

Urbandale Schools Announce Dates For 2016–2017 Kindergarten Registration Meetings

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URBANDALE, Iowa – January 15, 2016 – As the [Urbandale Community School District](#) celebrates the highest achievement scores the district has seen for over a decade and a graduation rate above 98%, the district is thrilled to invite families to attend the upcoming [Kindergarten Registration Meetings](#) as kindergarten students begin their journey of lifelong learning. Families within the Urbandale district, or those considering open enrollment, with kindergarten-age students for the 2016–2017 school year are encouraged to attend. To be eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2016. All elementary schools within the Urbandale district will provide full-day kindergarten programs.

Kindergarten Registration Meeting Dates/Times:

- Jensen Elementary February 18, 2016 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Karen Acres Elementary February 25, 2016 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Olmsted Elementary February 22, 2016 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Rolling Green Elementary February 16, 2016 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Valerius Elementary February 18, 2016 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Webster Elementary February 23, 2016 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

During an informational meeting, elementary principals and teachers will welcome all parents and share specifics about the full-day kindergarten program as well as documents needed for registration. Meetings will be an excellent opportunity for parents to learn more about kindergarten, but may not hold the attention of younger children; thus, parents are encouraged to make child-care arrangements if possible during this time. If parents have questions prior to the meeting, please contact the building secretary at [your neighborhood school](#).

As numerous education studies indicate a consistent and steady decline in student enthusiasm and enjoyment, Urbandale is moving away from old paradigms that have outgrown their effectiveness in order to embrace proven, strategic methods that better prepare students for success. In Urbandale, [teachers and students are partners in education](#) where teachers serve as “facilitators of learning” by giving students greater ownership and voice in the process. By incorporating [Quality and Continual Improvement \(Q/Ci\) practices](#), Urbandale is redesigning learning environments to become more purposeful, relevant and inspiring. For all kindergarten registration information and a full list of documents needed for enrollment, visit: [UrbandaleSchools.com/learn](#)

About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 51 languages are spoken.

Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: UrbandaleSchools.com and follow on Twitter [@UrbandaleSchool](https://twitter.com/UrbandaleSchool).

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