



Welcome to Regional School District 13!

Information for Incoming
Kindergarten Parents
2022-2023



School Information



Brewster School
126 Tuttle Road, Durham
(860) 349-7227
brewster.rsd13ct.org



John Lyman School
140 Way Road, Middlefield
(860) 349-7240
lyman.rsd13ct.org

RSD13 Mission Statement

Core Ethical Values

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- Through engagement in authentic learning experiences all Regional School District 13 students are empowered to thrive and contribute as global citizens.

- **Core Ethical Values**

- Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness, and Courage

School Choice in RSD13

- Parents of children living in Durham and Middlefield who will be five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2023 must register to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2022 or apply for a waiver of attendance. Any parent of an eligible kindergarten child who wishes to hold his/her child out of school for another year must sign a form at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.
- In Regional School District 13, children may attend kindergarten at Brewster School or John Lyman School. You will need to choose the appropriate school for your child prior to kindergarten registration.
- For the 2022-2023 school year, Brewster School will house students in grades PK-2. John Lyman School currently serves students in grades K-4. Please understand that there are many similarities between Lyman and Brewster, and both schools follow the same curriculum.

School Choice in RSD13 (continued)

- Please view the slide shows on the respective school websites for more specific information about each building.
- Both schools have posted information about kindergarten on their respective websites.
- The school decision must be made by Monday, March 28th.
- Any child not registered by that date may not be able to attend the school chosen by his or her parents(s). Once your decision is made, please contact the main office of the school where you wish to register. The school will then send you information and instructions for registration. Registration must be completed in accordance with published timelines in the registration packet to guarantee your child's place in the school that you selected.

Making Your Choice

- Once you have decided which school to have your child attend, please call the main office at either school to indicate your choice
- Your child's name will be added to a master list and you will have satisfied the "choice" component of the process
- The next slide contains information about registration paperwork
- School phone numbers
 - Brewster (860) 349-7227
 - John Lyman (860) 349-7240

Registration Paperwork

There are a number of forms required in order to complete the registration for kindergarten.

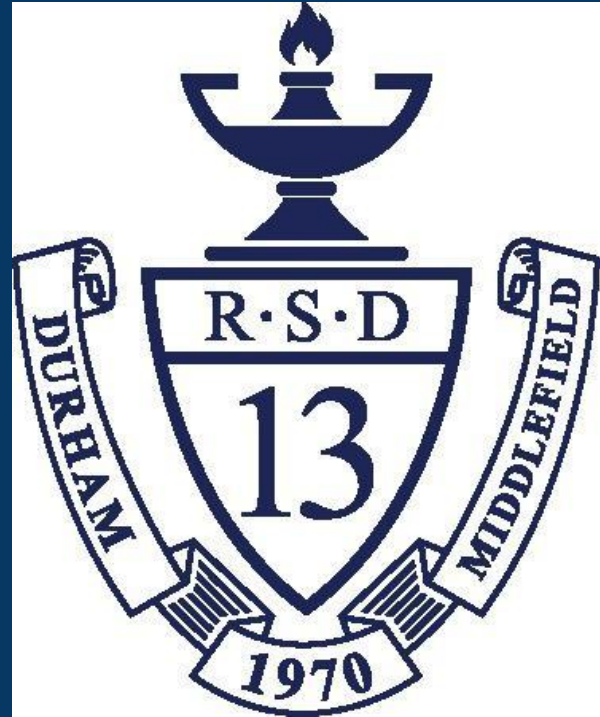
- Student Information Form
- Kindergarten Parent Questionnaire
- School Entry Health Questionnaire
- Verification of Residence Form
- State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record (Before First Day of School)
- Preschool/Day Care Release form
- Bus Form
- Notarized birth certificate (the office will make a copy for you)

Paperwork should be dropped off at your school choice by Thursday, April 14th.

