

## Assisting Parents/Guardians With First Class Pre-K Pre- Registration



There are families with barriers to completing an online pre-registration process. These are the very families whose children we most need to reach and serve. Therefore, we must be prepared to offer supports to help them successfully complete the pre-registration process. We have kept this in mind and have limited the amount of typing required, offered more drop-down choices, and eliminated the need to enter any codes or school names.

Below are some suggestions for providing additional support:

- Post flyers about pre-registration in such places as the public library, the health department, pediatricians' offices, the school board office, local elementary schools, the local school system website, and in apartment complex offices. Provide copies of the illustrated *Pre-Registration Process Guide* wherever flyers are posted.
- Advertise and host *Pre-K Pre-Registration Night* events at the local school board office, elementary school, public library, trailer park, apartment complex, etc. and have laptops/computers set up for parents/guardians to use to complete the pre-registration process. Have EL teachers and Pre-K teachers on hand to assist those who have trouble.
- Have laptops/computers set up in your Pre-K program's office area for parents/guardians to come in and use to complete the pre-registration process. Provide copies of the illustrated *Pre-Registration Process Guide* for them to follow. It is also helpful if this station is set up in close proximity to a receptionist or secretary who can provide assistance when needed.
- Remember that where there is a will, there is a way. Families who receive food stamps and other types of federal financial support already complete online applications for these programs.