

Voluntary Pre-K Application Information

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Knox County Schools Voluntary Pre-K program! This very important preschool program is primarily funded through a grant provided by the Tennessee Department of Education along with some local funding. It is an important educational program offered to children who live in Knox County and who are four years old by August 15.

Our classes are available at 23 schools. You may choose up to three preferred sites for enrollment. Please list those choices on the application. You do not need to complete an application at each preferred site. Multiple applications will slow down the process for approval.

Voluntary Pre-K means you are requesting to enroll in the Pre-K program. Once accepted into the program, **excellent attendance** is expected. This is an important first step in your child's education. Students are expected to maintain attendance at 90% or risk losing enrollment in the program. Space is limited and a waiting list is maintained once all the available space is filled.

Transportation is NOT provided and is the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

This program is not a "first come first served" program. In accordance with Tennessee law and rules and regulations of the State Department of Education, students who meet the following qualifications will have priority for being accepted in the program:

- Child is four years old on or before August 15, 2020.
- Family resides in Knox County (school zones does not matter).
- Military Parent is KIA, MIA, or POW.
- Family meets federal income guidelines and/or TENNCare, SNAP.
- Child receives special education services.
- Child is an English Language Learner.
- Child is in state custody.
- Child has a history of abuse/neglect.
- Child meets qualifications as "at-risk" as determined by the Knox County Community Pre-K Advisory Council.

***** Please complete the attached application and submit it with your proof of residence in Knox County, income verification form, and proof of income. *****

**Knox County Schools
Voluntary Pre-K Application 2020-2021**

Today's date _____

Preferred Pre-K Location:

#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____

Child's Name _____ Goes by _____

Birth Date _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Home Address _____

Street Address and Apt. #

City/State/Zip Code

Phone Numbers: _____

Home

Cell

Work

Email Address: _____

Person completing this form: Mother ____ Father ____ Step-Mother ____ Step-Father ____

Adoptive Parent _____ Other (specify) _____

What is the first language your learned to speak? _____

What language does your child speak most often outside of school? _____

What language is spoken most often when at home? _____

**** PLEASE REMEMBER TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED ****

Please circle all of the following items that relate to your child:

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| Child in state custody | History of abuse/neglect |
| Attends or has attended Head Start | History in Family of Depression/Mental Illness |
| Homeless | Prenatal drug/alcohol exposure |
| Military Parent KIA/MIA/POW | Premature baby |
| History in Family of Substance Abuse | Parent incarcerated |
| Child in custody of other than parent | Single parent |
| Teen Parent | Death of parent/sibling |
| Parent is student | Child has disability/ IEP |
| Military Parent Deployed | Parent as Teachers Program Participant |
| Military Parent | Lives in Title 1 zone |
| No regular group experience (Less than 4 hours a day - 2 times per week) | |
| Other at-risk factors: _____ | |

Does your child receive books from the Imagination Library? Yes _____ No _____

****THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE INCOME VERIFICATION FORM, PROOF OF INCOME, AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN KNOX COUNTY****

Signature of person filling out form: _____

Please fax to (865-594-9579) or mail complete application to:

Knox County School / Voluntary Pre-K

P.O. Box 2188

Knoxville, TN. 37901

Application taken by: _____ Date: _____