



November 1, 2023

Dear Prospective Kindergarten Parents,

Catalina Foothills Community Schools will be offering an optional half-day, fee-based program, Kindergarten Plus, to complement the district's half-day Kindergarten program on all elementary campuses. This program will meet the needs of families and children by providing a full day curriculum experience taught by a state certified Early Childhood teacher. Children enrolled in Kindergarten Plus will be provided a curriculum aligned with the Catalina Foothills Envision 21: Deep Learning Kindergarten standards and extended time for science experimentation, reading instruction and practice, as well as time to enhance skills such as problem solving, social interactions and technology applications.

Read ALL of the following Important Information:

- K+ is first come first serve within registration time frames below...there are no guaranteed spots...the district will do its best to accommodate as many families as possible.
- **In-District and Continuing Open Enrollment Families Registration will open Thursday, February 1, 2024 @ 8:30 am.**
- **New Families Open Enrollment Registration will open Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 8:30 am.**
- Completion of the Kindergarten Plus registration does not guarantee placement into a Kindergarten Plus class. You will be notified once your child has been placed into a Kindergarten Plus class section.
- **To Register for Kindergarten Plus:**
 - STEP 1:** Create a Community Schools Account (if you do not already have one): <https://cs.cfsd16.org>
 - STEP 2:** After logging in, Select the "New 2024-2025 Registration" button on the Kindergarten Plus program. You will fill out an Information Card, sign and submit. This will create the registration but it is not complete. Click on "Select Kinder Plus Preference" and choose your school location. If your school choice shows full, please add your child to the waiting list.
 - STEP 3:** Pay the \$75 registration fee and first month's tuition of \$315 (\$390 total, non-refundable), prior to logging out. **Failure to complete this payment will release the spot from your shopping cart.**
- Open Enrolled families may reserve a spot in K+ prior to Open Enrollment acceptance
- Spaces may not be reserved for K+ at multiple schools. K+ School Selection must match the 1st choice school for Open Enrollment.

- All registration fees and tuition payments are non-refundable, unless an Open Enrolled family is unable to secure a spot in their first choice school.
- The yearly tuition is \$3,150 (10 payments of \$315/month, non-refundable).
- All monthly payments are due by the 7th of each month, beginning with Payment #2 due by September 7, 2024. You will need to login to your registration monthly to make your payments. The system does not store nor automatically charge your card. An email will be sent to remind you of the upcoming payment due. Any payments after the 7th of the month will be assessed a \$25 late fee.
 - **Questions regarding K+ payment should be directed to: Lisa Rincon @ 520-209-7548**
- Tuition discounts based on demonstrated financial need (maximum 20% discount) may be available. Contact the Community Schools office for a Fee Reduction Request form and a list of accompanying documentation required upon submission.
- Kindergarten Plus tuition is eligible for the Arizona State income tax credit as allowed by A.R.S. 43-1089, (up to \$400 for joint filers, per semester in both Semester 1 and Semester 2). Please contact your tax advisor for more information.
- Extended Day CARE will be available before school from 7:00 am - 8:00 am and after school from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm (1:30 - 6pm on Early Release days). The current rate is \$6.00/hour (subject to change for SY 24-25). There is also a \$75 registration fee for the CARE program. If your child is enrolled in both the Kindergarten Plus and CARE programs, you will receive a credit for the \$75 on your K+ account. For more information about this optional program, please call 520-209-7548 or visit the CARE website, <https://communityschools.cfsd16.org>.

We are committed to high standards of excellence in all our school district programs and know that children that are enrolled in our Kindergarten programs experience a high degree of success as they enter our first-grade classes. By enrolling your child in our Kindergarten programs, you will be taking the first step for your child's successful educational journey in Catalina Foothills School District.

We look forward to having you join our programs and schools. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call one of us.

Sincerely,

The CFSD Community Schools and Elementary Administrative Team