

**Brantner Elementary
Virtual Kindergarten Round Up
January/February 2021**

FAQ

1. Will my Brantner preschool student automatically roll forward to kindergarten or do I need to enroll them?
 - a. Our preschool teachers will reach out to all our current preschool families who have students that will age into kindergarten next school year to confirm they want to attend kindergarten at Brantner. Once a confirmation is received, they will let Liz Johnson, Brantner Registrar, know and she will enroll them into Kindergarten at Brantner. If additional documents are required from families, we will communicate that requirement to those families.

2. Will masks be required next year?
 - a. Unfortunately we do not know if masks will be required at school next year. Once more information is available we will share that with our families. Brantner Elementary and all 27J Schools follow guidance from Tri-County Health and CDPHE

3. Are teacher requests honored/allowed?
 - a. We believe that all our teachers are amazing and therefore teacher requests are not honored.

4. Is Kindergarten full day?
 - a. Yes, all kindergarten classes are full day and free in the 27J school district, we do not offer ½ day programming.

5. If an older sibling is open enrolled at Brantner, do I need to open enroll my incoming kindergartner?
 - a. Yes, all students who wish to attend Brantner that are not within our boundary need to complete an open enrollment application in order to be considered for enrollment.
 - b. Siblings of open enrolled students are given priority enrollment consideration.

6. If my preschooler is open enrolled to attend Brantner, do I need to fill out another open enrollment application for Kindergarten?
 - a. Yes, any student who is not within our address boundary but wants to attend Brantner, needs to complete an open enrollment application to attend.

7. When should I complete the enrollment application?
 - a. We recommend you complete the enrollment application as soon as possible in order to be included in future communications regarding the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, knowing enrollment numbers earlier, rather than later, helps us with staffing and keeping class sizes lower.

8. Are there any Fees?
 - a. There is a \$35 fee for kindergarten supplies that will be collected in August, after school has started.
 - i. This enables us to order all our kinder supplies in bulk and get the best price.
 - ii. The only additional supplies kinders need is a backpack, water bottle, lunch box [if not eating hot lunch from our cafeteria] and a mask [if required].
 - b. The district usually assesses an additional \$15 annual fee for all elementary students

9. How much technology/screen time do the students use daily?
 - a. We like to keep screen time to a minimum for our students at about 45 min a day utilizing chromebooks and necessary learning programs provided by our district, although this is subject to change, depending on student and class need.

10. Will you be pretesting students and grouping them accordingly in classrooms before the school year starts?
 - a. No, all of our teachers, regardless of student levels, are trained to teach with district approved resources and differentiation is built in throughout the day for all subject areas.

11. Is there homework in kindergarten?
 - a. There is no required homework, however teachers do send home optional things for families to engage with, as optional reinforcement (spelling words, sight words, math facts, etc).