

Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) FAQs

- **Are LEAs required to offer FDK?**
 - Nothing in the bill requires LEAs to offer FDK. If FDK is offered, LEAs shall provide a half-day kindergarten option for a student if the student's parent requests half-day.
- **Is kindergarten mandatory now?**
 - No. Nothing in the bill made kindergarten a required grade. Compulsory education in UT is still age 6.
- **Are LEAs still required to administer and report on the KEEP assessment?**
 - Yes. All LEAs are required to give the KEEP entry and exit assessment and report scores in the Data Gateway.
- **Can a kindergarten student be enrolled in an online school half day and then a regular school the other half day?**
 - No, dual enrollment is not allowed in kindergarten.
- **Will funding from the OEK grant be going away?**
 - The \$36 million in OEK and FDK funds will be rolled into the WPU to provide funding for kindergarten through the WPU only. OEK and FDK grants will no longer exist.
- **How can we “apply” for OEK/FDK?**
 - There are no applications or grants for kindergarten. Funding comes through the WPU only, like the grades 1-12.
- **What do we need to report to ensure WPU funding for our FDK students?**
 - The state board requires LEAs to report Average Daily Membership (ADM) for all kindergarten students who attend kindergarten on a schedule that is equivalent in length to the schedule for grades 1 through 3 with the October 1 data described in Section [53F-2-302](#). ADM and K codes (full day and half day only) are due by June 15 annually.
- **If we only have 3 parents choosing a half day kindergarten, do we have to offer a half day class?**

- No. The bill does not require an LEA to offer a half day class, but does require an LEA to work with a parent who requests half day kindergarten to offer them a half day option meaning morning or afternoon attendance of a full day class. How this is done is up to each individual LEA.
- **What are the funding options for kindergarten students?**
 - If a kindergarten student attends for the full day (same length as grades 1-3) then the student will be funded at a 1.0 WPU for districts and 0.90 WPU for charters. If a student attends for less than a full day, they will be funded at the 0.55 WPU.
- **Is there enough money for our LEA to roll up to 100% in 23-24?**
 - Yes, there is enough money for your LEA to roll up to 100% beginning next school year.
- **Can we still charge tuition for FDK?**
 - No, this bill prohibits LEAs from charging tuition for FDK beginning July 1, 2023.
- **Is there anything in code or board rule to limit the number of students in a kindergarten class?**
 - No, this bill does not put a cap on the number of students that can be in a kindergarten class.
- **Will kindergarten now fall under the 180-day requirement?**
 - Yes, kindergarten does fall under the 180-day requirement for LEAs to provide educational services. The 180-day requirement is an LEA requirement, not a student or family requirement. Students are not required to attend kindergarten but LEAs are required to provide it. There is an exception to the 180 requirement in R277-419 to allow LEAs to designate no more than 12 educational service days for the assessment of students entering and completing kindergarten.
 - *Note: We are currently working on updating the language in R277-419, so the 12 service day option will be changing.*