



Forest Hills Public Schools

Family Kindergarten Survey

Forest Hills currently offers an all-day, *alternate* day kindergarten program for all students who turn five on or before December 1. In addition, we currently offer a half-day Young Fives program which is designed specifically for students who turn five between September 1 and December 1. Proposed legislation may cause districts across our state to implement an all-day, *every day* kindergarten program in order to receive full funding.

As parents/guardians of incoming kindergartners in the 2012-2013 school year, your opinions are valuable to us in our planning. Your responses to the following questions will be important data about Forest Hills' parent/guardian preferences in kindergarten programming options. We thank you for your time and input.

1. What is your neighborhood elementary school?

<input type="checkbox"/> Ada Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard View Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Collins Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Ridge Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Knapp Forest Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Thornapple Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow Brook Elementary	
2. Have you applied for either of the FHPS language immersion kindergarten programs?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the Chinese Immersion Kindergarten Program at Meadow Brook
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the Spanish Immersion Kindergarten Program at Ada Vista
<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. In which of the following program options are you most interested in enrolling your kindergarten age child for 2012-2013?

<input type="checkbox"/> Young Fives (intended for children who will turn five years old between September 1 and December 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
4. Which method of transportation do you plan to use for your incoming kindergarten age child?

<input type="checkbox"/> My child will ride the school bus
<input type="checkbox"/> I/My designee will drive my child to/from school
<input type="checkbox"/> A combination of bus and car
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
5. Given a choice, which of the following kindergarten options do you prefer for your child? Select all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> All-day, alternate day kindergarten program (current FHPS program)
<input type="checkbox"/> All-day, every day kindergarten program
<input type="checkbox"/> A half-day Young Fives program (intended for children who will turn five years old between September 1 and December 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
6. If an all-day, every day kindergarten program becomes the only option at your neighborhood elementary school, would you still plan to send your child to kindergarten in 2012-2013?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure



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7. If an all-day, every day kindergarten program becomes the only available program at your neighborhood elementary school, but an all-day, alternate day program was offered as a regional program within the district (parent/guardian provides/arranges own transportation), would you be interested in this option?
- Yes
 - No
 - Not sure
8. Forest Hills Public Schools currently offers several fee-based child care options. Which of the following do you plan to utilize:
- Before- and/or After-School Child Care
 - Kindergarten Kids Care for school days/half-days when your child is not in kindergarten (applies only if an all-day, every day program is not available)
 - Both of the above
 - None of the above
 - Not sure
9. **Parents/Guardians of Young Fives only:** If an all-day, every day kindergarten program becomes the only kindergarten option at your neighborhood elementary school, and Young Fives is no longer available, which of the following would you consider? Select all that apply.
- I would send my child to kindergarten
 - If available, I would send my child to a regional FHPS location for a Young Fives or pre-school program (parent provides/arranges own transportation)
 - I would send my child to a private/parochial fee-based program for Young Fives or pre-school
 - I would keep my child home for another year
 - Other _____
10. What other information would you like to share with us regarding kindergarten program options?

Thank you for your valuable input. If we require additional information, we kindly request the following information:

Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Please return this survey by faxing it to 616.493.8815 or via e-mail: kindergartensurvey@fhps.us. You may return a hard copy to your elementary school or by mailing it to:

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