

The Kentucky State Funded Preschool Program

Building a Strong Foundation For School Success

The Preschool program is designed to be developmentally appropriate for young children and focuses on the child's physical, Intellectual, social and emotional development, including interpersonal, intrapersonal and socialization skills. The goal is for all children to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for kindergarten readiness.

Our teachers are highly qualified and certified with an Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education certificate.

Each classroom has instructional assistants who work closely with teachers and children.

Speech therapists, physical therapists and occupational therapists are also provided to the students who qualify for those services.

For more program information, click the preschool tab Under Parents on the district home page of our website.

<http://www.pendleton.kyschools.us>



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I get my child into preschool?
A. Call the Board of Education for a screening appointment. When attending the screening, please bring your child, their birth certificate, social security card (optional), proof of residency in Pendleton Co., and (for 4 -year-olds, proof of family income).

Q. What is a screening?
A. Every child who is 3 or 4 years of age may have a free developmental screening. This is a fun experience, based mostly on play and language skills. The screening looks at motor, cognitive and language skills. Parents provide information on self-help and social skills through a questionnaire. A simple vision and hearing screening will also be completed. If a potential delay is indicated, the attendance in an intervention phase is provided before further evaluation is performed.

Q. What health records will I need to provide before my child can come to school?
A. All children must have an up to date immunization certificate, dental exam, eye exam and a school entry physical before starting preschool.

Q. What will my child learn in preschool?
A. Children learn through a variety of age appropriate materials in the classroom, in play and with teacher directed activities. Our emphasis is on kindergarten readiness.

Q. Will my child ride the school bus?
A. Yes, buses that transport preschool students have a monitor that will help them on and off the bus and make sure they are given to an adult who meets the child at the bus stop.

PENDLETON COUNTY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

**RANKED HIGH QUALITY
5 STAR RATED
BY KENTUCKY'S EARLY
CHILDHOOD STANDARDS**



Preschool Office location:

Pendleton County
Board of Education
2525 US Hwy 27 N
Falmouth, KY 41040
859-654-6911

Southern Elementary
859-654-6981

Northern Elementary
859-472-7341

A parent is the first and most important teacher in a child's life. If you have concerns about your child's development, please bring him/her in for a screening. Don't wait until your child enters kindergarten to address your concerns. Things to look for may include:

HEARING

- Has chronic ear infections
- Talks in an unusually loud voice
- Turns the same ear toward a sound he/she wishes to hear.

SEEING

- Is often unable to pick up small objects.
- Frequently rubs eyes, has reddened or watery eyes or complains about eyes.
- Holds head in a strained position when trying to look at a particular person or object.

THINKING

- Does not understand simple stories told or read by age 3.
- Does not give reasonable answers to such questions as "What do you do when you are sleepy?" or "What do you do when you are hungry?" by age 4.
- Cannot find the words to describe their thoughts clearly at any age.

TALKING

- Cannot say the names of a few toys and people by age 2
- Cannot repeat common rhymes or TV jingle by age 3
- Is not talking in short sentences by age 4.
- Is not understood by people outside the family by age 5.

MOVING

- Cannot walk without help by age 2.
- Does not walk up and down steps by age 3.
- Is unable to balance on one foot for a short time by age 4.

SOCIALIZING

- Does not enjoy playing alone with toys, pots and pans, sand, etc. by age 3.
- Does not play group games such as hide and seek, tag, etc. by age 4.

Eligibility Guidelines

- 3 and 4 year old children with developmental delays are eligible.
- Children who are 4 years old by August 1st, and whose family meets the federal income guidelines (up to 160% of poverty) are eligible.

Each school has two classrooms. With a teacher and an assistant in each class. **Classes are offered 2 full days per week. Student will either attend on Monday/Tuesday or on Wednesday/Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Bus transportation is available to and from school on the days that your child attends.

Breakfast and lunch are provided to all students.

Children have the opportunity to form friendships while playing and learning in a safe, age appropriate environment while developing skills for success in kindergarten.

We use *Creative Curriculum*, one of the nation's leading research-based curricula. It features both teacher-directed and child initiated learning activities.

