



A Celebration of Kindergarten

West Ada School District

Kindergarten Teaching & Learning in West Ada

Full Day Model

- Intentional instructional model
- Extension of academic priority standards, social skills opportunities, intervention/ enrichment
- Flexibility for individual developmental needs



Intentional Instructional Model

Define and structure an effective full day of school
in all West Ada kindergarten classrooms

- Chunked academic blocks to increase engagement and build stamina
- Frequent transitions and varying instructional strategies
- Opportunities for structured play and social skills practice
- Extended from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ hours daily to full day
 - Not a repeat, an extension

Flexibility for Individual Needs

Responsive to individual student needs

- Parents/Guardians request a shorter day
 - Quick meeting with parent/guardian, teacher, principal, additional school team members if needed (example counselor, health services) – discuss the ‘why’
 - Intentional timeframe for pick up (example 1:00-1:15)
 - Create a plan to increase stamina (example 30 min increase next quarter)
 - Goal – full day ready before 1st grade

Flexibility for Individual Needs

'More Core' Instruction and Opportunity for Intervention / Enrichment

- Full day increases time and opportunity to address individual needs (academic, social/emotional, developmental)

Planning for the Transition -Next Steps

- Full Day Kinder Planning Team
 - Meets every Friday – update building leadership
 - Example: health services, counseling, curriculum, nutrition, transportation, facilities
- Full Day Kinder Instructional Planning
 - Teacher guiding coalition
 - TOSA – Full Day Kinder Implementation Coach
- Kindergarten Registration
 - Info for April registration events at all schools
- Hiring Processes
 - Kinder teacher applicant ‘pool’ posting
 - Career fair hiring pool
- Building Principal Guidance
 - Requests for shortened day
 - Additional supports/needs; impact on 1st – 5th grades
- District-wide communication
 - Begins Thursday, March 31



Full day creates opportunities for more
of this in West Ada!

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