

Frequently Asked Questions cont.

Is placement based on income?

No, all children who are 4 years old before September 1 are eligible for the program.

Then, why do I need to submit verification of household income with my application?

The County Pre-K program is funded by various funding sources. Therefore, in order to provide the Pre-K program we must meet the requirements of each of these funding sources. One of the major sources of funds requires verification of household income because these funds are tied to serving children most in need.

What if I decide not to provide verification of income with my application?

Your child's application will be considered, but only after the applications of all other children whose parents provided proof of household income. Please keep in mind that this information will be kept confidential and will be destroyed once household income is verified.



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Is my child eligible for Pre-K?

In order for your child to be eligible for the program, a child must be 4 years old prior to September 1. Children who are 5 will be enrolled in kindergarten.

When and where do I fill out an application for my child to attend Pre-K?

Pre-K registration usually occurs in April of each year at Pre-K sites throughout Mercer County. Parents will need to register their child for Pre-K by filling out the universal application at that time. Imagination Station and Learning Tree House accept applications at anytime during the school year. Mother Goose Child Care Center registers students starting in July.

Do I have to pay for the Pre-K program?

If your child is enrolled at one of the participating child care centers, the Pre-K portion of the day is to be provided free of charge. However, you may have to pay for child care if it takes place outside of the Pre-K hours as well as for any special programs outside of the Pre-K program. Pre-K services located in the district's elementary schools are provided at no charge.

At either locations, unless your child qualifies for Free and Reduced Lunch, a fee will be charged for breakfast and lunch.

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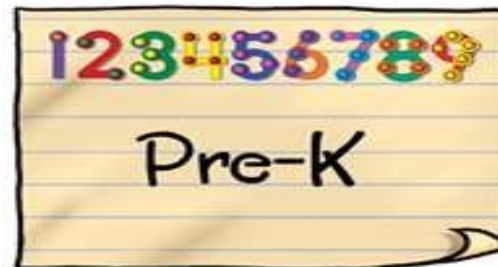
How many days a week is Pre-K in session?

All of the Pre-K classrooms located in elementary schools operate Monday through Friday. However, half of the students will be assigned to attend Monday or Fridays. These assignments on these days will be solely decided by the principal or designee at each school site.

The days and hours of operation at community sites differ from program to program. You need to speak to the principal, director or lead teacher to find out what the hours of operation will be.

If I submit an application, is my child automatically enrolled?

Yes, although it may not be at the parents first choice location. The district has determined the fairest way to enroll children in the elementary PreK's.. Parents submit an application in April with a choice of three sites. Parents are then notified by letter in which site their child has been enrolled.



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What if I miss the application cut-off date?

Applications received after the official application period will be considered only after all other applicants that were received on time are placed.

If there is not a Pre-K program at my child's elementary school is my child able to attend another program?

Yes. However, children who live within the school's attendance area are placed first. If additional slots are available then children from out of district are placed.

What do I need to bring the day I fill out an application?

- Birth certificate (Hospital Birth certificate unacceptable)
- Social Security card
- Immunization records
- Child's WV Health Check Form
- Proof of Residency
- Proof of Income (W-2, Social Security Stub, Check Stub)

Is there a specific curriculum for Pre-K?

Yes. Mercer County's Pre-K classrooms use "The Creative Curriculum". It is a curriculum that is based on scientific research that children learn best in their most natural environment of play. Children are individually assessed by the teacher who in turn sets up the learning environment with activities that will promote learning. The Pre-K curriculum is aligned with state Early Learning Standards Framework (ELSF) and kindergarten Next Generation Standards.