

KEEP39

District 39's Kindergarten Enrichment and Enhancement Program

Information Sheet

- WHAT:** KEEP39 is an optional, fee-based half-day kindergarten program that provides extended-day enrichment experiences to kindergarten students. Students enrolled in D39's half-day academic kindergarten may choose to participate in KEEP39. The fee for 2021-2022 school year is \$6,460 per student. Financially eligible families may apply for a fee waiver. Click [here](#) for financial assistance information.
- WHO:** KEEP39 is available to children turning 5 on or before September 1, 2021 and enrolled in District 39 Academic Kindergarten. Registration opens on Monday, March 8, 2021 for 2021-2022 school year.
- WHERE:** KEEP39 takes place in District 39 schools for continuity of environment.
- WHEN:** Academic Kindergarten + KEEP39 = 8:35 to 3:15 (M-Th) and 8:35 to 2:15 (F)
- WHY:** District 39 launched KEEP39 to offer an additional enrichment experience to complement the half-day academic kindergarten. It also responds to the need for high-quality programming for students that extends through the end of the elementary school day.

KEEP39 Benefits

- ✓ Enhanced experiences designed and led by certified D39 kindergarten teachers and specialists
- ✓ Expanded exploration in math, science and social studies
- ✓ Enhanced literacy in beginning reading and writing, phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension
- ✓ Nature-based experiences with access to the outdoor classroom
- ✓ Increased opportunities for socialization, play and social-emotional exploration
- ✓ Increased transition convenience for families and students



Sample Schedule

D39 Kindergarten

8:30-8:35 a.m. – Arrival

8:35 a.m. – Daily Activities Begin

- Class meetings
- Calendar time
- Reading and writing
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Read aloud and snack
- Specials (Music, Physical Education, Library, Spanish)
- Social/Emotional Learning

11:10 a.m. – Pack up/dismissal

Dismissal

At this time, students in D39's high-quality half-day academic kindergarten will be dismissed.

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11:10 a.m. – KEEP₃₉ begins

- Lunch/recess
- Theme-based exploration through enrichment centers and stations
- Nature-based experiences with access to the outdoor classroom
- STEAM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)
- Music, movement and cooperative games
- Play-based enrichment opportunities

3:15 p.m. – Dismissal

Early dismissal Friday @ 2:15 p.m.

Theme-based Activities

Enrichment and Enhancement



STEAM Activities

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math



Play-based Experiences

Socialization & Cooperative Games

