

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I qualify for PreK?

There are several qualifiers for your child to attend PreK:

- Your child must be age 4 by September 30 of the current school for which you are applying.
- Your family must meet federal income guidelines for your family size.
- You must not live within the city limits of Rogersville.
- Your federal most-in-need status indicators must rank within the top 20 highest of all applicants. (This list is available on the Early Childhood Programs home page on the left-hand side.)

2. What are the federal income guidelines?

The Federal Income Guidelines change every July 1. Below are the guidelines for the 2010-2011 School Year.

Federal Income Guidelines, 2009-2011

The guidelines are effective through June 30, 2011

Gross Income			
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	weekly
1	20,036	1,670	386
2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
6	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	1,317
For Each Additional Family Member Add:	+6,919	+577	+134

3. If my child attends prek at a school that we are not zoned for, will they automatically be enrolled in that school's kindergarten?

No. Your child must attend the school in which they are zoned. If you are not sure which school that is, please contact the early childhood office.

4. Is attendance mandatory if I enroll my child?

While attendance is not mandatory (part of compulsory education), if you enroll your child in any state prek, you are agreeing that you will ensure 90% attendance in the program. The state reserves the right to remove a child from the program if the child has excessive absences. Also, as part of the Hawkins County School System, all prek classrooms recognize and enforce the system's attendance policy, available in the parent handbook on the home page of the early childhood program website. A child who misses 10 consecutive days without informing the teacher or office staff with a reason (sickness, vacation, etc.) and a staff member is unable to reach the parent/guardian to check on the child, he/she can be removed from the program and returned to the waiting list. If a child misses 15 days during the school year (does not have to be consecutive) and the absences are unexcused, he/she may also be removed from the program. Communication with the staff is an effective way to avoid this from occurring.

5. If it's cold/hot or generally bad weather, does my child have to go outside?

Yes. We are licensed by the State of Tennessee and are required a minimum of 45 minutes playtime outside daily, unless it is raining, the temperature is below 32 degrees or above 95 degrees. We are required to go outside even if it is snowing if the temperature is above 32 degrees. For this reason, please dress your children accordingly and provide a coat during winter months.

We are available from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (Monday thru Friday) to answer any questions you may have about preschool.

Please call 423-272-3628 and ask for Vonda or Kim.