



Frequently Asked Questions for Potential Students

Important Dates:

Open House: February

Birth Certificate and Immunization Record (Form 121): Due at June testing

Brigance Testing: June

Online Registration: April

How do I register my child?

We begin placing children on the informational list on January 1. You will then receive emails regarding updates on registration and upcoming events.

When does school begin?

Student arrival begins at 7:15 am. Instruction begins at 7:50 am.

When does each school day end?

This year we will end at 1:50 pm. For reduced days, students dismiss at 11:55 am.

Who is eligible for ECEC?

Any child who turns four by September 1st and lives in the Tupelo Public School District. They will also need to meet all of the requirements set by the district such as birth certificate, updated shot record, and proofs of residency.

When will my child be screened?

Students who sign up will be given the Brigance screener at the end of April. We will email you regarding your time. It is the responsibility of the parent to bring your child at the time scheduled.

When do classes start?

ECEC follows the TPSD schedule.

Does my child have to potty-trained to attend ECEC?

Yes.

Will transportation be available?

Yes. Tupelo Public School District will offer bus transportation to our Pre-K students. Daycares also pick up and drop off at our school. Car rider is also an option.

Is there a specific curriculum used at ECEC?

We use the OWL (Opening the World of Learning) Literacy Program with our students. We also incorporate the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines.

When will we find out if my child has been accepted into the program?

We will let everyone know by the beginning of June.

If my child is placed on the waiting list, is it possible that he/she still get in?

Yes, we maintain a waiting list throughout the school year and fill slots as they become available.

How are students selected for the Pre-K program?

Students who demonstrate a need based on the Brigance screener for a Pre-K program are placed in the program first pending they turn in the enrollment documents. Then we fill the remaining slots with children on a first come first served basis.

Acceptance is pending until we receive all forms of proof of residency. If you do not reside in the Tupelo Public School District, then you will be removed from the program.

The first three days of school are staggered entry. We will let you know which day your child will come. Buses will not run on these two days.

Frequently Asked Questions for Current Students:

Arrival and Dismissal Times:

Students can arrive at 7:15 a.m. Our bell rings at 7:50 for class instruction to begin. Our school day ends at 1:50 p.m. For reduced days, we end our day at 11:55.

Student Attendance:

A child's absence can be medically excused if he/she has a written excuse from a physician and that paperwork is received by our Main Office no later than two days after the child returns to school from the given absence. Parents are also provided two parental excuses each semester, if those notes are in writing and submitted in the same time frame as noted above.

Removal from Program:

Attendance is extremely important and any absence hampers a student's progress. **Excessive absences (15 or more days) will result in dismissal from the program**

Early Checkout:

The parent/guardian will enter through the main office to sign-out the student prior to 1:30 p.m. ECEC will not conduct check-outs from 1:30-1:50 p.m.