



BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

PROPOSAL

JANUARY 10, 2022



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FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN INTERESTS

- Provide equitable and accessible full day kindergarten for all children in the Boise School District.
- Potential attraction of additional kindergarten age students into our district at kindergarten rather than 1st grade.
- Increased social and academic skills.



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CURRENT OPTIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN 21-22

- 20 schools offer a full day option
 - 2 schools offering a full day Kindergarten fully funded (Taft and Jefferson)
 - 18 schools offering a full day Kindergarten funded by a sliding scale
 - Current Enrollment into Full Day: 553
 - 183 or 33% qualify for tuition-free full day Kindergarten
 - 40% of our current Kindergarten population are enrolled in full day.
- 25 Full Day Classrooms 21-22



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VISION

- 100% Pre Literacy and Pre Numeracy Skills for ALL students by 1st grade.
- Soft skills mastered for successful 1st grade experience.
- Accessible for ALL students.
- Equitable for ALL students.
- Full day Kindergarten for all students
 - Estimated 71 classes for the 2022/2023



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EVIDENCE

AMY ADAMS *FULL DAY TEACHER MOUNTAIN VIEW



EVERYTHING'S
possible

Amy Adams
All Day Kindergarten Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School



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Suggested Daily Schedule for All-Day Kindergarten

SCHEDULE

390 minutes vs.
165 minutes per day

452 hours vs.
925 hours per year

½ Day K Schedule

15 minutes	Morning Routine/Tasks/Morning Work
15 minutes	Morning Meeting/Community Circle/Morning Message/Question of the Day/Check-in
15 minutes	Daily Calendar/Number Corner/Days in School
90 minutes	ELA- Mini-Lesson, Centers, Daily 5, Read Aloud
45 minutes	Math- Mini-Lesson, Centers, Daily 3
30 minutes	Writing- Handwriting Without Tears instruction, Journals, Writer's Workshop
30 minutes	Specials each day (P.E. or Music or Library)
30 minutes	Science/Social Studies/Health/Art
45 minutes	Structured Free Choice - Snack- Structured Play Centers- Social Skills- Tier 2 with students
75 minutes	Recesses and Lunch

- There are 390 minutes for a full day.



BENEFITS TO PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF

Parents

- Lunch and breakfast available
- Less of a financial burden on families (if school is free)
- More continuity in the child's day
- Consistent schedule with siblings
- Better supports the schedule of working parents

Students/Teachers

- Increased instructional time including time for intervention
- More time to focus on activities, to reflect on activities and to transition between activities
- Supports developmental science of the brain
- Supports decreasing the language gap (learning vocabulary in context)
- Narrows the poverty gap in vocabulary (30 million word gap)



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RESOURCES (BUDGET)

- Space needed: Number of new classrooms: 14
- Curriculum needs
- Transportation savings \$175,000 (mid-day bus reduction)
- 37 FTE increase
- PE/Music possible increase
- Possible Special Education staffing increase (could also be a possible decrease over time)



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RESOURCES (BUDGET)

- Classroom setup for 14 additional classrooms - funded by **Idaho Community Foundation Donation**
 - Furniture
 - Curriculum TEs
 - Teacher Technology Device
- \$2.7 million - approximate cost to implement full day Kindergarten district-wide
 - 37 FTE, includes 2 Special Education teachers



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COMMUNICATION

- Parents/Guardians
 - All-Day Kindergarten Program information night (webinar) for parents
 - Parents/guardians will be asked to submit questions in advance
- Staff Training
 - Room setup, daily schedule, curriculum



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Questions



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