

## **Hardisty Kindergarten FAQ**

### **Q: When is the first day of school?**

A: At Hardisty, our first day of classes is Sept 1, 2026... but with staggered entry, your child will be provided with a date and time to attend in a smaller group setting. More information will be communicated to you prior to the beginning of school.

### **Q: What time do classes start?**

A: Supervision starts at 8:05am. Our Kindergarten students enter from the main entrance door. The first bell rings at 8:20am and children are allowed inside at this time. Classes are from 8:20 am -11:20am.

### **Q: How does drop-off and pick-up work?**

A: Students are encouraged to be on time and should be dropped off at their assigned door between 8:05 am and 8:20 am where a supervisor or their teacher will meet them. The doors are locked at 8:20 am and if they are late, families should ring the bell for entrance and check in at the office. At the end of the morning, the students are picked up at their assigned door. They stay with their teacher until an identified adult arrives.

### **Q: Snacks and Lunches...what do I send?**

A: Half-day kindergarten students need 1-2 snacks they can manage on their own and eat within a 10-15 minute snack period. Snacks should be nut-free, healthy and should include foods that fuel learning. Snacks should not require the use of a spoon. Water is the only beverage permitted in class.

### **Q: Can I volunteer?**

A: Perhaps. More information will come from your child's teacher at the beginning of the year about how you can support the class.

### **Q: Can I stay the first day?**

A: Parents must join on the first staggered day however we encourage independence. After the staggered day, say a quick goodbye and enjoy some free time. Ask your child to tell you about their day afterward.

### **Q: Can my child get busing?**

A: Busing is available for families within certain attendance area zones, for a fee. To check to see if your child is eligible, please go to [this link](#). On the tab, halfway down the page, click on *Attendance Area Maps* and then click your child's program to see the Hardisty Bus Service Zone. Bus application forms must be submitted before June 1 and can be found [here](#). See the "How to Apply" section.

**Q: What are busing costs?**

A: Currently 2025-2026 busing costs are \$50/month per child. This may change for 2026-2027.

**Q: What can I do to get my child ready for Kindergarten?**

A: There are lots of ways to support readiness. Here are a few:

- Sit and read with them and then ask questions about what you read together. Find objects on the page.
- Practice colours and letter recognition
- Practice recognizing and writing their own name using a capital letter at the beginning of their name and lowercase letters for the rest.
- Have them use pencils and operate scissors
- Practice independent dressing/shoes/zippers
- Regular sleep routines - prepare routines 1-2 weeks before school starts
- Limit screen time (TV/Video games)
- Practice bathroom independence - we do not toilet students

**Q: How many kids are in the class?**

A: It varies from year to year but most classes average from 19-27 students.

**Q: What will the fees be for Kindergarten?**

A: We anticipate a kinder fee of approximately \$150. Approx \$20 for consumable art supplies, \$20 for Kinder cooking and \$110 for all field trips. Our PAC does help with some field trip costs.

**Q: What supplies will I need?**

A: Within the Kindergarten fees, all supplies are covered with the exception of personal items including: Indoor shoes, backpack, lunch kit, plastic water bottle and a few other items. More information will be shared by the teacher.

**Q: How do I register?**

A: All registrations are completed online and you can fill out the registration form [here](#).

**Q: What if I am outside the attendance area, will I get in?**

A: Hardisty School has to accommodate resident students who live in the attendance area first. Check if you are in Hardisty's attendance area by entering your address [here](#).

- Those resident students outside the attendance area **may**\* get in depending on how many register from inside the attendance area. There is a division process for access for students outside the attendance area. See [here](#) for more information. (\**We have not turned any kindergarten students for many years*)
- You can only register at one school. All EPSB registrations are linked electronically throughout the city.
- It is not a first come first served registration process. All those that register before 4:00pm on March 25, 2026 are equally considered.

I am registering for the Logos Christian Program

- The Logos Christian Program is half day.
- Depending on enrollment, it may be AM or PM or combined with our community class.
- Hardisty school has to accommodate resident Logos students who live in the attendance area first.
- We have not turned away any Kindergarten Logos students
- We are hoping to create a stand alone Logos Kindergarten class and will be based on numbers. Please include Logos on your registration form in the *Program Requested* field
- All families who do not obtain a spot will be contacted by April 10, 2026.

**Q: Who can I contact if I have questions?**

A: Contact the Hardisty office at 780-469-0426

**Q: When is the Kindergarten Open House?**

A: Our Kindergarten Open House is February 12, 2026 from 5:00 - 6:30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you then!