

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING PRESCHOOL**

### **WHO MAY ATTEND?**

The program is available for FREE to 3 and 4 year old children exhibiting a state-recognized disability or delay and for 4-year-old children (4 by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>) whose household income is at or below 160% of the federal poverty level. A tuition program is also available, contingent on space in the classrooms, for ALL 4 year old children (4 by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>) for \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month. (as determined by board policy)

### **WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY?**

We give preschool children a short test called a screening to see if they are behind in any area of speech, language, motor, cognitive, self-help skills or behavior. A mild delay in any of these areas may make your child eligible for free preschool.

### **HOW WILL MY CHILD GET TO PRESCHOOL?**

Free transportation is provided through the school bus system.

### **WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO AT PRESCHOOL?**

Our preschool program is developmentally appropriate. This mean the children are provided with a rich environment of materials and activities. The curriculum is a balance of structured activities and activities of the child's choice. Children also listen to stories, play outside, and go on interesting and fun field trips.

### **WHERE IS PRESCHOOL LOCATED?**

Preschool is located on both the East and West sides of Frankfort. On the East side of town, the preschool program is located at the Early Learning Village. On the West side of town, the preschool programs are located at Bridgeport Elem, Collins Lane Elementary and Westridge Elementary.

### **WHAT MEALS ARE AVAILABLE?**

Children are provided with a well-balanced meal every day, either breakfast (for a.m. students) or lunch (for p.m. students) at no charge. We feel that mealtime is also a time for learning. Parents are welcome to have meals with their children. The preschool teacher can provide meal prices for parents.

### **WHY DOES PRESCHOOL INCLUDE HOME VISITS? WHAT HAPPENS AT A HOME VISIT?**

Preschool teachers are required to make at least two home visits to each child in their class. On home visits, the teacher gets to meet and see the child in the home environment. Teachers can discuss the child and the preschool program with the parents. More importantly, the children see the teacher come into their homes. The children are able to meet each teacher and talk to her in their own homes where they feel safe and comfortable. This helps the children to know that they are important and school is important. Parent involvement is an essential component of the preschool program. Teachers want to develop a good relationship with each parent as well as with each child.

### **WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL'S HEALTH REGULATIONS?**

All students should be up to date on immunizations and are to have Physical Examinations forms and Immunization forms on file at the school. These forms must be signed by a physician or Health Department staff member. To maintain a healthy preschool environment, the staff requires that children who are sick stay at home. Children are sick if they have a fever of 100 degrees or more, are vomiting, have diarrhea, unidentified rashes or other illnesses, which can be transmitted to the other children in the classroom. If children become sick at school, parents will be notified immediately so arrangements may be made to seek appropriate care. In case of a medical emergency of any kind involving the administration of first aid of any kind, the building principal and parents shall be notified so that further decisions can be made.

### **WHAT OTHER FORMS ARE REQUIRED?**

Prior to the first day of school, each child must have on file with the school a Registration form, School Lunch form, official Birth Certificate from the Office of Vital Statistics, recent physical, and immunization certificate on a Kentucky form. Children will be required to have an eye examination completed by January 1.