

Kindergarten students - survey comments

Question 1 - Reason for selecting no.

It has been a hard adjustment to go from ½ day to full. It's a lot for little kids. Mrs. Blackburn has done a great job. Feel like it should be an option though.

I feel it is too long for that age; however, the normal 3 hrs. as previous years it too short. If there could be an in between from 8:05 - 1:05 (5 hrs total) than this would be perfect!

Comments:

Love it!

I love all day kindergarten!

I feel full day kindergarten is beneficial to my child. I also know one of my other children needed a nap in the afternoon at that age.

Early intervention is key to success. I think there should be more choices for parents regarding preschool and kindergarten.

My child has come farther in reading and math than I thought possible for a kindergartner and I believe that full day kindergarten and a great teacher is the reason for this. However I do worry about there being enough play time as well.

I have loved full day! They can learn so much more all day.

My child did Upstart and it is an amazing program. I wish my older children had this program and all day kindergarten when they were little. Love Mrs. Torgerson!!

I have talked to Cherie! Mrs. Blackburn has done a great job!

I'm glad they go full day. I feel it is a huge help to my child and is setting her up for success! Thank you for all you do!

I believe that early-childhood education is very important! I am very grateful for the teacher here and all their hard work to teach and love the young children.

Mrs. N. Blackburn Rocks!

Full day K has helped my child. I think longer days gives her more time to focus. I love it! Mrs. B is amazing!

I have enjoyed the full day kindergarten.

We love all day kindergarten have had a great experience and my child likes school.

All day kindergarten has really helped my child and he will be better prepared for 1st grade.

I was concerned at first about my student going from preschool 2x a week to all day kindergarten, but it has been wonderful. He does great and I don't feel like he has fallen behind when we travel because he has spent so much time in school. However, I think that a 3 day a week preschool offered at the school or some where in the community would help students prepare for all day.

It's great!

All day preschool is definitely too long. If you are doing all day kindergarten, then put the most critical subjects first. This would allow parents who feel it is too long for their child to pick them up early, if needed. And would not interfere with most needed subjects.

I feel that full day kindergarten & the Upstart program has given my child a successful start to his education. He enjoys learning and enjoys coming to school every day. We love full day kindergarten!!

I feel like my daughter has really improved being in all day kindergarten. She entered really low on her scores and now is above baseline. I trust the judgment of the principal and teachers to know what is best academically for my daughters needs. I have always felt like I can communicate with the schoolteachers if I have concerns.

I was concerned at the beginning of the year as to whether or not my child would make it all day. She has done well.

Comments – Survey of parents of current preschool students:

Comments on surveys that returned half day:

For lower county kids that makes a 4-6 year old have an additional 1-2 hours to their school day based on travel. That is ~ a 9 hour work day. A young child shouldn't have to struggle based on where they live. The school should accommodate all children equally. In my opinion all schools should be centralized in Bicknell. Pre K-6 in the middle school & 7-12 in the high school. Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns & opinions on the matter. I trust that the Wayne School District will make the best decision for all involved.

1. I am in support of early childhood education but feel it is best done in the home w/ the child's parents.
2. I am concerned w/the length of time my child would be away from home as she is on the bus nearly an hour. Especially if we go to 4 longer school days, that would put her away from home for 9+ hours...longer than most adults work.
3. Studies have shown that while all day kindergarten is beneficial that first year of school, by the end of 1st grade that impact depreciates considerably. See www.ernweb.com
4. I strongly believe it is not what is done in the school that will help the child succeed but what is done in the home. I would hope that we could have the option because what works for one family doesn't always work for another.

Kids spend too much of their lives in school. Let them be kids while they still can and still want to be.

I believe that a half day would be good for the standard child but for the children who are having a hard time maybe offer a more one on one or a full day to help keep them on par.

Due to the attention span of many kindergarteners I suggest holding half-day kindergarten to create a positive learning experience for young kids. Eight hours in a classroom for a 5-6 year old child can be very overwhelming. In my opinion, half-day kindergarten would be a better transition to being a full-time student in the 1st grade.

Comment on survey – other:

(Survey returned with both half day and full day marked). Depends on if student needs full day based on testing. I have had children attend both full day and half day kindergarten. I think they are both great depending on the child's needs.

Comments – Survey of parents of current preschool students:

Comments on surveys that returned full day:

Food? Lunch provided or snack needed?

I believe the district should focus more on preschool & full day kindergarten. This is where they will learn & develop important skills they need their entire education. I love Ms. Jan and the great job she has done with my child. I am all for all day kindergarten and would love for preschool to be more than two days a week. Having had 3 children go through all day kindergarten the benefits I have seen are huge not just for the class work itself but also leading into 1st grade and the transition. I highly support all day kindergarten.

If my child will benefit from full day kindergarten then full day is preferred. If she is too advanced and will just be there because I say full day then half is preferred.

This is where our students learn & develop the skills that are needed to be successful throughout their entire education. We need to build the foundations now or pay to fix and correct in the future. Our goal is to provide our students with the best!

I think all day kindergarten is a great opportunity for our kids in this community! Thanks for doing it! Best decision ever!

I love the preschool program. Well structured.

I have no problem with full day kindergarten. I wish my other kids could have went.

Awesome preschool.

Best thing for my child!