

Winter 2025

Dear Future Kindergarten Parents,

We would like to welcome you to Willow Creek Elementary School. Kindergarten is a huge milestone in your lives, and we are excited to share that with you. We are looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year and to having your child in our kindergarten program.

Kindergarten students at Willow Creek attend kindergarten Monday-Friday for a full day. There are no half-day options for Kindergarten in the CCSD. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. (Dismissal on Wednesdays is 1:45 p.m.) All students attend lunch from 11:25 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. They will have a 25-minute recess period prior to heading into the cafeteria at 11:25 a.m.

Stage One: For Kindergarten Students who live in the Willow Creek Neighborhood
February 2025 is the designated month for all Cherry Creek School District residents to begin to register Kindergarteners with the District Admissions Office. However, this process can be done all the way up until school starts on August 11th, 2025 (although this should be done at least two weeks prior to this date in order for your student to start on time). Registering your kindergarten student with the District Admissions Office should be done via e-mail. Please find all the information regarding documentation to be sent to Admissions on their website: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1771>

Stage Two: For Kindergarten Students who are Requesting a School of Choice Status
On December 1st, 2024, the open enrollment process began for any students that hope to attend another school other than their home school in the CCSD or wish to attend Willow Creek from another school district in the Denver area (e.g., Littleton, Douglas County, Aurora, Denver Public). This is an online application that can be found and filled out on the CCSD website, <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1769>. The CCSD will notify parents of the child's status in the spring of 2025. This notification will come from the CCSD Admissions Office, not the elementary school, in the form of an "offer" letter for a seat in the grade parents are requesting. If your child has been offered a seat at Willow Creek, your next step will be to "accept" that offer, and then register your student in the Cherry Creek School District with the District Admissions Office. **If there is no response after two weeks from the date of receiving the "offer," the "offer" will be rescinded and the seat will be offered to the next student in the queue.**

Kindergarten Orientation will be held at Willow Creek Elementary School in the gym in early May. Parents will be notified of this important meeting with an email in the spring. This orientation is for the kindergarten student and the parents — **no siblings, please**. We look forward to being your partner in the important job of educating your child.

Respectfully,
Mary Whitney
Principal