

# KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF

Success in elementary school begins with a solid Kindergarten transition plan in place to benefit incoming students, parents, teachers, and school staff starting on the first day of school.

Building relationships with students, engaging with families, connecting preschool to kindergarten, and communicating with the community creates a network of understanding and support around kindergarten success.

The practice reduces social-emotional stress on children and families, increases family involvement in school and improves academic growth over the course of kindergarten and beyond.

Kindergarten sign-up begins on February 14, 2022 for all families. Children who are five years old on or before September 15 are eligible for Kindergarten starting with the 2022-23 school year.



DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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engaging with families, and connecting  
**preschool to kindergarten.**



Becoming the Model for **Urban Education**

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# THE FOUR CRITICAL CONNECTIONS:

**1** Family and School  
to foster collaboration and  
involvement.

**2** Child and School  
to provide children with familiar  
stable relationships and classroom  
experiences.

**3** Pre-school Program  
and School  
to align practices, environments,  
and information between settings.

**4** Community and School  
to create a network of  
understanding and support  
around kindergarten transitions.

**Creating a network of  
understanding and support  
around kindergarten success.**

# KINDERGARTEN KICK OFF SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

## STUDENTS

- ✓ Engage in transition learning activities and informal assessments
- ✓ Connect with teachers, staff, and classmates
- ✓ Learn schoolwide routines
- ✓ Take part in welcome, culture and community building
- ✓ No school on Friday, Sept. 2 and Sept. 5 (Labor Day weekend)

## FAMILIES

- ✓ Participate in orientation opportunities  
Tour of school
- ✓ Review of student drop off and pick up procedures
- ✓ Introduction of district and community supports
- ✓ Assistance signing up for SchoolCNXT
- ✓ Individual school events
- ✓ Meet your child's teacher on September 1, 2022.

