

# Pre-K

## APPLICATION INFORMATION



### PRE-K IS A FUN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN!

Families must meet income eligibility guidelines similar to free and reduced lunch requirements to participate.

Pre-K provides students with a running start as they prepare to enter kindergarten the following year. This all begins with a Pre-K Application. Each Blount County elementary school with a Pre-K class (see list to the left) will be accepting applications on Friday, April 5, 2024 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. You do not have to be zoned for a school to apply to go to Pre-K there. Our staff will be on hand to assist with completing the necessary forms, answer any questions, and to share a bit about our program.

**Application does not guarantee a spot for your child!**

Children will be chosen based on most areas of need.

### SCHOOLS WITH PRE-K CLASSES

Carpenters Elementary

Eagleton Elementary

Lanier Elementary

Mary Blount Elementary

Middlesettlements Elementary

Porter Elementary

Rockford Elementary

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## SPACE IS LIMITED

There is only space for 20 qualifying students at each school. Not all students who apply will be accepted. Parents will be notified by May 31st of the status (accepted, on waiting list, need more info to determine qualification or does not qualify) of their child's application.

## Please bring the following if available:

- ✓ **YOUR CHILD**
- ✓ **PROOF OF INCOME**  
Current Income Tax Return, 3 Pay Stubs or Food Stamp Verification
- ✓ **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**  
Utility Bill, Rent or Mortgage Statement
- ✓ **PROOF OF AGE**  
Birth certificate, state issued ID, income tax or state eligibility forms, or copy of passport
- ✓ **COMPLETED SHOT RECORD**
- ✓ **PHYSICAL EXAM**
- ✓ **PROOF OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP**  
Only if necessary

### AGE

Tennessee law requires that all children must be 4 years of age before August 15 of the current school year before they can enroll in Pre-K.

### IMMUNIZATIONS

State law and BCS Policy requires all students entering Pre-K to have a valid Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization to enroll in or attend school. Students without required immunization documentation (or exemption documentation) will not be able to start school.

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

BCS Policy states students entering school for the first time must have a complete physical examination. The physical exam must be within one calendar year of school starting.

### COUNTY-WIDE PHASE-IN PERIOD

The week of August 5, 2024 teachers will make home visits and hold an Open House that serves as the required pre-placement visit. Dates and times for the Home Visit and Open House will be communicated when you are notified of placement by May 31, 2024. The Open House and Home Visit are Mandatory. Pre-K classes begin for students on August 12, 2024, with a staggered start for the first week. All classes are at least 6 hours long, 5 days a week and follow the BCS Calendar. Start and end times vary by school.

**If you need us, we are here to help!**  
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