



## 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 (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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