How do you register/how do you know you are eligible?

To qualify, students must be registered and have a birthday between May 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014. Students who have not yet registered can register for Alternative Kindergarten by contacting Shannon Bretz, District Registrar at the Marysville Board of Education Office (information below) and indicate you would like your student to participate in the Alternative Kindergarten program. **Registration opens Wednesday, March 20th.**

Shannon Bretz:
Phone 937-578-6145, email: shannon.bretz@mevsd.us, address 1000 Edgewood Drive, Marysville, Ohio 43040.

If my child’s birthday is between May 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014, am I required to register my child for the Alternative Kindergarten program?

No. The Alternative Kindergarten program is simply an option for parents. Your child is eligible to attend the full day/everyday kindergarten program.

What if I have already registered for full day/everyday kindergarten but would now like my student to participate in the Alt. K program?

Simply contact Shannon Bretz, District Registrar at the Marysville Board of Education Office and indicate you would like your student to now participate in the Alternative Kindergarten program. **Registration opens Wednesday, March 20th.**

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What’s the deadline to apply?

Deadline for registration for Alternative Kindergarten is **May 31st**. Parent Notification of acceptance into the Alternative Kindergarten program will occur by **June 14th**. A maximum of 80 students can be accepted with a minimum of 12 students per section.

Where will the program be offered?

This district wide program will be held in Mill Valley Elementary and/or Navin Elementary. Parents may request building preference but general attendance areas and transportation restraints will dictate building placements.

How long is the day/what’s the schedule/what are the hours?

Offered Monday-Friday, there are two 3 hours time slots when the program will be offered: 9:05 to 12:05 p.m. and 12:50 to 3:50 p.m. Parents may indicate their preference for am or pm sessions but placements will be determined by the district as multiple factors influence enrollment decisions.

Why did you decide to offer Alternative Kindergarten now?

Simply put, the creation of the Alternative Kindergarten Program is an extension of our continuing efforts to personalize education for our students. While some districts elect to adjust the Kindergarten enrollment deadline dates, we prefer to offer parents choice around which kindergarten option is best for their child.

We’ve listened to feedback from parents and teachers indicating some of our students would benefit from an alternative step between preschool and full-day kindergarten. The Alternative Kindergarten program offers a unique solution for students and is an additional way we are working to meet the needs of every student.

Will transportation be provided?

Yes, unless your child lives within the 1.0 mile transportation eligibility zone of the building he/she will be attending.
How much does this program cost?

The program is at no cost to all eligible students. A student fee and supply list will be similar with other grade levels.

How many spots are available?

The program can accept up to 80 students (4 sections of max 20 students). MEVSD would need a minimum of 24 students to begin the program. This program is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

What if my student begins this program, but we quickly realize he/she is ready for traditional full-day kindergarten? Can he/she move up?

These type of situations would be handled on a personalized case by case basis with parents and building educational teams collaborating to work in the best interest of students.

What if my child starts kindergarten, but we quickly realize he/she isn’t ready. Can we move him/her to the alternative program?

These type of situations would be handled on a personalized case by case basis with parents and building educational teams in collaborating to work in the best interest of students and in conjunction with the district’s established MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) protocol.

Is there an option for students to move to first grade after completing the program, or do they have to go to kindergarten?

Students enrolled in the alternative kindergarten program will be required to complete full-day, every-day kindergarten the following school year.

I have a kindergarten student who might not be ready for the expectations of kindergarten, but his/her birthday is outside the date range. Can we apply?

The student must meet the date of birth eligibility requirement for this program.
If my child is accepted into the alternative kindergarten program, can I sign him/her up for childcare?

The SACC program will be offered contingent upon minimum SACC enrollment threshold being met to sustain the program.

Will my child be fed at school in the alternative kindergarten program?

Breakfast is available for purchase only for the morning session. Lunch is not available for either session, unless the student is enrolled in SACC.

Does the alternative kindergarten program follow the same schedule as the rest of the school as far as holidays and days off?

Yes. During 2-hours delays (weather or PrimeTime) the a.m. session will be canceled.

Is there a system in place to help parents decide which option is best for their child? Is there some kind of test or evaluation?

Parents who need consultation about the best educational options for their child should contact the building principal of their residential building for guidance or Steve Griffin, Literacy Director 937-578-6144.