

HOW DO WE SIGN-UP

Kindergarten/KASE registration consists of three easy steps:

- Step 1** Complete online Kindergarten registration.
- Step 2** Complete In-Person Verification of Required Documents
- Step 3** Submit KASE application form and deposit.

The KASE program now has an online payment system. Unfortunately, incoming kindergartners will not have accounts set up in time to pay their KASE deposits. Please return your application with a deposit check.

Parents will have an opportunity to indicate their first and second KASE schedule choices. We will work with the principals to coordinate kindergarten and KASE placement and will make every effort to accommodate everyone who wishes to participate in KASE.

COST AND DEPOSIT

To register your child for KASE, the application form must be returned with a non-refundable deposit of \$50 for each day you wish to reserve (e.g. \$100 for 2 days, \$250 for 5 days). Deposits will be refunded if we cannot accommodate your child on the days requested. Parents have the option to pay KASE tuition in a lump sum or in 4 quarterly installments. Scholarship assistance is available to families eligible for free/reduced lunch.



KASE

2018-2019
Term Dates

Term	2018-2019 Term Dates	Payment Due Date	Attending Schedule	Tuition	Deposit	Tuition Per Term
Term 1	Sept 6 - Nov 20	July 13	2 days/week	\$2,040*	\$100	\$510*
Term 2	Nov 26 - Feb 15	Nov 2	3 days/week	\$2,900*	\$150	\$725*
Term 3	Feb 25 - Apr 12	Jan 25	4 days/week	\$3,540*	\$200	\$885*
Term 4	Apr 22 - end of school	April 1	5 days/week	\$4,180*	\$250	\$1,045*

* Tuition for 2018-2019 pending School Committee vote; based on 2017-2018 tuition

KASE
KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT
2018-2019

A fee-based half-day program that complements Kindergarten to provide full-day programming

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KASE

EXPLORE DISCOVER FLOURISH

MISSION

Celebrate the joy of learning! This is the hallmark of the Kindergarten Enrichment program (KASE). Our rich, imaginative curriculum is designed to complement the Kindergarten program with guided discovery units that encourage students to explore and nourish their natural curiosity.

CURRICULUM

Our hands-on, thematic approach actively engages children in constructive explorations. The sights, sounds, experiences and habitats of animals and people around the world serve as our textbook. Students discover the wonders of places like the Arctic, the Coral Reef, Ancient Egypt, the Rain Forest, Africa, Hawaii or Japan. With every unit, classrooms are transformed with student-made props as they “travel” the world, living the science and social studies of each location or time period. Upon entering a KASE classroom you may find students boarding the classroom jeep as they set out to visit the exotic animals of the African Savannah, or participating in a KASE Grand Feast as a culmination of their study of medieval times.

ENVIRONMENT

At KASE, we appreciate the importance of providing a welcoming, supportive environment that nurtures the overall development of each child. We incorporate Responsive Classroom principles in our practice and encourage a cooperative, respectful learning atmosphere that enables each of our similarities and differences to be appreciated and valued. Combining KASE with Kindergarten also affords children an opportunity to extend their relationships with other Kindergartners, hone their skills, and expand their horizons.

RHYTHM OF THE DAY

The schedule of the KASE day is similar to the Kindergarten program. Each day begins with a group meeting that sets the stage for the day, and includes a time for guided activities, free play, independent exploration, snack, story and outside play.

TEACHER-CHILD RATIO

KASE generally maintains a 1:10 teacher-child ratio. Maximum class size ranges from 15 to 25 children depending on the size of the classroom.

TIME AND CALENDAR

KASE start and end times match those of their home schools. KASE will begin on the second day of kindergarten after which KASE will follow the Needham Public Schools calendar exactly. KASE does not meet on school holidays, early release afternoons or snow days. The KASE year is divided into four terms. Children are committed to the

number of days they reserve for the length of the term. Space permitting, children may add days during the term and their tuition will be pro-rated to reflect the change. Deposits are not refunded for dropped days.

FACILITIES

The Eliot, Mitchell and Newman KASE programs will be located in classrooms in their home schools. Broadmeadow and Hillside KASE will continue to be off-site. Supervised shuttle bus service will be provided as part of the program.

TRANSPORTATION

There is no additional charge for shuttle transportation between your home school and the off-site KASE campus. Eligibility for busing between home and school only pertains to Kindergarten and does not include KASE. It is possible to arrange busing for your child between home and school for KASE through the fee-based busing program.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about KASE and transportation see the KASE FAQ at www.needham.k12.ma.us (click on Community Ed.)

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Needham Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability, and ensure that all students and employees have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges and courses of study.

