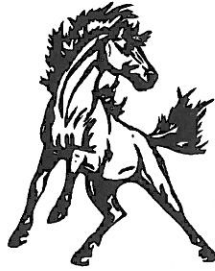


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Parents,

March 23, 2020

Welcome everyone to Allen East as your children begin their educational journey. This may be a new experience for some parents while others have been through the kindergarten process multiple times. There are some major changes in the kindergarten program that could have an impact on the enrollment of your child for the 2020-2021 school year. Below are the kindergarten changes for the upcoming school year:

- The 2-year transitional kindergarten program will no longer be an option at Allen East. The declining enrollment in the program necessitated the program be dissolved.
- With the 2-year program being dissolved, the enrollment birthdate of children will revert to the 2017-2018 date of August 1.
- The past three years Allen East has permitted parents to retain their child in kindergarten for non-academic reasons. The parent was required to sign a waiver that Allen East would not be liable for future repercussions of the parent's decision. The practice of "redshirting" kindergarten students will not be permitted for the incoming kindergarten class. Board policy and administrative guideline 5410 will be followed as intended. It should be a very rare occurrence to retain a child at any grade level. Allen East has a defined process to determine if a child should or should not be retained based upon grade level work with the ultimate decision being left up to the building administrator.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or your building administrator. Allen East looks forward to working with you and your child for many years to come.

Go Mustangs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mel Rentschler".

Mel Rentschler
Allen East Superintendent