Registration and placement in kindergartens

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What should one know before registering?

From what age can students enroll in municipal kindergartens?

Registration for municipal kindergartens is for ages 3 and up. Here are the age groups (dates of birth) for the 2023-24 school year:

- Compulsory Preschool (GAN HOVA): 01.01.2018 - 31.12.2018
- Pre-Compulsory Preschool (TROM HOVA): 01.01.2019 - 31.12.2019
- Pre-Pre-Compulsory (TROM-TROM HOVA): 01.01.2020 – 31.12.2020

We are registered for a municipal kindergarten this year; Do we need to register for the next year?

Registration to municipal kindergartens must be done each year again.

When and how do we register?

Registration dates are national. This year, registration for kindergartens will be from January 23 to February 12, 2023.

Registration is done in the registration and placement system on this website.

What is the tuition fee in the municipal kindergarten?

As of the 2017 school year and in accordance with The Free Compulsory Education Law from the age of 3, tuition fees are not collected from compulsory kindergarten, pre-compulsory and pre-pre-compulsory children. The provisions of the law do not include insurance, meals, transportation, or additional curriculum (TALAN) fees - to be collected as before.

The Registration Process

How to register in the municipal kindergarten?

Registration for kindergartens will be done through the registration and placement system. Children whose parents do not register them on time, will be considered late registrants and placed based on availability. Placement notices may be delayed.

To register, you must type the following identification information:

- Parent's ID number
- Child's ID number
- Child's date of birth

Please note: false registration is a criminal offense. Providing incorrect and inaccurate details about the student's permanent place of residence will lead to the cancellation of registration and the exhaustion of all legal means by the authority.

Do I need to attach any documents when registering?

Online registrants can upload all relevant documents at the end of the registration process. For example, medical documents, Appendix D for registration in an unofficially recognized kindergarten, etc.

We were asked to attach additional documents to the registration application - where can we find them?

If you are required to attach additional documents or forms during the online registration, check the list of documents on this page.

Can we choose a kindergarten?

Upon registration in the system, you are required to choose a first priority + second priority kindergarten. The Education Administration would do its utmost to confirm one of these preferences. After the registration period, preferences cannot be altered in the applications.

Can we choose a kindergarten class?

Upon registration, you may choose the kindergarten structure. Information of kindergarten classes is published upon the receipt of placement responses.

Does the registration for school also include registration for afternoon daycares?

Registration for the after-school programs is done after the kindergarten placement is published.

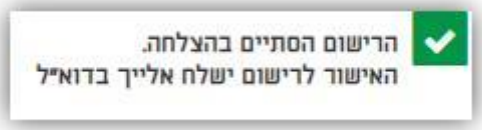
- If the kindergarten your child has been placed in, works with a privately-operated afternoon daycare, the registration will be done directly vs. that operator. The operator would contact all children's parents. Alternatively, you may contact the operator according to the contact details on the website.
- If the kindergarten your child has been placed in works with an afternoon daycare operated by Yuval Chinuch – “Yuval BaGan” or “Nitzanei Yuval” – the registration will be done through the registration and placement system on this page.

During registration, do I have to also pay for extracurricular and enrichment classes (TALAN)?

Upon registration, you can check your consent and commitment to participate in the kindergarten’s extracurricular and enrichment classes in the designated place. The fee is annual and charged in three installments during the school year.

How do I know that the registration has been duly received?

At the end of the registration process, a message will appear, stating: "The registration has been completed successfully. You will receive an email that so certifies." (see below photo)



If you have not received such a message, please contact the Education Service Center to verify that the registration has been duly received.

The address in the registration system is different from my actual residential address; how can I register?

You must submit a request through the online contact form and attach the following:

- Photocopies of both parents' IDs, including the updated and open paper slip where the child's details appear. The address must correspond with the actual place of residence. The identity card will include the appendix in which the details of the boy or girl appear.
- An updated rental/sales contract in the parents' name; or property tax (ARNONA) bill.

Due to the overload of inquiries during the registration period, inquiries will be processed within four business days. Afterward, it will be possible to register on the website according to the new address.

We missed the registration period, what do we do?

