

**Quakertown Community School District**  
**Full Day Kindergarten**  
**2014-2015**

**Goal:** To implement a research-based developmentally appropriate kindergarten program in order to meet student needs; and for QCSD to remain at a competitive level with other districts in the region and the state.

- From Half-Day 450 hours to Full-Day 1170 hours per school year (Based on 180 days)

**Indicators of Effectiveness (as per 2013-2014 Administrative Goals):**

- Full Day pilot operational at two elementary schools. Eligible students will be determined through an established data analysis process (Ex.: student screening to determine most at-risk students in literacy and numeracy) and a program quality review will be conducted by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit
- 85% of identified at-risk students in the pilot will be proficient on established Kindergarten end of year benchmarks as determined by emergent literacy assessments and guided reading levels

**Who will be invited to attend?**

Students who are at risk and fall below baseline data as determined by our screening tools will be invited to attend. Class size should be limited to 15-18, not to exceed 20.

**How did we determine students at risk?**

Data probes were completed in April at Kindergarten registration.

Resources used:

- *Dibels* Math (number recognition, number writing)
- *PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening, Pre-K)* – Name Writing, Upper and Lower Case Alphabet Recognition, Letter Sounds, Beginning Sound Awareness, Print and Word Awareness, Rhyme Awareness, Nursery Rhyme Awareness
  - Final Screening in June – We will add *Expressive One Word* screening

**Who has been identified?**

We currently have registered 262 students, and 60 students fall below identified pre-K norms for this time of year.

We will rescreen students between June 17 and June 26 (to determine growth)

We will be screening new registrants on June 17<sup>th</sup> and other dates as necessary.

**Recommended Sites:** Students will be invited from all six buildings based on need. We are recommending three full day K sites.

- Quakertown Elementary
- Neidig Elementary
- Richland Elementary

School	Q-town Elem.	Neidig	Pfaff	Tohickon Valley	Richland	Trumbauersville
Current Placement (Tentative)	18	11	10	8	7	6
Potential Total Based on Open Space	22	23	10	21	20	16

**Determine Success of the Program**

- Utilizing the services of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Dr. Larry Martin, psychometrician) for program evaluation.
- Collection of Data:
  - September – preliminary data on each student
    - Quarterly review of student data
- Board Report – May 2015