



Pre-K Tax Credit

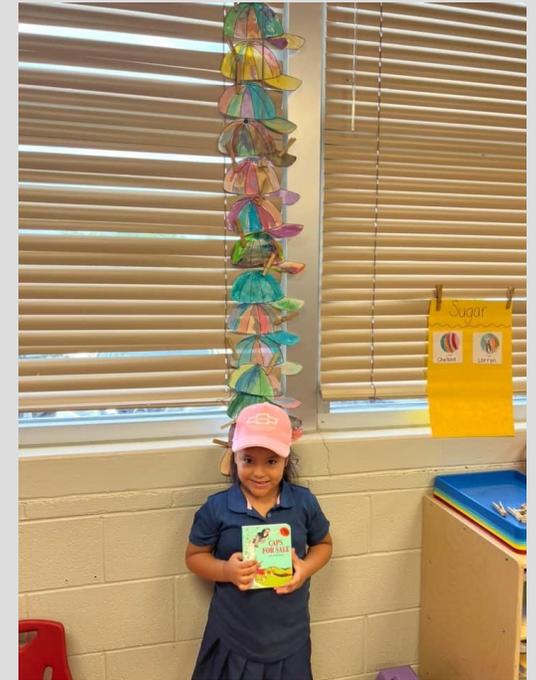
Invest in Pre-K. Individuals or corporations may make a contribution to support matching funds of the Cleveland Early Learning Collaborative. They may be eligible to receive a state tax credit for the donated amount up to \$1,000,000.00.

For more information about this Tax Credit go to the Mississippi First website at [http:// www.mississippifirst.org](http://www.mississippifirst.org). or you may contact Program Coordinator, Patsy Clerk at 662-843-3529.



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Cleveland School District
Learning is Essential For All

4K PAVES THE WAY-EARLY LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

High-Quality Early Childcare Education for 4 Year Old Children

The Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 allows for the formation of collaboratives across the state of Mississippi. The Cleveland Early Learning Collaborative ELC was awarded in December 2018 and is one of 19 collaboratives across the state funded by the Mississippi Department of Education.

The funding will provide services for 205 children in the local collaborative who are four years old on or before September 1st. This is a voluntary program.

Sites served by -ELC:

Bell Academy
1016 Taylor Road
Boyle, MS 38730
662-843-4572

Hayes Cooper Center
500 MLK Jr Blvd
Merigold, MS 38759
662-748-2734

Cleveland Head Start Center #1
924 Peart St
Cleveland, MS 38732
662-842-1553

Cleveland Head Start Center #2
1103 Bell Ave
Cleveland, MS 38732
662-846-6864

Cleveland Head Start #3
1408 Hwy 8- 662-843-9460
506 N Chrisman- 662-843-4526
Cleveland, MS 38732



Services include:

- Teachers have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in an approved early childhood field. Assistant Teachers have a minimum of an associate's degree in an early childhood field.
- Classroom teacher to child ratios are 1-10 with a maximum of 20 children per classroom and a minimum of 5.
- Opening the World of Learning-OWL and-or MS Beginnings curriculum, along with supportive materials are used in the classrooms.
- Professional Development for teachers serving in collaborative classrooms
- Workshops/trainings for parents to assist their children in vital school readiness skills
- Assessments for children to measure their progress throughout the year.
- Assessments for classrooms to strengthen instruction
- Health Screenings

ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN: FAMILIES NEED TO CONTACT THE SITES FOR ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN AND WILL NEED TO COMPLETE REQUIRED APPLICATIONS WITH THE SCHOOL SITES. CHILDREN MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST.

VOLUNTARY ENROLLMENT WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL ALL (NUMBER) SLOTS ARE FILLED. AFTER ALL OF THE SLOTS ARE FILLED A WAITING LIST WILL BE MAINTAINED AND FAMILIES WILL BE CONTACTED AS SLOTS BECOME AVAILABLE.

