



To prepare your child for kindergarten, we ask that you provide your youngster with the following items:

- ❖ a backpack that is large enough to fit a 9X12 folder inside it
- ❖ 2 snacks/drinks clearly labeled with your child's name on them
- ❖ an oversized t-shirt which will be used as an art smock
- ❖ a change of clothes which will be left in school in case of any accidents

At CES, all school supplies such as folders, pencils, markers, crayons etc. will be provided for your child. Please have similar materials available at home for your child, as he/she will need them to complete homework assignments.

Cafeteria lunches can be paid for with cash or checks which are deposited to your child's lunch account. Reduced lunches are available for those who qualify. Menus are available in the office and online.

## A typical day would include:

(Not necessarily in this order)

- ❖ Morning Meeting
- ❖ Language Arts - 120 min.  
*\*Includes 40 minutes of small group targeted instruction*
- ❖ Morning snack in class- 15 min.
- ❖ Morning recess- 10 - 15 min.
- ❖ Mid day recess- 25 min.
- ❖ Lunch in cafeteria- 25 min.
- ❖ Social Studies/Science- 30 min.
- ❖ Math - 90 min.  
*\*Includes 30 minutes of small group targeted instruction*
- ❖ Specials Class- 40 min.  
Physical Education 2x/wk  
Art - 1x/wk  
Media 1x/wk  
Music 1x/wk
- ❖ Afternoon snack- 10 - 15 min.

*Movement/Music/Brain Breaks incorporated throughout the day.*

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# Colchester Elementary School



## Kindergarten Brochure

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I enroll my child for Kindergarten?**

Registration begins online. You can find all necessary information at the district website <https://www.colchesterct.org/>. Select "For Families" and then choose "Registration and Residency." If your student has never attended Colchester Public Schools, then please visit the [Pre-registration for Enrollment in Colchester Public Schools](#) page and complete the form. You'll then get an email that includes instructions for the next step. More detailed information about the remainder of the process can be found on the district website.

Placement, busing, and teachers' welcome letters will be mailed out to families around mid-August.

## **How do teachers work with children who are on different levels?**

School-wide assessments are conducted at each grade level in September, January, and May. These results, along with other assessments and information, help us to determine what type of learning group fits each student's needs. Kindergarten teachers collaborate with math and reading teachers to create small groups for all students to receive instruction at their instructional level. All students are taught using researched-based methods of instruction. Throughout the year, teachers monitor progress and continue to collaborate to create appropriate opportunities for students at every academic level.

## **Do Kindergarteners have nap time?**

Kindergarteners do not have nap time; however there are movement breaks, snack times, and extra recess time throughout the full day program.

## **My child has a peanut/other food allergy. How does the school and classroom teacher work with allergies?**

Food allergies require a multidisciplinary plan involving the school nurse, classroom teacher, specials' teachers, cafeteria staff, custodians, bus drivers, etc. Parents should speak with the school nurse to discuss their child's food allergy so that an appropriate plan can be made. The nurse, teacher and parents work together to develop an individual health care plan. Your child will be placed in a peanut-free classroom and there is a peanut-free table in the cafeteria.

## **Are there before/after school programs or daycare services?**

CES offers seasonal afterschool clubs that are held two days a week however there is no daily after school care. Families may contact a local commercial daycare provider which the school provides transportation to and from.

## **What are the procedures for bus transportation?**

To assist parents and guardians on preparing their kindergarteners for bus rides to and from school, please visit the link here for a [Bus Book](#). Questions regarding the buses and routes can be directed to M & J Bus Company at 860-537-2622.

## **Is there a summer reading program?**

CES partners with Cragin Public Library for summer reading. Students will be able create an online account to document their time spent reading. Throughout the summer, PTO sponsors scheduled book readings by our teachers with free pizza for students.

## **Important Kindergarten**

### **Readiness Skills**

#### **Self-Help Skills**

- ❖ able to put on a coat, backpack, etc.
- ❖ can take care of toileting needs independently, e.g., wash hands, adjust/fasten clothing before and after
- ❖ able to care for his/her own belongings and picks up after self
- ❖ self-advocates

#### **Social Skills**

- ❖ able to share
- ❖ plays in appropriate manner
- ❖ engages in simple conflict resolution
- ❖ respects differences of others
- ❖ identifies other children by name
- ❖ able to express their feelings

#### **Language Development**

- ❖ follows directions
- ❖ able to tell teacher what is needed
- ❖ can explain situations
- ❖ build upon general knowledge

#### **Experiences**

- ❖ recognition of letters, letter sounds, numbers, colors, shapes
- ❖ counting, rhyming, segmenting sounds
- ❖ can write/recognize their name
- ❖ use of writing/drawing materials
- ❖ reading books and being read to
- ❖ fine motor activities, e.g., cutting, pasting, puzzles, art material
- ❖ large motor activities, e.g., running, jumping

Incoming students are welcomed to get acclimated to the school grounds. School tours can be arranged through the main office. The playground is open to the public after school hours, weekends, and over the summer.