

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION FAQs

For the 2024 -25 school year, Seedling Mile Kindergartners will be enrolled at Stolley Park Elementary School.

Why is Seedling Mile Kindergarten moving to Stolley Park Elementary?

Seedling Mile is projected to have only nine students in a single Kindergarten classroom for 2024-25. As we look to place certified teachers in classrooms across the district, we knew it would be best for those nine Kindergarten students to go to a spot where they would have a healthy-sized class of peers and a staffed Kindergarten teaching team. Stolley Park can provide both of those things.

What will the experience look like for the nine students going to Stolley Park?

The newly enrolled eight Stolley Park students and families will continue their regular Kindergarten experience. Along with all the Stolley Park Kindergartners, they will be invited to attend the annual “Kindergarten Round-Up” event in May and confidently begin the journey of being Stolley Park Panthers from Kindergarten through 5th Grade.



What additional support will be provided?

The district will also accommodate any Elementary age older siblings (of the nine Kindergartners) attending Seedling Mile to transfer to Stolley Park if those families would like to make the full switch.

GIPS will be in direct communication with each of the nine Kindergarten families to see what additional needs will arise and seek to support them as best we can.

Who is the go-to contact for new families at Stolley Park Elementary?

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