

NORTH STAR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

IB World School – International School of Business & Economics

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All Prospective Kinder Parents

RE: North Star Charter School Kinder Program 2015-16

Dear Parents:

Kinder Options 2015-16

We are delighted to announce North Star will offer a full day kindergarten program option for the 2015-2016 school year. This option will be in addition to our traditional half day kinder program. The three options for the 2015-16 school year are as follows:

- 1) One AM kindergarten 9:15-12:15 each day (26 students)
- 2) One PM kindergarten 12:45-3:45 each day (26 students)
- 3) One Full Day Tuition kindergarten 9:15-3:45 each day (26 students)

All prospective kinder students must have reached the attained age of five by September 1, 2015.

The North Star half day kinder program is funded by the state, as are all Grade 1 thru Grade 12 programs. However, the full day kinder program is not fully funded by the state. We will only receive funding for the half day portion of the program. Therefore, for the unfunded portion of the program, the full day kinder program will be a tuition based program.

Full Day Kinder Tuition Program

The full day kinder program will use the existing curriculum delivered over six hours, while also providing students with curriculum linked enrichment opportunities. Families of the full day kinder program will benefit from knowing that North Star is a convenient, safe, engaged, and accelerated learning environment.

The full day kinder program will be offered by lottery. The students accepted by the full day kinder lottery will require all parents to submit a non-refundable registration commitment fee (to be used for additional classroom materials and supplies) in the amount of \$150.00 within 48 hours of acceptance in the full day kinder program. Those students' who do not make the full day kinder lottery will have their student's names placed in the half day kinder lottery.

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The parents of students accepted by lottery in the full day program will agree to pay \$275.00 per month starting in August 2015 thru May 2016. All monthly fees will be due in advance on the first of the month.

Half Day Kinder Program

The traditional half day AM and PM options will be the same as they have been in previous years. The half day kinder program will be a fast paced program designed to prepare students for North Star's highly accelerated and high achieving first grade program. The half day kinder program will be offered by lottery. Parents will have the opportunity to state their desired preference (morning vs. afternoon) and the school will attempt to accommodate preferences during the lottery process.

Kinder Lotteries

The application deadline for all kinder options will be March 20, 2015.

There will be two kinder lotteries, one for the full day program and one for the half day programs, as follows:

1. The Full Day Kinder Lottery will be March 30, 2015 at 4:00 PM in the North Star Library. You are welcome to attend.
 - a. All students accepted by lottery on this date will have 48 hours to accept the position and remit their non refundable registration commitment fee of \$150.00
 - b. The full time kinder program must have at least 17 student commitments in order to offer the program. If the lottery fails to yield at least 17 commitments, the names of all students will be placed in the half day kinder lottery.
2. The Half Day Kinder Lottery will be held on April 2, 2015, along with the lotteries for all other grades 1 thru 12. The lottery will begin at 4:00 PM in the North Star Library. You are welcome to attend.
 - a. The students accepted by the lottery will be placed in the morning and afternoon programs as identified by parent preference.
 - b. Once either the morning or afternoon program is filled to capacity, remaining names will be placed in the program which has remaining availability.
 - c. If there are insufficient commitments for the full day kinder program, there will an additional morning and afternoon half day kinder classes filled by the lottery.

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Lunch and Bussing

1. Full day kinder program:
 - a. Lunch – students will have a set lunch time similar to all other elementary students
 - b. Bussing – available for both morning arrival and afternoon departure

2. Half day kinder program:
 - a. Lunch – there will be no lunch period for either the morning or afternoon half day kinder programs
 - b. Bussing:
 - i. Morning kinder program – available for morning arrival only
 - ii. Afternoon kinder program – available for afternoon departure only

We are excited about our kinder program and look forward to seeing you all in the fall of 2015. Parents will receive further information regarding the kinder programs over the summer.

Sincerely,

Shay Davis
Elementary School Principal