Parents residing in the city or planning to move into the city, including those returning to Israel, who wish to register for the next school year after the registration period, can do so in the registration and placement system or by submitting an online request, including Registration for Kindergarten Request Form and the required documents, or by scheduling an appointment at the Educational Service Center.

Please note: Placements will be published on June 15, 2023.

Registration after May 1, 2023, does not guarantee that the placement would be published on June 15, 2023, but may be delayed to July 31, 2023.

After the registration

How do I know which kindergarten my child is placed it?

Registrants during the registration period can see the placement through the system from 15.6.2023.
Late registrants' placements will be published on July 31, 2023.

Registration to afternoon daycares will open during July. The exact registration time will be published closer to the actual date.

How is the placement done?

Placement for kindergartens is done by considerations of physical distance from the child's home to the kindergarten, and in relation to the neighborhood educational space. All attempts are done to consider parental requests (with particular attention to the next kindergarten placement and siblings attending the same kindergarten space).

The Education Administration would do its utmost to take parental choices into account, but cannot guarantee it. Siblings reunion is done only within the same educational setting.

Specific cases will only be discussed in the Exceptions Committee.

Are there shuttles to kindergartens?

No. Placement is done by the Ministry of Education's standard based on the distance from the child's residential address.

Can I appeal the placement of my child in kindergarten?

You may submit an appeal in the registration and placement system on June 15-25 at 12:00.

The appeal can only be submitted once – for another kindergarten structure or class. Two preferences can be noted. Responses will be published in the registration and placement system on July 31, 2023.

Parents without internet access are welcome to get assistance from the Education Service Center, according to the contact details provided below.

The appeal must be corroborated with an explanation and the proper documentation (medical or psychological opinion, contracts attesting to relocation, etc.).

The full details of your child, including ID number – must appear on each of the above-mentioned documents.

A kindergarten teacher's opinion will not be accepted as a supporting document.

The Kindergarten Appeal Committee consists of:

- the Education Service Center representative
- the Department of Kindergartens' representative,

and, if necessary,

- the Legal Counsel representative.

The Kindergarten Appeal Committee shall discuss, among other things:

- Exceptional personal, familial or medical reasons
- Educational stream
- The Child's age
- Geographic proximity, based on availability in the desired kindergarten

Can I cancel the kindergarten registration?

Cancellation of registration is required upon relocation to another city or country or moving to a private educational setting. Without cancelling the registration, it would not be possible to register in another city - and this may result in unnecessary education payments.

The cancellation application can be sent to the Education Service Center using the Unsubscribe Form signed by both parents, together with the required documents as detailed in the table below.

You can unsubscribe at any time, but it would be a good idea to do so as soon as possible. Unsubscribe requests submitted during the registration period will be processed within 4 working days.

Please note: After the cancellation notice, the place will not be reserved in the kindergarten where your child was placed.

Can the child be transferred to another kindergarten during the school year?

Transfer to another kindergarten during the school year will only be available for the following reasons:

- Moving / Relocating
- Change of educational stream (State/State-Religious)
- Individual cases (medical, pedagogical, personal reasons, etc.)

Moving/Relocation: An online Transfer Request Form must be filled out and signed by both parents, then submitted to the Education Service Center, alongside all documents indicated on the form. The Education Service Center details appear on this page.

For any individual case: Please turn to the Regional Service Center of the Kindergarten Department and schedule and appointment with the kindergarten coordinator. It is highly advisable to pre-schedule your appointment in this link.

Applying for a Permit for External Studies

If you are a resident of Tel Aviv-Yafo and would like your children to study in another city, you must fill out and submit an application for a permit to study outside the city and attach the following documents:

1. Photocopies of both parents' IDs, including the updated paper slip.
2. A document attesting to the fact that you reside in the city of Tel Aviv-Yafo.
3. Educational setting's approval of the student's acceptance
4. For Independent parents (single, divorced, widowed, separated), an Independent Parent Affidavit must also be filled out.

The documents must be sent to the Education Service Center by online application.

Once the documents arrive, the application shall be examined, taking systemic and pedagogical considerations required by the receiving Authority into account. A response letter will be sent to you by email.*

* **Please note:** The Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality shall not bear the costs associated with external studies (payment of fees, transportation, etc.).