

Pre-Kindergarten FAQs

Who attends Pre-K?

Students who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2020

What is the cost for attending Pre-K in Catoosa Public Schools?

There is no cost to parents for their four year old to attend Pre-K in Catoosa Public Schools.

Where is Pre-K located?

Pre-K classes are currently located at Cherokee Elementary (600 S Cherokee)

What are the hours for Pre-K?

Parents may drop off Pre-K students between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m.
Parents/Guardians pick up students from 3:20 and 3:45 p.m. This flexible arrival/pickup period is designed to accommodate parents who may have children at other sites. Additionally, parking lot congestion increases when all parents arrive at the same time. Please be patient as it takes a few weeks for everyone to find the best time to arrive for their family.

Is there room for all children who apply for Pre-K?

Placement will depend on site availability. We will have a waitlist if all available spots are full. The earlier you enroll, the better! **Enrollment begins May 13, 2020!**

Where do I enroll my child for Pre-K?

You may return your forms by emailing them to - scross@catoosa.k12.ok.us or they may be returned to Cherokee Elementary from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

What documents do I need to enroll my child?

You will need an original birth certificate, proof of immunizations, and proof of residence (current gas, water, or electric bill) along with required Head Start forms.

How many children are in each class?

Each class of 20 students has a certified, early childhood teacher and a teaching assistant.

What immunizations are required to attend Pre-K?

4 DTAP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Hepatitis A, 1 Varicella.

Are Breakfast and Lunch provided?

Yes. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase (no charge for those who qualify under HeadStart). You may also apply for your child to receive free/reduced price lunch. The application will be available at your child's site in August.

Does my child have to be potty trained to attend Pre-K?

Yes, your child will need to attend to their own toileting needs. If your child requires help with self-cleaning, you will need to come to the school to assist your child. Occasionally, accidents happen, so we encourage ALL students to have a clean change of clothes in their backpack.

Does my child have to take a nap in Pre-K?

The learning that happens through purposeful play will make our students tired. A quiet rest time, known as "brain break," will be offered. Your child will need a small blanket (no sleeping bags) that will be sent home Thursday for laundering. Your child will not be required to nap, but will be asked to quietly engage in an activity if they do not fall asleep. A small stuffed animal (a.k.a nap buddy) is allowed if it will fit in a small lunch size paper bag. The animal is for snuggling not playing.

If my child has a diagnosis from a doctor that may affect their learning, what do I do?

If possible please bring the diagnosis with the enrollment paperwork. If not, please make sure the teacher has a copy at Meet The Teacher Night.

Does the school offer Before and After Care?

Before and After care is not offered at the school at this time. There are two daycares that currently drop off and pick up (Greenbrier and Disciple Discovery).

Here are some other helpful resources for your family:

First time to Catoosa Public Schools ? Check out our website at <https://www.catoosaps.net/> This is where you can find supply lists and the school calendar for days we are in session and when we are out of school.

What will my child be learning?

<https://sde.ok.gov/early-childhood-and-family-education>

Enrollment Checklist: ▶ Birth Certificate ▶ Immunizations ▶ Proof Residence (current gas, water, or electric bill) ▶ Proof Income ▶ Social Security Card ▶ Insurance Card

After enrolling:

- ▶ Once your child is placed in a class the teacher will contact you to set up a time to finish up the enrollment process and do a screener with your child.

In August:

- ▶ Apply for free/reduced lunches, attend meet the teacher night
- ▶ First Day of Pre-K is Aug 5th