

Jenison Public Schools is proud to offer five unique learning environments for 5 yr olds (on or before Dec 1) to begin their education journey. Using whole group and small group instruction, we tailor teaching to meet each student's needs.

Our goal is that every student's first experience as a Wildcat is one that grows confidence and a joy of learning. Explore the kindergarten screening process and available programs here or online at: **JPSONLINE.ORG/KINDERGARTEN**.



TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

TK students learn fundamental life skills in smaller ratio classrooms. They learn to wait and take turns, and participate in activities that teach thinking, reasoning, and decision making skills. Students also develop listening, social/emotional skills, literacy, language, mathematical reasoning, and critical thinking.



KINDERGARTEN

Focusing on foundational academic skills, JPS kindergarten students learn in whole group and small group settings to master phonics, reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.



OUTDOOR KINDERGARTEN

Through our partnership with Outdoor Discovery, students take an integrated approach to learning academic fundamentals while exploring the world beyond the classroom in an all-outdoor environment.



SPANISH IMMERSION

Building on our proven kindergarten curriculum, Spanish Immersion students learn in an all-Spanish speaking environment from fluent teachers.



JENISON INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (JIA)

JIA students engage in a mastery-based digital curriculum led and supported by Jenison teachers. Personalized academic plans and access to on-campus learning opportunities are provided to every student.





KINDERGARTEN (K) SCREENING PROCESS



IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

K screening is required for all kids entering one of our Kindergarten or TK programs. It provides a snapshot of your child's development at a particular point in time. We use BRIGANCE to help measure early development and academic skills and assess Kindergarten readiness.

Our team uses the results of the screening to provide you with a recommendation and to partner with you as you determine what program is best for your child.

K SCREENING PROCESS

The K screening process begins online at JPSONLINE.ORG/KINDERGARTEN. Links to required documentation and the screening appointment scheduler are posted each calendar year after January 1.



Parents complete online registration at JPSONLINE.ORG/KINDERGARTEN



Parents book a screening appointment online at JPSONLINE.ORG/KINDERGARTEN



The screening will take place at your selected appointment time in person at the Jenison Early Childhood Center (ECC).



After meeting the screener, your child will participate in the screening process in a preschool classroom with the screener.



During the screening, parents will complete documentation, watch an informational video, and have the opportunity to ask questions.



Screener will meet with you and your child to review the activities completed in the screening.

Note: The screener will not discuss results or recommendations



After screening you will receive an email with a recommendation on TK or K. You can set up further discussions with our team or ask any additional questions before confirming placement.

