



November 1, 2019

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 experience taught by a state certified Early Childhood teacher. Additionally, all Kindergarten Plus classrooms include a teaching assistant. 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 Families**' Kindergarten Plus applications will be considered first** when submitted for all schools, beginning, Monday, December 2, 2019, 8:00am, using registration information below. **In district families registering for Kindergarten Plus by open enrolling to another school within Catalina Foothills School District will have their Kindergarten Plus applications processed in the first 10 business day period, only if open enrolling to a Spanish or Chinese Immersion program. If Open Enrolling to a non-immersion program, Kindergarten Plus applications will be queued with all other Open Enrollment Kindergarten Plus applications.
- **Open Enrollment Families**' Kindergarten Plus applications may be submitted during the same 10-business day window as In-District families, beginning Monday, December 2, 2019, 8:00am. These applications will be time/date stamped and queued at each school until the 10-business day window has expired. After such time, beginning Monday, December 16, 2019, Open Enrolled families' applications will be considered for placement.
- All Kindergarten Plus applications received Monday, December 16, 2019, 2019 or after will be processed in the order that they are/were received, regardless of in-district or open enrollment status.
- **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 Kindergarten Plus program and complete the registration.
 - STEP 3:** Pay the \$75 registration fee and first month's tuition of \$290 (\$365 total), prior to logging out. **Failure to complete this payment will release the spot in your shopping cart.**

- Open Enrolled families may reserve a spot in K+ prior to Open Enrollment acceptance.
- All registration fees and tuition payments are non-refundable, unless an Open Enrolled family is denied the opportunity to attend their school.
- Spaces may not be reserved for K+ at multiple schools...select the first-choice school.
- 2020-2021 tuition for Kindergarten Plus will be \$2700 annually, \$1350 bi-annually or \$290 per month for 10 months (\$2900).
- In the 2020-2021 school year, all monthly payments are due between the 25th and 30th of each month for the following month. Auto Credit/Debit card payments will be billed between the 25th and 30th day of the month for the following month. The first payment in the new school year will be near the end of August, for September 2020 tuition. Biannual tuition balances will be due by the first day of school (Aug 10, 2020). Any payments after the last day of the month will be assessed a \$25 late fee. Exception: Jan 2021 (second bi-annual or monthly) payment must be received by January 8, 2021 or will be assessed a \$25 late fee.
 - **Questions regarding K+ payment should be directed to:
Beverly Smith - 209-7563 for SD or CV -OR- Sheri Wirth at 209-7548 for MZ or VV**
- Tuition discounts based on financial need (maximum 20% discount) may be available. Contact the Community Schools office for a fee-reduction application 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. This tax credit may be claimed up to 3 calendar years:
 - Pay in calendar year 2019, claim when filing in 2020
 - Pay in calendar year 2020, claim when filing in 2021
 - Pay in calendar year 2021, claim when filing in 2022
- Extended Day CARE will be available at an additional hourly charge before school from 6:30am-8:00am and after school from 3:00pm-6:00pm. There is also a \$75 registration fee for the CARE program. If you child is enrolled in both the Kindergarten Plus and CARE program you will receive a credit for the \$75 on your K+ account. For more information about this optional program, please call 209-7549 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