
Kindergarten Enrichment & Enhancement Program

— District 39 —

KEEP39

at ALL District 39 Schools



What is the District 39's Kindergarten Enrichment & Enhancement Program (KEEP39)?

District 39's Kindergarten Enrichment & Enhancement Program (KEEP39) provides a child-centered environment designed to offer opportunities for students to enhance development as critical and creative thinkers as well as responsible and productive lifelong learners.



KEEP39 will...

- Enhance D39's high-quality half-day academic kindergarten through enrichment and exploration.
- Enrich learning in literacy, math, social studies, science, socialization and purposeful play.
- Provide enhanced social emotional experiences to inspire kindness, empathy, and resilience.

During the 2023-24 school year, kindergarten students will attend D39's existing half-day academic program in the morning and eligible students may choose to participate in the optional enrichment program in the afternoon.

The program requires a fee of \$6,460.

- The deposit to secure a spot in the program = \$587 by March 1
- Fees cover additional personnel and material costs related to enrichment.
- *Eligible families may receive a fee waiver* pending discussion.*



What does a typical day of Kindergarten + KEEP39 look like?

Sample Schedule

Kindergarten

8:35 Arrival and greetings

- Class meetings and calendar time
- English Language Arts Workshop (Reading & Writing)
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Specials (*Music, Physical Education, Library, and Spanish*)
- Read-a-loud and snack
- Recess or cooperative games

11:55 Pack up and/or closure activities

Kindergarten Enrichment & Enhancement Program in District 39 (KEEP39)

11:55 Transition time to KEEP39

- Lunch/Recess
- Theme-based exploration through
 - Academic Enrichment Centers & Stations
 - STEM/STEAM
 - Nature-based Experiences
 - Music & Movement
 - Arts Enrichment
 - Play-based Enrichment Opportunities

3:15 Dismissal*

*Early Dismissal on Friday @ 2:15

Why Choose KEEP39 For Your Child's Enrichment Experience?

- Strong sense of community and connectedness for students
- Enhanced experiences led by highly qualified D39 kindergarten teachers
- All students will remain at one school for the entire day
- Same school as siblings creating easier pick-up and drop-off
- Transition for the students from AM to PM program would not require transportation
- Greater layer of accountability and safety for each child

Goal: The same D39 kindergarten teacher across the child's day



Why Choose KEEP39 For Your Child's Enrichment Experience?

- Expanded exploration in math, science and social studies
- Enhanced literacy activities in beginning reading and writing skills
- 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
- Unique enrichment classes weekly with certified D39 specialists (STEM, Music & Movement, Spanish Culture & Craft)



Goal: Activities that truly enrich and enhance the academic portion of kindergarten while strengthening social-emotional skills and relationships among peers

Enriching Specials Happen Daily



STEM, Music & Movement, Spanish Culture & Craft

And there is MORE...

- Additional hours per day
 - Approximately 3.5 hours per day for enrichment
 - Lunch in the cafeteria & recess on the playground
- Access to playground facilities
- Classrooms are newly updated/renovated
- Each elementary school has a full-time school nurse
- Each classroom has a paraprofessional to assist all students



...all leading to a better preparation for FIRST GRADE in D39!

Commonly Asked Questions

- **How will lunch work?**

Same as it does for grades 1-4. KEEP39 students will have a lunch session in the cafeteria (or classroom). Students may choose to buy or bring a lunch each day.

- **Will we have the same teacher?**

The goal is to provide as much consistency as possible with the same teacher and students. KEEP39 is taught exclusively by our kindergarten teachers and our other related arts teachers.

- **Where will KEEP39 be located?**

In a kindergarten classroom with the goal of the same kindergarten classroom as their academic portion of the day.

- **Does KEEP39 provide time for socialization and play?**

Yes! Socialization, play and social-emotional learning is a large component of KEEP39.

Parent Testimonials

- *“My son has benefited and grown so much through his participation in KEEP39. He comes home happy, excited and proud of the things he’s learned and the projects he’s completed. My son raves about his teachers and, of course, his friends and classmates. I am very happy with my decision to enroll him in KEEP39 as opposed to some of the other alternatives that were originally considered. Thank you D39!!”*
- *It’s great knowing my kids will be prepared for a full day when they transition to first grade, they especially love getting to eat lunch at school!*
- *“The KEEP39 program has been great fit for our daughter and our family’s needs. She enjoys the extended day and the extra time she gets to spend with her friends and teachers. We like that she gets to dive deeper into subjects that they discuss in the morning and gets the opportunity to work on additional activities and projects. The longer day was also an easier transition from her previous full day preschool/daycare program. Overall, I would highly recommend it to other parents.”*
- *“My son, has had a wonderful experience in the program this year. He has made great friendships. I love that he gets STEAM classes and does extra art projects. He also enjoys ordering lunch like his big brother and having the same drop off and pick up times (as do I). It’s been a win-win-win for our family all around and I highly recommend it to all incoming kindergartners.”*

Next steps

- Registration opens on Monday, January 23 for both academic kindergarten and KEEP39
- A deposit of \$587 by March 1 is required to be guaranteed a spot in the KEEP39 program
- Kindergarten orientation for parents is on May 11 at 6 pm (in-person)