

Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Information Night - 2025



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Tonight's Agenda

1. Welcome - please fill out the [attendance sheet](#)
2. Handouts
3. Presentation
4. Questions
5. Tour of the building - Opportunity to ask questions



Burton Elementary



TK/Kindergarten TEAM



Ms. Posey
TK



Ms. Emery
Kindergarten



Ms. Mann
Kindergarten



Mrs. Martin
Kindergarten



Ms. Williams
Kindergarten

The Blue Jay Way



- Leader in Me - 7 Habits
- 480 Students - 60+ Staff
- ASD Program
- Comfort Crew



Thank You, 5th Grade Leaders!



Our Programs

Kindergarten

- All Schools

Transitional Kindergarten

- District program
- Location(s) TBD

- Full day of learning, including:
 - Independent learning
 - Whole group learning
 - Small group learning
 - Special classes: Gym, Art, Media, Music
 - Recess
 - Lunch in the gym/cafeteria
 - New flexible furniture!



Kids' Zone Latchkey

Before and after school care is available, as space allows:

- **Angell, Pattengill, Rogers and Norup** - Berkley Schools Kids' Zone Latchkey Program
- **Burton** - Huntington Woods Recreation Center (PM)
- Each section (AM & PM) must have a minimum of 18 students to run
- **New student enrollment window: May 23-30. Register at Berkley Building Blocks, forms are online:**
www.berkleyschools.org/kidszone



Academics

Reading and Writing

Math

Science

Social Studies

Special Subjects

- ✓ Art
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Physical Education
- ✓ Media Center (Library/Technology)
- ✓ Optional: Spanish



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What is the Transitional Kindergarten program?

- Specialized District program to meet the academic and social development of students who are not quite ready for regular Kindergarten
- **Placement is a joint decision** between families and principals; A guided discussion will include:
 - readiness skills
 - stamina/attention span
 - preschool experience
 - academic skills
 - birthdate
 - level of independence





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- Take turns and share
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- Use a pencil
- Separate from caregivers without becoming upset
- Say their first and last name
- Write their first name
- Draw some form of a person
- Count to 10 and recognize numbers to 5
- Recognize colors and shapes
- Recognize upper and lower case letters
- Color, cut, and glue appropriately
- Can rhyme and has some exposure to letter sounds

Does my child qualify for Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten?

- Must be 5 years old by **September 1, 2025**
- Transitional Kindergarten may not be available in all buildings. Locations are determined on District-wide needs after enrollment window has closed.
 - If a TK program is held in the child's home/neighborhood school, and there is more interest than space, a lottery will take place for TK placement.
 - Overflow students will be assigned to another school for TK.
 - Students will return to their home/neighborhood school for Kindergarten if they do not attend TK in their neighborhood school.
- What is a waiver? Why would I need one?
 - Waivers are required for students who have a birthday between September 2 and December 1 and wish to enroll in TK and Kindergarten.
 - No student can enroll for TK or Kindergarten if they turn 5 after December 1, 2025.



Registration is Online!

For Berkeley School District Residents

- Enrollment Window – **February 3-14, 2025**
- www.berkleyschools.org/enrollment
- Enrollment takes place all online, including uploading required documents
 - **NEW:** Dental screenings are now required, in addition to health screenings, vision and hearing screenings and immunizations
 - Berkeley Schools requires all documents to be turned in, including immunization records, prior to school starting. If your child won't be able to have their 5 year old physical/immunizations prior to school starting, contact the Central Enrollment Office.
- A school summary for your preschool will be sent after registration is completed.

Important Registration Information

Enrollment & Documentation Notes from Central Enrollment

- The enrollment process starts on February 3. Please wait until then to register.
- Child's birth certificate is required. We cannot accept the "verification of birth"
- Mortgage & tax statement must be original - not escrow statements - and the most recent statement
- The two bills provided must be in either parent/guardian name, including address, company name and recent date on the statement
- Parent/guardian that fills out the enrollment forms must provide their ID
- Provide all document uploads at once, if at all possible
- Paperwork must be new - cannot be from previously enrolled siblings
- Please upload all documents through MISTAR, not via email
- Health documents can be uploaded later if physicals, vaccines, etc. take place during the summer. All vaccines must be completed by the first day of school.
- Call 248-837-8026 with questions

Schools of Choice Program (Non-residents)

- Transitional Kindergarten through 5th grade – based on space availability
- Open to all Berkley Schools elementary schools
- Oakland County resident
- **Application Window:
February 10 - 28, 2025**
- Berkley is a walking district;
Transportation not provided
- Building preference is not guaranteed
- SOC students remain in BSD through graduation
 - Unless there is a break in enrollment



Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Round-Up Dates

Angell – Thursday, May 15, 2025

Burton – Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Norup International – Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Pattengill – Thursday, May 22, 2025

Rogers – Wednesday, May 20, 2025



[Watch this video](#) welcoming you to the Berkley Schools from Superintendent Scott Francis and learn more about the enrollment process.



Thank you, voters!

August 2023 Bond Passed

From 2025-2026, the District will be experiencing construction projects to enhance our spaces and learning environments.

- Elementary Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose Additions
- New Furniture in All Classrooms
- New Classroom Technology & Sound
- Gym Updates
- Many Updates at Berkley High School: Auditorium, Black Box Theatre, Band/Orchestra/Choir Rooms, Science Wing, Pool, New Field House + New Outdoor Fields, Expanded Parking
- Updates to Hurley Field at AMS
- Middle School Gyms

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Stay Informed!

Many ways to know what's happening in the Berkley Schools



- Weekly District eNewsletter, *The Berkley Beat*
- Facebook @BerkleySchools
- Instagram @BerkleySchools
- District & school website
- The Blue Jay Journal - weekly principal newsletter
- Principal Instagram Account @Principal_Fragomeni
- Classroom notes/newsletters from teachers
- PTA social media + emails



Questions?

Thank you for attending!

Don't forget to sign in and let us know what your preference is for next year.

Time for a tour!

After the tour, our Informational Night will conclude.

