



Lewis Couty Schools State Funded Preschool Program

What is the Preschool Program?

The preschool program is designed for 4 year old children who are income eligible or for 3 and 4 year old children who are experiencing developmental and/or speech delays. Our preschool program is in session four days per week, Monday through Thursday.

The Preschool Program offers:

- ♥ Services for income eligible children (up to 160% of poverty)
- ♥ Related services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy for eligible children
- ♥ Services for students who are not eligible, on a tuition basis, if space permits.
- ♥ A branch to Kindergarten Readiness

The Preschool Program will actively engage your child in learning so he/she will gain the skills and knowledge needed to enter Kindergarten ready to learn. The preschool classrooms focus on many aspects of whole child development: cognitive, language, physical, social, emotional. Our program provides a nurturing, safe environment where young children learn by doing, through concrete, hands-on play experiences and exploration in a variety of learning centers.

Preschool Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Whole child development in the areas of: cognitive, language, physical, social, emotional

- Kentucky Early Childhood Standards
- Developmentally Appropriate Practices
- Center based learning experiences
- Teaching Strategies Gold

Items needed for Preschool Attendance

Birth Certificate (Certificate from the Office of Vital Statistics), Social Security Card/Number (optional), physical examination on the Kentucky Department of Immunization Certificate, vision (eye) examination from an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist, proof of custody/guardianship (if applicable), medical card (if applicable)

Transition Tips

- ♥ **We strongly encourage parents to visit the preschool classroom prior to enrollment. Please call the preschool teacher of the school your child will attend to schedule a time to visit.**
- ♥ Allow home visits from the preschool teacher and teaching assistant (minimum of 2 per year).
- ♥ Get to know your child's new teachers and arrange for your child to meet them before your child's first day in the program.
- ♥ Send in a special pillow and blanket that your child has selected /helped select for daily nap time.
- ♥ Ask the teacher if your child can bring a comfort item from home (i.e., stuffed animal, book or a picture of his/her family) during the transition period.
- ♥ Talk with other families of children who are/were previously enrolled in the preschool program.
- ♥ Share any information that we may need to know about your child with his/her teacher.
- ♥ Share some fun facts/information about your child with his/her teacher. This can help the teachers better get to know your child and build a rapport with him/her.
- ♥ Talk about preschool in a positive manner and tell your child how much he/she will enjoy it.

Preschool Contacts

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