

Alicia R. Chacón International
Kinder Orientation Frequently Asked Questions
April 8 and 15, 2021

- 1. If the child is having difficulty with a language can they switch the following or do they have to keep the same all through 8th grade?**

Initially, all students will struggle a little learning their third language but I promise you that with your help and all of the engaging activities our 3rd language teachers provide, your child will do well.

- 2. The selection of the 3rd language when the start the school?**

You choose the 3rd language you want as part of the online survey we asked you to fill out prior to attending our kinder virtual orientations.

- 3. Mr. Cadena you mentioned that one of the requirements will be to attend this presentation and I did not catch the second requirement?**

Completing the online survey and attending the kinder virtual orientation are the two requirements.

- 4. Will you be giving the awards for last year's kinder students?**

At the end of this school year we will be having Drive-Up Awards Assemblies and we will be distributing last year's awards plus this year's awards. We will start with Kinder on June 1st from 4 to 6 pm. One grade level every day.

- 5. Will the class size remain 22 students?**

As per TEA mandate K-4 class size is 22 and in grades 5-8 we always try to be at 25 or less.

- 6. If a child has special education, would that have any negative impact on the lottery process?**

No, as long as we are able to provide the services required as per your child's IEP. Example, speech.

- 7. When I filled out the online surveys, I did not what the transfer school was and I left it blank. Is this an issue?**

Not an issue, we just like to know if students are coming from within our district or outside of the district.

- 8. If student gets into program what are the opportunities for an older to transfer to school?**

Other siblings will get priority, which means that once space is available they will be invited to come take our screeners for possible admission into our program.

9. Do you know how many slots are to be filled for this upcoming school year?

We will have 110 slots available.

10. Do we get confirmation that we are included on the Lottery? is via email?

There will be no confirmation. However, if we have any questions prior to the lottery drawing we will contact you. Your child will end up on one of two lists, the lottery list or the automatic admission list if an older sibling is already enrolled at ARC.

11. How do we get entered to the lottery?

Two requirements, fill the online survey and attend one of our virtual kinder orientations: April 8 or April 15.

12. How do I know I did online survey correctly? I didn't receive an email with a code to enter this orientation.

If we have any questions about the online survey responses you provided, we will call you. As far as entering the google meets meeting, I am assuming you were able to enter otherwise you would not have been able to ask your question on this chat.

13. For this year, how many slots are available for students whose primary language is English?

We have a total of 110 slots. Slots are not by language. Our lottery software randomly assigns students for the total number of slots available (110).

14. I too have not received email with confirmation of receipt of online survey.

There is no confirmation provided. If you completed it we got it. If we have questions on anything that you wrote we will call you to verify.

15. Can we get a copy of the presentation?

Absolutely, you may find it on our ARC School Webpage. Scroll down until you find a button on the right-hand side titled Kinder Orientation. Once there, click it. In the folder, you will find a link to the online survey, 21-22 ARC Academic Calendar, 20-21 Bus Route Schedule, English and Spanish Powerpoint, as well as the FAQ documents in English and Spanish.

16. Assistance, by when do we need to submit the proper documentation and where should be submitted?

As soon as possible so that we can verify that you have another child enrolled at ARC.

17. Can we have J Guzman's email please to submit birth certificates?

Absolutely, Jennifer Guzman is our attendance clerk and she is who you will need to email your child's birth certificate too. Her email is jguzman24@yisd.net.

18. What are the policies on gender neutrality and inclusivity?

As per district policy FFH (local) - Our district prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law.

19. For a child who only speaks English, would Alicia Chacon be a good choice for him?

Definitely, the key is on-going communication with teacher, attendance to all school conferences, events, and your willingness to work help support your child.

20. What are the sports that are associated with each of these languages?

The cultural activities assigned to each language are as follows:

Chinese - Kung-Fu

Japanese - Karate

German - Gymnasia

Russian - Tennis

Frances - Balet

21. In the survey, I chose what I felt was best for her, but her brother is in another language, what do you recommend?

We always recommend that all siblings be in the same language so that they have someone at home to practice the language with. If you want to change the language please call our front office so that we can go into your online survey and make the change.

22. Where can I choose the 3rd language?

The 3rd language is chosen in the online survey that we asked you to fill out. If you didn't fill it out, or if you left that field blank, please call us at 434-9210 and let Jennifer Guzman, ARC attendance clerk, know so she can update your information.

23. Do polo shirts need to have the school logo? What color are polo shirts?

The polo shirt does not have to have the logo, however it is highly encouraged, for safety purposes. This will make it easier to identify our students, especially when we are out at social venues. The polo shirt is white or red for students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. The polo shirt is baby blue for students in grades 7 and 8.

24. My daughters came from Alicia R. Chacon, a very good school, but for a long time the tennis shoes had to be totally white or black, they did not accept them in colors, and also the jackets in cold weather had to be navy blue. Does it still have to be this way?

The color of the tennis shoes or jacket does not matter, as long as they fit.

25. Is transportation free? Does everyone qualify?

Transportation is free. Everyone qualifies, but buses only transport students within the Ysleta district boundaries.

26. What kind of art classes are offered?

K-4 students have general music – singing and dancing. 5-8 students choose their fine arts class: band, orchestra, dance, choir, or art class.

27. What is Destination imagination?

DI is a problem-solving competition for students of all ages. Our student-led STEAM-based Challenges reinforce core social-emotional learning (SEL) competencies—social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision making, self-awareness, and self-management.

28. Are there bus stops in the Socorro district?

No, only in Ysleta. Please see the bus routes document that was referenced during the presentation found on our school webpage under the button titled Kinder Orientation.

29. Will children be allowed to bring lunch?

Yes.

30. Are classrooms assigned according to the languages the children speak?

Each classroom is made up of 22 students. Each classroom is composed of 1/3 of students who only speak Spanish, 1/3 who only speak English, and 1/3 who speak or understand English and Spanish.

31. Are the 110 places just for Kindergarten?

Yes, there will be 5 sections and each class will have 22 students.

32. How do I know what skills and teachings the child is expected to have when entering kindergarten and what will be taught in kindergarten?

The curriculum we will follow is what the State of Texas requires us to teach in each grade level. Your child's teacher will provide you with more information when we have our first open house.

33. How will you take attendance for this virtual orientation, is it by email?

At the conclusion of this presentation, Mr. Gonzalez, technology teacher, will provide you with a link you will need to fill, in order to receive credit for attending this presentation.

34. We write down the child's name for the record that we entered the virtual meeting.

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35. What day will the lottery process take place and will we be notified by email or just by letter?

We have it scheduled for April 30. CEIC Committee members will be present to witness the lottery process take place. All kinder parents will be notified via mail.

36. What health and safety measures will be taken in the 2021-2022 cycle? The little ones can't handle wearing a facemask too long.

Currently our school board requires all students to wear a face mask. At ARC we practice social distancing. We hand sanitize. We disinfect desks/chairs after every transition. Each desk has a divider. Students are allowed to remove their face masks only while seated at their desk and behind their divider. We will continue to follow these protocols until our YISD Board no longer requires them.

37. Does the school have water fountains? Are students allowed to bring water bottles?

Our campus has water fountains throughout the building and yes, students are allowed to bring their own water bottle if they want to.