



Jordan School District #717  
Work Session Agenda

Monday, June 22, 2026 at 5:35 PM

Work Session

CERC Multi-purpose Room

500 Sunset Drive; Suite 3

Jordan, MN 55352

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1. Raptor Updates regarding Raptor Security
  2. Communications Update
  3. Kick Start Updates
  4. JMS Update
  5. Legislative Update

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# COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

Welcome, Class of 2039, to Jordan  
Public Schools and Jordan Elementary!



Class of 2026  
- and -  
Class of 2038

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# KICK START TO KINDERGARTEN

# WHAT IS KICK START?



- Support children transition into Kindergarten (may be child's first school experience)
- Build relationships with peers and staff
- Preview Kindergarten skills and work on becoming independent learners
- Acclimate to classroom and school routines
- Become familiar with building spaces

# WHAT IS KICK START?



- Experience a typical full day in Kindergarten: learn routines, have breakfast & recess/lunch, specialists, participate in various activities, & practice arrival and dismissal procedures
- Introduce students to school setting
- Student placement process into K classrooms for school year (similar to grades 1-4)

***Have FUN!***

# Kickstart 2026-2027 “Refresh”

## Kick Start 2023 & Before

- Shifted from summer “Launching into Kindergarten” to Kick Start format in 2018-19
- Staggered start days for each bldg. w/ Kick Start, Jump Start, Freshman Focus
- BtoS Conferences same days as Kick Start (19-20; in 23-24 separated events)
- Shift K-12 BtoS Conferences/ Open House to one date (24-25)
- Notified families of K teacher assignments prior to start of BtoS Conferences (grades 1-4 in mid Aug., K day before)

## “Refreshed” Kick Start 2026

- Kick Start is back after 2 yrs off (construction project)
- Kick Start same as first days of school for PK-12
- Shift from BtoS Conferences to Open House-more time spread out over course of day (10am-6pm)
- School pics during school day vs. BtoS Conf. (pressure off of families for first school exp.)
- Families notified of K teacher assignments at K Open House (grades 1-4 same for 27-28?)

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How does my Kindergartener find their way to Kick Start from the bus, drop-off or breakfast during the first days of school?**

K students will be greeted by administration, behavior team members, paraprofessionals and other JES staff for Kick Start. K students exiting cars in drop-off loops or buses will be welcomed to school in the Maroon Gym, and then transition to breakfast and K classrooms after grades 1-4 are settled in for the first day. Students will practice a regular dismissal, with support from classroom teachers and other staff who will walk K students to the pickup loop to enter vehicles, meet families to walk/bike home, or ride their appropriate bus home.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How is Kindergarten different than Preschool?**

The goals and purpose of each program is unique. PreK focuses on learning through play, discovery and exploration to support students' learning and social-awareness. Instruction is focused on beginning exposure to academic skills and concepts. Student/staff ratios are 1:10, with a "push-in" model for student support.

In Kindergarten, learning is more structured with academic rigor and proficiency levels increasing compared to PreK, as well as more explicit instruction in social-emotional learning. Students continue to grow in independence, responsible decision making, and self-awareness skills with adult guidance and support. Student/staff ratios are 1:23 with a "pull-out" model for student support.

# TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN DAY



- Core Instruction: Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies (Technology Integration)
- JWIN (Just What I Need)- Academic Support
- KWIN (Kindergarten What I Need)- Social & Emotional Learning Support
- Project-based learning
- Play time
- Recess/Lunch
- Specials-KWIN, Art, Music, Phy. Ed. and Media/Tech
- SMART Room
- Mindfulness
- Jordan PRIDE, RAC (Recognize, Acknowledge, Connect)/PBIS



# QUESTIONS?