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Mark Your Calendars, November 1 is Kindergarten Application Day

- Starting from November 1 (09:00), parents can submit up to three applications for kindergarten enrollment.
- Important dates: Preparatory (Nov. 1), Priority (Nov. 1 to Nov. 10), General (Nov. 15 to Nov. 29), and Additional (Nov. 30 to Feb. 2024) recruitments. Applicants are advised to check the schedule and eligibility requirements in advance.
- Significant enhancements are made to the application service, including improved online and on-site cross-application services, expanded mobile service hours, streamlined processes through increased collaboration with the National Health Insurance Service, and the introduction of automatic notification services via the 'Interested Kindergarten Registration' feature.

The Ministry of Education (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho), in collaboration with the Korea Education and Research Information Service, is opening the “Go First School” service for the 2024 school year, available for both public and private kindergartens, starting on November 1.

'Go First School' is an admission management system designed to facilitate the admission process (including application, selection, and enrollment) online, eliminating the need for in-person visits to kindergartens. This system promotes fairness and convenience for parents. Participation is mandatory for all national, public, and private kindergartens nationwide.

Parents who want to have their children enrolled in kindergarten can register their child's information and apply to their preferred kindergarten (with the option to select up to three choices) based on the recruitment type (priority or general) via the website. This online service opens at 9 a.m. on November 1.

For a detailed schedule of the service for parents, applicants can visit <https://www.go-firstschool.go.kr>. Parents should also ensure to adhere to the recruitment schedule if they wish to enroll their child in a kindergarten of their choice.

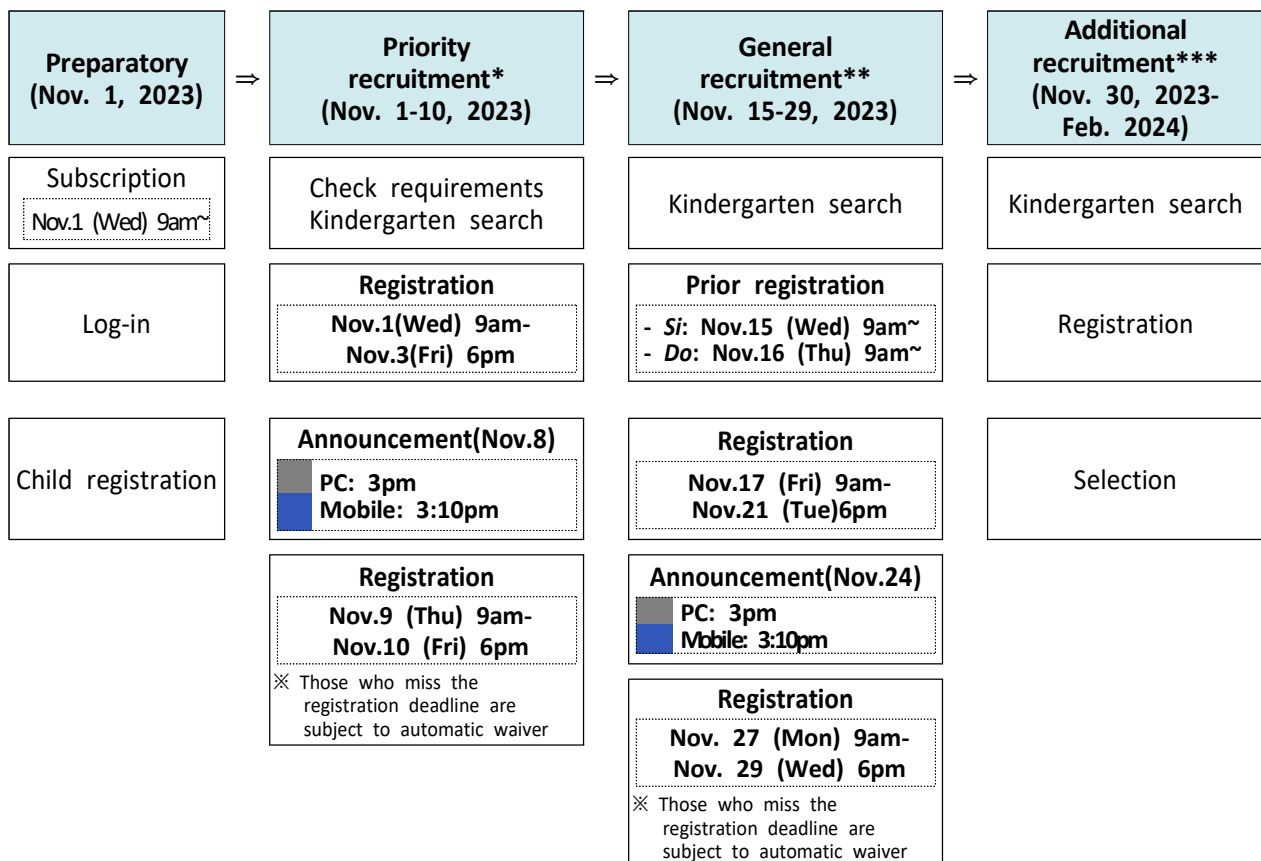
To be eligible for “Priority”* recruitment, certain conditions must be met, so it's crucial to check the eligibility criteria. For “General” recruitment, applications can be submitted during the designated period. However, please note that the

“General”** recruitment selection is limited to a specific number of attempts. Careful consideration is advised when choosing your first-choice kindergarten.

*Eligibility conditions for “Priority” recruitment include children from statutory low-income families, national veterans, and families of North Korean defectors. Each kindergarten’s specific priority recruitment targets can be found in the recruitment guide.

*If the applicant is chosen as their first preference in the selection process, they won’t be considered in the second and third lotteries. If the applicant is chosen as their second preference, they won’t be considered in the third lottery.

< Schedule for “Go First School” Service>



*Priority Recruitment: Applicants with statutory low income, national veterans, North Korean defectors, and those prioritized by individual kindergartens (e.g., multi-child families).

**General Recruitment: Applicants not covered under priority criteria.

***Infants without a previously registered kindergarten can apply during the additional recruitment period, provided there are available slots in kindergartens.

In addition, to enhance user convenience, the following new services will be introduced starting in the 2024 school year: 1) Online and on-site cross-application service; 2) Extended mobile parent service hours; 3) Enhanced collaboration with the National Health Insurance Service to streamline documentation; 4) Automatic notification service for those interested in

kindergarten registration.

Previously, when applying for kindergarten, parents could choose either on-site or online applications. However, starting from the 2024 school year, both on-site and online cross-applications will be available. To provide user-convenient services, this system can be accessed seamlessly on PCs and mobile devices, with selection results viewable every 10 minutes in order to reduce delays caused by user traffic.

Additionally, in partnership with the National Health Insurance Service, real-time “Workplace Health Insurance Eligibility Confirmation” will be accessible online. This eliminates the inconvenience of parents having to submit documentation to prove their eligibility when applying for after-school programs. Furthermore, parents can easily monitor changes in kindergarten enrollment for their preferred kindergarten through the notification service*.

*The notification service is available during the additional recruitment period from December 2023 to February 2024, and the vacancy recruitment period from March to September 2024.

The ministry stated, "We will persist in enhancing the service through collaboration with provincial education offices, actively promoting First School Road as a user-friendly platform, and making every effort to ensure equitable kindergarten enrollment."

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