



Kindergarten FAQ

WHAT MAKES EMERSON UNIQUE?

Emerson is an entire school dedicated to helping gifted and academically talented students thrive. Here, smart is cool, peers are engaged, curiosity is valued, and children develop a love of learning. To learn more and see our school in action, please come to one of our admission tour events, or contact Admissions Director Lisa Psarouthakis at lisap@emerson-school.org to set up an individual tour.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN DAY LOOK LIKE?

A day in kindergarten includes hands-on, engaging activities that are differentiated for each child. Students are taught in small and large groups. During Math and Literacy, students explore new concepts in whole group activities before working in small groups to practice and solidify the new concept. They are provided with opportunities to explore through play at varying times of the day. Kindergartners have the option to eat in either classroom for snack and lunch. This provides them an opportunity to socialize with all kindergarten students. Our small class sizes create a positive atmosphere for all students to learn at their individual level.

CLASS SIZE, TEACHER RATIO, HOURS

Kindergarten classes are capped at 15 students with one full-time teacher and seven Specials teachers (world language, PE, music, art, QUEST and library). The student-to-teacher ratio is 8 to 1. The school day starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 2:45 PM. Before and after school programs are available.

DATES, DEADLINES, PROCEDURES

Kindergarten Applicant Visit Days are scheduled in February, March and May. Admission usually begins with a parent tour, and event dates, as well as the application, can be found at emerson-school.org/tour. Children should have reached the age of 5 by September 1 of the year they wish to attend.

EARLY DROP OFF AND AFTERCARE PROGRAMS

Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 AM, and may stay after school until 6:00 PM. Emerson offers several enrichment classes on a rotating basis, as well as after school sports and music lessons. The after school program at Emerson is a community in and of itself, and many kids who don't technically need to use it, love to stay anyway.

TRANSPORTATION

Ann Arbor Public Schools provide bus service for families living in the AAPS district to/from:

- Bryant Elementary
- Burns Park Elementary
- Angell Elementary
- Bach Elementary
- Pioneer High School

A bus service chartered for Emerson families (for a fee) is available with pick-up/drop-off locations at:

- Geddes Rd. & Gale Rd.
- US-23 & Plymouth Park and Ride lot
- Miller and US-23 Park and Ride Lot

TUITION (FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE)

2019-20 tuition for Kindergarten is flexible and ranges from \$500- \$17,500.00. 2020-21 tuition will be finalized by the end of January.