FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Tacoma School District No. 10 may at the direction of the superintendent or designee offer a full-day kindergarten session. Participation in the program shall be voluntary. Full day kindergarten sessions may be offered at schools that have sufficient community/parent interest or have been selected for targeted assistance in order to promote the education and achievement of students. The superintendent or designee is authorized to identify those schools that qualify for targeted assistance.

For targeted assistance schools, the superintendent or designee may authorize the use of designated funding to support full-day programs.

Schools that do not qualify for targeted assistance may survey parents and the community to assess whether it is viable to offer a full-day tuition-based kindergarten session.

The board of directors encourages schools to become certified by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) so that limited income families may access childcare subsidies through the state. Such subsidies shall be applied toward fulfilling the registration and tuition requirements of the district. The superintendent or designee shall develop a contract outlining the parent’s responsibilities for payment of registration and tuition fees.

The superintendent or designee shall establish registration fees and annual tuition charges. Charges shall be reviewed annually to ensure that program costs are covered. Fees for registration and annual tuition will be charged to families who voluntarily elect to participate in a full-day program. These fees will support that portion of the day not covered by basic education dollars.

The superintendent is authorized to develop and implement the necessary regulations for the administration of this policy.

RCW 28A.215.010 Authority of School Boards
RCW 28A.320.015 School Boards of Directors-Nature of Adoption Policy

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