

## Kindergarten Timeline

The age cutoff for most area kindergartens is that your child must be turning 5 prior to the start of the school year. For the purposes of this timeline, let's assume that your child will start Kindergarten in Fall 2013.

Period	Year	Type	Activity
Summer	2011	All	Have "The Talk" to begin to think about what you want in a school
Fall	2011	Private	Considering private school? Consider enrolling your child in pre-k at that private school. Many private schools offer pre-k and many of those offer preferential treatment in the admissions process. Enrollment for Pre-K in 2012 typically begins in Fall 2011, but check with your school of interest for precise times
Spring	2012	All	If you have not already, start attending open houses. Schools generally will not host open houses over the summer and it may be difficult to squeeze in all of the schools visits that you want in the Fall.
Spring/Fall	2012	All	Start attending open houses.
Fall	2012	Public	Complete Voluntary Transfer (VTP) application for Fall 2013 if you wish to attend a Philadelphia Public school outside of your catchment.
Fall	2012	Charter	Complete charter school applications. Application deadlines might be as early as October, but some will be as late as March 2012
Fall	2012	Private	Complete private school applications. Many will require essays and letters of recommendation, even for Kindergarten. Give your recommenders plenty of time! Due dates range from late November to mid-January.
Nov-Jan	2012-2013	Private	Plan for 1-3 interviews—some combination of parents, child, play groups
January	2013	Public	2013 Kindergarten registration for School District of Philadelphia
Jan/Feb	2013	Private	Admissions decisions mailed out
March	2013	Private	Private school intent to enroll forms are due, with deposit
Spring	2013	Public	Voluntary Transfer Program (VTP) notifications are mailed.

DISCLAIMER: This timeline is provided on a best effort basis and Philly School Search accepts no responsibility for missed deadlines. Dates will vary from school to school, and year to year, in some cases the variations will be big. Be sure to check with your school(s) of interest for their dates-including age cutoff and application. Let us know if you discover any gross inaccuracies.

## Core Links of Interest:

This entire List can be found at <http://phillyschoolsearch.com/start/>

### General Interest

Types of Philadelphia Elementary Schools

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/2011/01/05/elementaryschooltype/>

Open House Calendar (\*\*confirm with individual schools\*\*)

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/open-house-calendar/>

What to Ask When Visiting a School

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/2011/02/02/what-to-ask-when-visiting-a-school/>

Beyond the Usual Suspects

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/2010/06/21/beyond-the-usual-suspects/>

Philadelphia School Map

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/map/>

Other Parents Share Their Choices

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/category/schoolselections/>

### Public Schools

A Primer on Transfers in the School District of Philadelphia

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/2010/09/20/a-primer-on-transfers-in-the-school-district-of-philadelphia/>

### Private Schools

Applying for Need-Based Financial Aid in Independent Schools

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/2011/02/08/applying-for-need-based-financial-aid-in-independent-schools/>

### Charter Schools

What the Heck is a Charter School Anyway?

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/2009/12/15/charterintro/>

Philadelphia Charter School Directory

<http://phillyschoolsearch.com/2010/02/25/comprehensive-directory-of-philadelphia-charter-schools/>