

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHOOL HOURS:

5.5 hours each day
Start time varies by school
Monday-Friday
KCS Calendar

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation is NOT provided

EXTENDED DAY:

After school care is NOT provided

ELIGIBILITY/APPLICATIONS:

Enrollment is limited and open to residents of Knox County. Financial eligibility guidelines are established by the Tennessee Department of Education. Applications may be obtained at knoxschools.org/prek, at all KCS elementary schools, or mailed by request.

For information, please call 865.594.1529.

A DAY AT-A-GLANCE IN PRE-K

Each Pre-K class has 20 students and is staffed by a certified early childhood teacher and a paraprofessional. The class is guided by a state approved curriculum to address the child's needs, interests, and learning styles. The classrooms are highly organized into activity centers to maximize learning and meet the individual instructional needs.

Although schedules may vary in each classroom, a daily routine helps the children develop a sense of security and independence. Teachers provide opportunities for students to:

learn, think, cooperate, problem solve, listen to stories, use puppets, interact with music and movement, participate in outdoor play, and eat nutritious meals.

Schedules are structured to maximize the instructional time providing developmentally appropriate practices through individual, small group and whole group activities.

The prekindergarten curriculum is geared towards developmentally appropriate instruction for all children. The students are provided a rich learning environment, which strengthens academic and social skills. Early literacy, math and basic school readiness are built into all aspects of the Pre-K experience.

The Voluntary Pre-K year is a valuable time for students to learn how to express themselves, make meaningful decisions, and get along with others. Excellent attendance is expected in order for our preschool experience to benefit children's social and cognitive development and prepare our youngest learners for a successful school experience.

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VOLUNTARY PRE-K SCHOOLS

Amherst Elementary
Belle Morris Elementary
Bonny Kate Elementary
Carter Elementary
Cedar Bluff Pre-School Center
Christenberry Elementary
Copper Ridge Elementary
Dogwood Elementary
East Knox County Elementary
Fair Garden Family Center
Fort Sanders Educational Dev. Center
Gibbs Elementary
Halls Elementary
Karns Elementary
Mooreland Heights Elementary
Pleasant Ridge Elementary
Ritta Elementary
Sarah Moore Greene Magnet
Spring Hill Elementary
Sunnyview Primary
West Haven Elementary
West Hills Elementary
West View Elementary

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY

Children must be **four** years of age on or before August 15th of the current year. Our priority is to enroll students identified as 'at-risk'. The 'at-risk' factors are determined by the Tennessee Department of Education, and include such factors as family income, family structure, and unique family situations.

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