

How to register

Registration packets may be picked up in **April** for the coming school year. Those interested in enrolling their child in Pre-K should visit the elementary school in their attendance zone for registration materials. *No transportation is provided.*

Centerville Elementary School
104 Mary Field Street
Centerville, TN 37033
931-729-2212

East Hickman Elementary School
5191 Highway 100
Lyles, TN 37098
931-670-3044

The following items will be needed in order for your child to be considered for enrolled in the Pre-K Program:

1. Physical & Shot Record on TN School Immunization Certificate
2. Certified Birth Certificate-not the mother's copy (**Child must be 4 years old by August 15**)
3. Proof of Income (2)
 - Income tax form
 - W2 form
 - Verification of pay by employer (current pay stubs) or
 - AFDCF Public Assistance Payments
4. A current utility bill or turn on receipt to establish residency in Hickman County



Parental Involvement

Families are children's first teachers and have a powerful effect on early development. Research has found that children whose parents were actively involved in the program scored higher on all assessments. In addition to directly affecting a child's learning, family engagement demonstrates to children the value of their parent's role in their education.

The teacher provides many ways for families to be involved in the program, taking into account the schedules of working parents and those with limited time. Families receive frequent invitations to participate in classroom activities.

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Hickman County Pre-K



The goal of every Pre-K classroom is to provide our 4-year-old children with the learning experiences they need in order to succeed in kindergarten.

Participation in the Pre-K program will help children develop academic and social skills that will help them in their educational career.

About Hickman County Pre-Kindergarten...

Pre-K Teachers and Assistants

Pre-K differs from K-12 in many ways, including teacher and classroom standards, certification requirements, and developmentally appropriate practices. All Hickman County Pre-K teachers are required to have a minimum of a 4-year Bachelors' degree in education and to obtain Pre-K certification in order to teach in a Pre-K classroom. Teaching Pre-K requires preparation, patience, and a profound understanding of early childhood development.

Each classroom also has a Pre-K assistant who is required to have a high school diploma. Assistants are also encouraged to continue their education by obtaining their Child Development Associate (CDA) designation. The CDA program focuses on children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth in a child development framework.



Meeting Standards

Early learning standards describe what children should know and be able to do as a result of their experiences in Pre-K. Young children need both basic factual knowledge and skills and a foundation of understanding in mathematics, science and literacy to develop skills that will enable them to learn and make sense of their world. Young children should also develop skills for gathering information, such as, identifying letters and numbers and ways to acquire information about the social and natural worlds.



The Tennessee Early Childhood Standards include Speech and Language Development, Early Literacy, Math and Science, Social Studies, Creative Arts, Social and Emotional Development, and Physical Development. All Tennessee developmental standards for children from Birth to 5 years may be found at <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/to pic/development-standards-tn-elds>

Literacy and Reading

Pre-K teachers encourage parents to read to their children each day. Children who enjoy reading will, naturally enough, spend time reading. Because spending time doing anything is the path towards becoming more proficient at it, those children who enjoy reading will become accomplished readers. They will do better in school and have an easier time tackling higher education than others. The children who enjoy reading when they are young will thus grow up to have greater opportunities in life. As readers, they'll also be more able to entertain and comfort themselves, and through books they'll have the chance to learn great things and visit fabulous places.

Imagination Library

The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation is an innovative partnership with Dolly Parton's **Imagination Library**. Parents may enroll their children for free, high quality, age-appropriate books that will be mailed once a month directly to the registered children's homes from birth until age five.



We encourage all parents of children under five to join the Imagination Library. You may call either branch of the Hickman County Public Library or enroll online at <http://imaginationlibrary.com/>