIT LUNCH MONEY FOR YOUR STUDENT](#)

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TECHNOLOGY

Hands on with Technology

- iPad Minis - 1:1 for every student
- Headphones - Students bring their own for choice and health

Digital Citizenship

- Media Center curriculum has a digital citizenship component
- Supported by classroom teachers

Computer Science

- Introductions are made in Media and Innovation Lab classes

The Learning Management System for Young 5's and Kindergarten is Seesaw



Link: [Family Tech Resource Page](#)



COMMUNITY EDUCATION



Community Education Program Guide

Safety Town Website - Registration

Summer Sports Camps

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Summer Camp

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PTO/PTA INFORMATION

Be Apart of the Team...
Join the PTA Today!

Every Child.
One Voice.



TOGETHER
WE WILL MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!



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REGISTRATION WALK THROUGH

Registration is now open and is 100% online

www.salineschools.org -> Registration button -> 2022/23 Registration

It will be mandatory for families to upload the following documents before the final submission of their child's record is complete:



REGISTRATION WALK THROUGH

1. Birth Certificate
2. Updated Immunization Records
3. Two (2) proofs of residency
 - Driver's license
 - Utility bill
 - Lease agreement
 - Warranty deed
 - Tax Bill
 - Bank Statement

4. Proof of Vision Screening

The following are required ONLY if they pertain to your child:

5. IEP
6. Guardianship/Custody Papers

We will contact you if there is a problem or if we need further information



REGISTRATION WALK THROUGH

Once you have submitted your registration, the system does not allow you to go back in to make changes

You will need to contact registration@salineschools.org for any changes or updates to documents

Teacher information will be digitally sent to families approximately a week before school starts



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Further questions?

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