Brewster and Lyman offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

RSD13 Schools

- Brewster School
 - Pre-K through Grade 2
- John Lyman School
 - Kindergarten through Grade 4
- Memorial School
 - Grades 3 through Grade 5
- Strong School
 - Grades 6 through Grade 8
- Coginchaug Regional High School
 - Grades 9 through Grade 12



School Hours: Grades K-4 (Brewster and Lyman)

Regular School Day

- 8:50 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Early Release Days (Scheduled or Weather Related)

- 8:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Two Hour Delayed Opening Days (Typically Weather Related)

- 10:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.



Curriculum and Report Card Information

- More detailed information about the RSD13 curriculum and report cards can be found on the district website
 - [Curriculum/Pacing Guide Information](#)
 - [Report Card Information](#)
- Teachers will share more information about the curriculum, what your child is learning, and how your child is progressing throughout the school year

Hot Lunch and Breakfast Program

- Hot lunch and breakfast are available for purchase at school
- Currently, school lunch and breakfast are free for all students (subject to change for the 2022-2023 school year)
- Typical hot lunch cost is \$3.50 (includes milk) and milk alone is \$0.60
 - Electronic purchasing is available (more information will be shared on the first day)
- Brewster and Lyman also have breakfast programs
 - Available to students daily and begins on the first day of school
 - Students pick up breakfast upon arrival and bring to classrooms
 - Typical cost is \$2.00 and there are a variety of choices
- Please click the link to the **School Lunch Information** page on the district website for more information

Bus Information

- Bus routes will be shared with you as soon as they are available in late August
- Please be aware that exact times for bus arrival (morning and afternoon) may be more variable at the beginning of the year
- Please contact the main office if you have any specific questions regarding the bus, multiple pick up or drop off locations, etc.
- On the first day(s) of school, teachers will meet and gather with kindergarten students as they arrive
 - Other staff members will be present to assist with this process

Home and School Connections

- Brewster and John Lyman School believe that the “whole child” is best served when there is a positive partnership between home and school. A number of opportunities exist for parents to become involved in their children’s classroom and school communities.



- We believe strongly in the home-school partnership and maintaining open lines of communication. You are always welcome to contact us when you have questions, thoughts, or concerns.

School Security

- Security systems are in place at all RSD13 schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. **All exterior doors including the front doors will remain locked throughout the day.**
- All parents, guardians, volunteers and visitors must go to the main entrance of the school. At the main entrance there is a call button that must be pressed to enter the school. The office staff will be able to view the visitor prior to entering the school on a video screen in the office. Once the visitor has been verified, the office will allow the door to be opened by the visitor.
- **If your child arrives after 8:50**, he/she will be marked tardy and you or your child must press the call button to enter the school. When dropping off your child at the front door. Please make sure he/she enters the school safely.

Early Childhood Resources

[Connecticut 2-1-1](#)

2-1-1 Child Care is Connecticut's statewide child care resource and referral agency. 2-1-1 Child Care provides free, confidential referrals to child care programs.

[Connecticut Birth-to-Three Program](#)

Birth to Three supports families when they have concerns about their children's very young child's (birth to age three) development.

[Sparkler](#)

Download Sparkler for free today to check in on the development your 0-5 year old's heart, mind, body, and words with the Ages & Stages Questionnaires and to find fun ways to learn through play together.

[Special Education Resources and Links for Parents and Teachers](#)

Links to support organizations for families including general information, disability rights, information about specific medical conditions, assistive technology, ADHD, emotional and behavioral disorders, intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders and much more.

Early Childhood Resources (continued)

State Education Resource Center (SERC)

SERC is a quasi-public agency established under statute to serve the CT State Board of Education in supporting educational equity and excellence. They do this by providing professional development and information dissemination in the latest research and best practices to educators, service providers, and families throughout the state, as well as job-embedded technical assistance and training within schools, programs, and districts.

U.S. DOE-Office of Special Education Programs

OSEP is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts.

Wrights Law

Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Yellow Pages for Kids-CT

Find educational consultants, psychologists, diagnosticians, health care specialists, academic tutors, Speech language therapists, advocates and attorneys. You will also find government programs, grassroots organizations, special education schools, and parent support groups.

Thank You!

- On behalf the entire district, we look forward to welcoming your child to Regional School District 13!