

Central Bucks School Board Approves Re-Alignment Plan.

The plan includes implementation of Full Day Kindergarten, effective fall, 2026

At its March 12 meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors approved a realignment plan and district-wide full day kindergarten, effective for the 2026-27 school year. A committee of staff, parents, and students had been exploring the benefits of moving to a structure that includes full day kindergarten, and aligns its schools as elementaries with grades K – 5, middle schools with grades 6 – 8, and high schools with grades 9 – 12. Currently the schools are in a K-6, 7-9, 10-12 format.

“These changes will have wide-reaching and impactful benefits for our students,” said Board President Karen Smith. “Students will get off to a better start during the early years in kindergarten, sixth grade students are ready for a middle school experience to help navigate adolescence, and our 9th grade students will have greater access to programs in the high school.”

In addition to changing the grade level configurations and adding full day kindergarten at all elementary schools, the Board approved a pilot program for full day kindergarten to operate during the 2025-26 school year. The location for those pilot classes will be determined by November 1, 2024.

“A pilot kindergarten program will give us the opportunity to work with our teachers and curriculum department as we continue to refine our plan and make adjustments for it to expand across the district,” said Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Dr. Nadine Garvin.

The plan includes a \$12 million one-time cost in renovations at the three high schools to prepare space for ninth grade, and \$9.9 million in ongoing operating costs for staffing and supplies. Those costs will be phased in over three budget years and will add an estimated \$7 each month to the average district taxpayer’s bill over the next five years.

The reconfiguration plan impacts all 23 Central Bucks schools.

The plan does not require a re-districting of attendance boundaries. Enrollment is projected to be stable during the next ten years. Current enrollment is 17,195, down from 20,456 in 2009-10 school year. The enrollment projection for the 2033-34 year is 17,168 students.

The school board considered implementing the plan in fall, 2025 but due to the magnitude of changes, and a change in superintendents in November, the administration recommended an additional planning year to accomplish all the tasks necessary.

For more information, please visit the district’s [realignment page](#).