Why full day Kindergarten?
The time that students are in school is valuable and limited. MCSD is committed to implementing educational practices that are the most likely to result in student success by using the best evidence from educational research and ongoing data-based problem solving. Research demonstrates the importance of full day kindergarten. In Utah, Kindergarten is offered as a half-day program; MCSD wants to offer to parents an extended day option at certain schools.

Which schools offer Tuition Based Extended Kindergarten?
2020-2021 Murray City School District will be implementing TBEK at these two schools:
- Longview
- Viewmont

How is the program defined?
Tuition Based Extended Kindergarten is an extra session of Kindergarten in addition to the regular session of Kindergarten a child receives in the state of Utah. The intent of full day Kindergarten is to increase student achievement, have students ready for first grade and offer social and emotional benefits to Kindergarteners. The TBEK program is a District run Kindergarten program hosted at certain elementary schools in Murray City School District based on parent interest and need.

What is the cost of Tuition Based Extended Kindergarten?
Tuition is $3000 per student for the school year or $300.00 per month for ten months, through the 2020-2021 academic calendar. There is a non-refundable registration fee of $50. The cost of lunch is not included in the tuition. The tuition covers the cost of the additional hours of instruction that are not offered in the half day, tuition free programs at all Murray City School District Elementary Schools and Optional Extended Day Kindergarten options at Title I Schools in Murray City School District for qualifying students.

What if my child decides not to attend after being enrolled or leaves the program mid-year?
If you paid in full, your tuition will be reimbursed for the remainder of the year not in use. Your spot will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list. If you are out of boundary and choose to remain at the school, you will be required to fill out the appropriate paperwork and are subject to open enrollment guidelines.
What is the application and enrollment process?
TBEK will be offered to interested families on a first come first served basis with preference given to in boundary school students. When the window expires, families will be required to pay a $50 non-refundable registration fee and the first month of tuition when accepted to the program. Families outside of the school boundary will be required to pay the $5 open enrollment and fill out the out of boundary enrollment form at the district office.

Parents will be notified of acceptance by April 28. Parents will then be asked to complete the registration process, pay the registration fee, create your payment process and sign the program agreements.

What if I want my child to remain at their TBEK school and it is not their boundary school?
If you have applied and filled out an out of boundary permit when you registered for TBEK, you will no longer have to fill out an out of boundary permit for the TBEK school if you choose to remain at the TBEK school. You are now considered a student at that school. You will have to fill out registration every year like all students at the school.

Who is eligible?
Students who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020 are eligible. Students residing within the school boundary are given first preference. Students who are within Murray City School District boundary are given second preference. Students who do not live in Murray City School District boundary but have siblings within MCSD are given preference. Students who do not live in Murray City School District boundary are then given preference.

How will my Kindergartener get to school?
In boundary students will have access to safe walking routes or bussing options. If your student qualifies for transportation services, your student will ride the bus with the AM Kindergarten students and will ride home with the PM Kindergarten students. Parents will need to provide transportation if their student is admitted to the program at an out of boundary school.

Will my student be with a licensed teacher?
Yes, your student will receive additional instructional hours from a licensed teacher. Your student will be taught by the same teacher as they are taught in the morning.

Are there scholarships available?
In order to make the program viable, each classroom will have 24 students. Twenty-five (25%) of those classrooms can have scholarships available when we charge $300/month. You must first fill out the necessary paperwork to determine if your student is eligible for a scholarship.
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How do I pay for the TBEK?
Tuition must be paid to the Murray City School District Office by the 5th of each month. It is considered late on the 10th of the month and a late fee will be assessed. If your tuition is late after the 15th of the month, you will automatically forfeit your spot in the Kindergarten program. You may also pay your tuition in full at the beginning of the year.

How many hours of instruction are provided?
Half day sessions are 3 hours. Full days sessions are the same instructional hours as a first through sixth grade student.

How will we track effectiveness?
The Teaching and Learning Team (TLT) will track KEEP (Kindergarten Entry/Exit Profile) data on AM/PM vs TBEK. TLT will track the TBEK cohort over two years in first grade and second grade compared to their AM/PM counterparts on DIBELS/Acadience and District Benchmarks. TLT will track DIBELS/Acadience and Kindergarten quarterly assessment data compared to their AM/PM counterparts. TLT will report to the board quarterly in the first year of implementation.

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