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COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

At a Glance

BPS Kindergarten Transition Overview



NOVEMBER–JANUARY: *Visit & Choose Schools*

Families who are enrolling children in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year should use the [Discover BPS](#) tool to get a customized list of schools available to you to choose from. Once you have your list, look at the [School Preview Times](#) brochure to find times when you and your family can visit these schools.

Important dates:

- BPS “[Showcase of Schools](#)” will be on **December 14, 2019, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Location TBD**
- **School Preview Time** will take place from **November 2019 - January 2020**
- Late December [Pre Register](#) online. Please note that you must visit a [Welcome Center](#) during your first round with [the required documents](#) to complete your registration process.



JANUARY: *Register for Schools*

Register in the first round of BPS registration for your best chance of getting into a school of your choice! Read Countdown’s Registration Guide for everything you need to know about the registration process, gather the necessary documentation (birth certificate or passport, picture ID, 2 proofs of Boston residency and child’s immunization records) and visit a Welcome Center ANY time during your first round to register.

- First Round Registration for KO and K1 begins on **January 6-31, 2020**.
- First Round Registration for K2 begins on **February 10-April 3, 2020**



APRIL–JUNE: *Meet Your School*

After you receive your school assignment from BPS, be sure to check the mail for an invitation to your kindergartener’s new school’s **Welcome Session**, or check the Welcome Session schedule posted on the Countdown to Kindergarten website. Attend your school’s Welcome Session with your child as an important part of the kindergarten transition process and helps ease some of the new school jitters!



JUNE–AUGUST: *Get Ready for School*

Countdown to Kindergarten will send out a postcard in late May/early June inviting you and your kindergartener to go into your [local library](#) to pick up your free “I’m Going to Kindergarten” t-shirt, and activity guide. Be sure to check out the free events for kindergarten families around the city, including Kindergarten Day celebrations and Countdown to Kindergarten Citywide Celebration on August 25, 2020, at the Boston Children’s Museum.



SEPTEMBER: *Start School!*

Kindergarten in the Boston Public Schools typically begins the Monday following Labor Day. Check out our “[Helpful Handbook for Kindergarten Families](#)” to learn more about kindergarten in BPS and find out a little more about the curriculum. Be sure to fill out your parent questionnaire and send it to school on the first day! Welcome to the Boston Public Schools! Get engaged! Join your child’s School Parent Council, attend a Parent University. Thank you for choosing BPS.

