

LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE



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2006/2007 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA – Registration for students entering kindergarten for the 2006/2007 school year will be held at all public elementary schools in April. **REGISTRATION IS SET FOR APRIL 12TH AND 13TH AND MAY 17TH. If you will have a child entering the District in September, please call your school for an appointment NOW.**

Student must have reached the age of five on or before December 2, 2006 in order to begin school in September, all immunizations must be current. TB clearance and a health examination are also required.

There are four public elementary schools in the District – Bijou Community School, Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School, Sierra House Elementary School, and Tahoe Valley Elementary School. In the 2006/2007 school year, kindergarten classes will consist of an all-day program with a maximum of twenty students to one teacher in each class. The District provides transportation to and from school at a cost of \$150 per year per student. Discounts are available for early payment and for families with more than one child. Those who qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch program will also qualify for free or reduced transportation.

The Lake Tahoe Unified School District has a “School of Choice” program which allows students to enroll in any one of the four elementary schools regardless of where they live. The first “Open Enrollment” period will run through the end of April. Parents of kindergarten students wishing to enroll in a school other than their home school should call their “School of Choice” – not their home school to arrange an appointment. If you are not sure which school is your home school, please call Nancy Parker at 541-2850 X 0 and she will be happy to assist you. The “School of Choice” program is subject to space availability and other restrictions.

Another program that is offered by the District is our “Preppie Kindergarten” program. If you feel that your child may not be ready for kindergarten, you may want to consider Preppie K for a year before you immerse your child in regular kindergarten classes – giving him/her “the gift of time”. This option might also interest you if your child has a birthday after the State of California cut-off date of December 2nd. On a case-by-case basis, students reaching the age of five after December 2nd may be admitted to the Early Admission Preppie K program on their fifth birthday between December and February.

Before- and after-school childcare in our *KidZone* program is available at most of the elementary schools from 7:30 am to 5:30 p.m. but is subject to demand. The school needs at least seven children to be enrolled in order to operate the program. Please check with the school to see if they will be offering the program.

Bijou Community School Karen Tinlin: 543-2337
Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School Dr. James Tarwater: 543-2371
Sierra House Elementary School Jim Watson: 543-2327
Tahoe Valley Elementary School Mark Romagnolo: 543-2350