

Kindergarten Registration Frequently Asked Questions 2016-2017

RVSD Elementary Schools & Contact Information

Campus	Principal	Administrative Assistant	Contact Number
Brookside	TBD	Marilyn Grove	415-453-2948
Hidden Valley	Kristi Fish	Teresa Machado	415-454-7409
Manor	Peg Minicozzi	Mary Chapman	415-453-1544
Wade Thomas	Donna Faulkner	Marlana Kenilvort	415-454-4603

When can I register for Kindergarten?

To register for Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2016. Registration begins Monday, February 1, 2016. If your child turns 5 after September 1, 2016, s/he will not be permitted to register for or attend the 2016-17 school year.

Do I need to register my child for Kindergarten if s/he attended TK in RVSD?

A child who is a current enrollee in an RVSD TK class is automatically enrolled in Kindergarten at his/her school of residence for the following school year. As such, you do not need to re-register your student.

How do I determine what district school my child should attend?

A child's School of Residence is based on his/her residence address. If you are unsure which school is your child's School of Residence, for attendance boundary information, phone a District school or the Ross Valley School District at 415-451-4063 or visit our website at www.rossvalleyschools.org.

When and where is Kindergarten Orientation?

Kindergarten Orientation is an informational evening designed for parents/guardians (no children, please) to learn about the Kindergarten program and meet the teachers, to learn about the YES Foundation which funds programs such as art, music, and assemblies, and to receive a general introduction of the school site. You will be able to pick up a Kindergarten registration packet that night. Orientation dates are as follows:

- Brookside Wednesday, January 13, 2016 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Hidden Valley Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Manor Thursday, January 14, 2016 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Wade Thomas Thursday, January 21, 2016 6:30 -8:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the orientation, registration packets can be picked up at your School of Residence after orientation.

When does Registration begin?

Parents/guardians can register their child at their School of Residence in the school office beginning Monday, February 1, 2016. School offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except holidays). Only completed registration packets are accepted, are to be submitted in person, and each is date and time stamped. To assist the District in enrollment preparations, please return your child's registration packet by March 1. Because many schools and grade levels in the Ross Valley School District are impacted by increasing enrollment, if more students register at their school of residence than can be accommodated, even if registered by March 1, students may be assigned to another Ross Valley school where space is available. Any reassignments will be determined prior to the student's first day of attendance.

How can I apply for the District's K-5 Multi-Age Program (MAP)?

Please note that the Ross Valley Charter School's (RVC) petition is on appeal to the CA State Board of Education, and we anticipate the State Board will make its decision in mid January. Until we know if the RVC will be approved or denied by the State Board of Education, the District has postponed the orientation and application process for MAP.

When are student classroom assignments announced?

Schools will notify families of their student's class assignment no later than the day before the first day of school.

Can I tour the school?

Parent/guardian tours are available at each site. Please call the school office for details.

What if there is no space at my elementary school of residence?

Resident students are guaranteed space in a District school but not necessarily at their school of residence. To assist the District in enrollment preparations, please return your child's registration packet by March 1.

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If a student is reassigned, when space becomes available at the school of residence, which may occur before or during the school year, the parent/guardian is notified. At that time, the parent/guardian can return their child to their school of residence or remain at the current placement. If they choose to remain at their current placement, the student becomes a resident of the assigned school.

What if I do not want my child to attend his/her school of residence?

Parents/guardians must still register at their school of residence. At the time of registration, parents/guardians can request an Intradistrict Attendance Permit form. Application forms are accepted between February 1 and March 1 for the following school year. Approval for a school of choice for the following year is dependent upon availability of space at the requested site. Please note that students will attend their school of residence until decisions about Intradistrict Attendance are made, which will occur no later than the 5th day after school begins. If you have questions about Intradistrict Attendance Permit, please contact the Assistant Superintendent's Office at 415-451-4063.

How can I find out about Before School / After School care on District Campuses?

Note: While these programs are housed at the school sites, they are run by separate entities.

District Campus Location	Facility	Contact #
Brookside	YMCA Child Care	415-460-1050
Hidden Valley	YMCA Child Care	415-457-4465
Manor	YMCA Child Care	415-456-5349
Wade Thomas	San Anselmo Afterschool Program	415-453-3181

Who can I call if I have more questions?

Contact your School of Residence's office (information listed on the preceding page).