

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATIONS BELOW BEFORE BEGINNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

Important Lafayette Parish Early Childhood Information

Eligible Residents: Any student residing within the Lafayette Parish School System may apply.

Entrance Requirements: Student must be 4 by September 30 of the school year, as well as potty trained.

Policies:

Acceptance: Acceptance is limited to the number of available slots at each pre-k site. Slots are calculated through the system by economic need and siblings. If a student is selected for admission based on application information that is later determined to be false, the student may lose the admission.

Attendance

The Early Childhood Program is funded by Title 1, LA-4, 8(g) grants and the LPSS General Fund. Some of this funding is based on student attendance. If your child has excessive unexcused absences your child may be at risk of losing his/her position in the program. A doctor's excuse is required for an excused absence. We follow the LPSS Attendance Policy for excused and unexcused absences.

Tardiness

Tardiness should be kept to a minimum. Teachers are actively engaged in opening activities at the beginning of the school day and it is important that every child is exposed to a structured, learning routine.

Dress Code

The Early Childhood Program follows the dress code established by the Lafayette Parish School Board. The specifics can be found in your LPSS Handbook. Belts do not have to be worn by preschool or kindergarten students. Students are not allowed to wear open-toe shoes. Please check with your individual school for more details.

Tuition

Parents who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will be required to pay a tuition fee of \$3,750 for the school year or \$375 for 10 months. Those over income students with an IEP will be pro-rated based on their Special Education minutes. **If your lunch status changes during the school year, you will be required to pay tuition beginning on the date of status change.** If choosing to pay installments, the August payment is due on the first day of school. Every month thereafter, tuition is due on the first school day of every month. Your child will lose his/her position in the program if tuition is not paid. A tuition agreement form must be completed at the beginning of the school year. Tuition is tax-exempt and receipts will be issued. Please Note: Breakfast and lunch are not included in tuition fees.

Transportation

For transportation concerns, please contact the transportation department at 521-7447. Please notify your child's teacher of any changes.

Emergency School Closure

The Early Childhood Program abides by the same rules as the Lafayette Parish School System. When school closures are announced, the program will close as well. LPSS uses PACE as a means of mass communication.

Special Education

We offer educational evaluation services for children ages three through five years not enrolled in Kindergarten who may have special needs. We have a variety of classroom settings to meet different needs: regular, self-contained, reverse mainstream and ABA. Our goal is to provide information to parents and educators which will assist in future educational programming.

Personal Information

Please inform the classroom teacher and school office when addresses or telephone numbers change for your child's safety. Schools need to be able to reach you in case of an emergency regarding your child.

Parental Involvement

Several parental involvement activities will take place throughout the school year. Near the end of the school year, preschool students and their parents will have an opportunity to participate in transition activities with their assigned kindergarten school site. All parents are expected to be in attendance. Lafayette Parish School System encourages parent involvement. We value the importance of working together to meet the needs of your child. Please check with your school for the policy and procedure to follow concerning visits to the school and classroom.

Medical Concerns:

Vision and Hearing Screenings

All Early Childhood students will undergo a vision and hearing screening. Parents will be notified by letter concerning the scheduled dates. If a child is referred for further vision and/or hearing screening(s), a referral letter will be sent home requesting a follow-up appointment with a physician. A copy of the completed physician's form needs to be returned to school for your child's records.

Medication Administration

The Early Childhood Program abides by the Lafayette Parish School System's medication policy for administering medication. If there are additional questions, please call 521-7281. Please check with the office at your child's school for pertinent information and forms.

Allergies

Many of our students have food allergies. Forms are available at the school for a special diet plan. The forms require a doctor's signature. If your child has an epi pen, it must remain on the school's campus at all times.

Immunizations

If your child takes additional shots during the school year, please send a copy of the updated shot record to school with your child. It will be placed in his or her file.