

Pre-K and Kindergarten: Beginning a Journey, Building a Foundation

Few things are as important to a parent as establishing a solid educational foundation for their children. The City School District of Albany has excellent pre-K and kindergarten programs in both magnet and non-magnet settings to ensure that children build the skills, confidence and relationships they need to begin a lifetime of learning.



Visit www.albanyschools.org for more information about our pre-K and kindergarten programs.

Pre-K

Pre-kindergarten is the beginning of an educational journey. It is an exciting time for parents and students when children are encouraged to develop an interest and a joy in learning. Pre-K programs are based on activities that nurture this enthusiasm in a safe and caring environment. In pre-K, play is work and work is play!

*Non-magnet pre-K registration for the 2008-09 school year begins **May 28, 2008**. Students must be 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2008.*

- *Since space in pre-K programs is limited, registering on May 28 is advised.*

Kindergarten

Kindergarten often is the first formal introduction to education. The City School District of Albany's programs build an educational foundation on the expectation and wonder that fill children at this age. The district follows a curriculum that covers English Language Arts; Math, Science and Technology; Social Studies; the Arts; and Social and Personal Development.

*Non-magnet kindergarten registration for the 2008-09 school year begins **April 28, 2008**. Students must be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2008.*

- *Registering early helps avoid long lines in September!*

All City School District of Albany students must be registered at the Central Registration Office, located in the Sunshine Building in Lincoln Park. The office is open 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and can be reached at 462-7207.

Albany's non-magnet public elementary schools are:

- Arbor Hill Elementary School
 - 462-7166
- Delaware Community School
 - 475-6750
- Eagle Point Elementary School
 - 475-6825
- Giffen Memorial Elementary School
 - 462-7176

- North Albany Academy (pre-K-8)
 - 476-6800
- Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy
 - 475-6700
- Pine Hills Elementary School
 - 475-6725
- Public School 19
 - 438-2538
- Sheridan Preparatory Academy
 - 475-6850

Magnet schools

The City School District of Albany offers three theme-based elementary schools that provide families a choice of educational options for their children. Magnet schools offer students a unique opportunity to deeply explore enriched, theme-based programs in specific content areas.

Albany's magnet public elementary schools are:

- Albany School of Humanities (ASH)
 - 462-7258
- Montessori Magnet School
 - 475-6675
- Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology
 - 462-7262

For more information on Albany's magnet schools, see page 3.

*Completed magnet applications for the 2008-09 school year are due to the Magnet Office in Academy Park by 5 p.m. on **Thursday, March 6**. The magnet lottery will be held Thursday, April 10 at TOAST.*