

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS....

- Q: Does my child have to be potty-trained in order to attend preschool?**
- A:** We accept children at all stages of potty-training, including those who are still in diapers or need assistance.
- Q: Does my child have to wait until August to enroll in preschool?**
- A:** Preschoolers may be enrolled throughout the year. Please contact us for more information.
- Q: Does my child have to attend preschool everyday?**
- A:** Although we strongly encourage consistency in school attendance, we also understand there may be special circumstances that require part-time or partial day attendance. Additionally, home-based or itinerant services may be available for some students with disabilities.
- Q: Will the preschool calendar, including the 1st day of school, be the same as the calendar for older students?**
- A:** The preschool calendar may vary slightly from the school district calendar, due to programming requirements such as days for screening and home visits. Parents will be given advanced notice of the start date and specific days that may vary.
- Q: Where will my child attend preschool?**
- A:** If eligible, your child is guaranteed a spot in one of our preschool classrooms. Location of school placement is decided based on several factors, such as child's home address, specific needs, and number of available spaces within each location, etc. Therefore, early registration is strongly encouraged.
- Q: Will my child be riding on a school bus with older children?**
- A:** Separate buses with adult supervision will be used for preschool students. Students will engage in learning activities during transport.
- Q: What if I don't have a birth certificate for my child?**
- A:** Please call us and we can help you order a new copy.
- Q: What if my child also attends daycare before or after school?**
- A:** Depending on location, we may be able to provide transportation to or from daycare. Please let us know of any specific needs you may have.

**HAVE MORE QUESTIONS???**

**Please call us at 744-4637.**

## Mission Statement

The Clark County Preschool Program is committed to a high-quality child-centered environment that enhances success for all individuals through the collaboration of educators, students, families, and the community. Our goal is to provide strong foundations with high expectations that support our community of life-long learners. We are committed to fostering positive and caring attitudes with our children and their families.



## CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Preschool Early Education Programs

Learning Resource Center

100 Vaught Rd.

Winchester, KY 40391

Phone: (859) 744-4637 or 744-4638

Fax: (859) 745-1304

Website: [www.clarkschools.net/programs.htm](http://www.clarkschools.net/programs.htm)



## Clark County Preschool Early Education Programs

Coordinated by  
Clark County Public Schools  
& Head Start



Preschool Office  
(859) 744-4637

*Para asistencia en Español,  
por favor teléfono 744-2762.*

## What programs are offered for preschool-aged children in Clark County?

### PRESCHOOL OVERVIEW

For children ages three to five years old, the Clark County Preschool Program offers an extended five-hour session for five days a week. The adopted curriculum is designed to provide children with opportunities to make daily discoveries about themselves and their surroundings, as well as to better prepare them for their kindergarten experience. Breakfast and lunch (including free & reduced-cost meals) are available, and transportation to and from school may be provided.

### Why should I choose Clark County Preschool?

- Kentucky Department of Education Certified or Approved Preschool Teachers.
- Classrooms located in district elementary schools & the Generations Center.
- Curriculum aligned with *Kentucky Early Childhood Standards*, with focus on early literacy, pre-writing activities (*Handwriting without Tears* program), math/cognitive skills, motor development, social skills, music, technology, & more.
- Support services in the areas of special education (including free individualized evaluations, developmental interventions, speech-language therapy, occupational & physical therapy, etc.), parent education opportunities, family support services, behavioral consultation, mental health/counseling services, assistive technology, & more.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for free services, children must meet the eligibility criteria for either **State-Funded Preschool** or **for Head Start**. Your child may be eligible if he or she meets one of the following criteria:

- Be three or four years old and have an identified delay or disability (regardless of income status).
- Be younger than three years old and have an identified delay or disability (such as through First Steps Program); child will be eligible to attend preschool on third birthday.
- Be three or four years old by October 1st of this school year and eligible for free lunch or Head Start's Federal Income Guidelines.
- Be three or four years old by October 1st of this school year and be eligible for Child Care Subsidy.

**Depending upon enrollment numbers, there may also be a limited number of fee-for-service spots for children who do not meet eligibility guidelines as listed above. If interested, please contact us for further information.**

### Enrollment Process

- Submit a Preschool Initial Application / STI form. This form can be completed by contacting the Preschool Office at (859) 744-4637 or may be downloaded from: [www.clarkschools.net/programs.htm](http://www.clarkschools.net/programs.htm)
- Gather enrollment information, including child's social security card, birth certificate, immunization record, proof of residence, & income verification (i.e., tax returns, W-2's, pay stubs, benefits information, etc.).
- After Preschool Initial Application / STI form has been submitted, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment for screening. The screening process helps determine whether your child meets income eligibility requirements or may need an evaluation to determine if a delay or disability exists. If screening results reveal a potential area of delay, the school system will offer to conduct an individualized evaluation (at no cost to you) to determine the nature of the delay or disability. Examples of delays & disabilities include: speech or language delays, developmental delays (in areas of communication, motor, cognitive, social/emotional, and/or self-help skills), certain medical or health impairments, and more. After the evaluation has been completed, a meeting will be held with you to determine if your child has a delay or disability that entitles him/her to receive preschool services.
- To complete the enrollment process, your child will also be required to have a physical exam by his/her family physician and a vision exam prior to school entry. Please be sure to tell your physician & optometrist to document exam results on Preschool Entry forms. Return these forms to the Preschool Office.
- Once all eligibility requirements have been met, you will be notified of your child's acceptance into the Preschool Early Education Program. Placement decisions for school locations may be made at a later date, but every effort will be made to place your child at the school within the district of residence.