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# Daviess County Public Schools

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Dear Parents / Guardians -

Welcome to the DCPS Preschool Program! We are so happy that you and your child have joined our family. We appreciate parents/guardians who understand how important it *is* to give your child an early start in education. Research has proven that early education opportunities, such as preschool, provide a positive and long lasting effect on children's academic success.

This handbook is designed to answer any questions you might have. You will want to keep this resource and refer to it throughout the school year. We encourage you to be involved in your child's preschool program, and we hope this book will help you learn about our staff, instructional programs, policies and procedures.

We welcome our preschool children as they take their first steps along the pathway of lifelong learning and education. We look forward to watching them grow this year as we work together to prepare them for success.

Sincerely,

Matt Robbins  
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**Dear Parent / Guardians,**

**We are excited to welcome you and your child to the Daviess County Preschool Program. Our main goal is to allow your child the opportunity to develop in all areas (Cognitive, Language, Social/Emotional, Physical/Motor and Self – Help) while enhancing his/her creativity and special talents. We believe that providing a quality education for all children means that regardless of their socioeconomic background, gender, or race, ALL students will receive equal opportunity to become successful lifelong learners.**

**The preschool curriculum includes activities from the following subject areas: literacy/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, arts and humanities, health and mental wellness, and physical education. Teachers base the curriculum on the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards and Creative Curriculum goals and objectives. For the classrooms that are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, those standards are also incorporated. (These documents can be reviewed in the classroom or a copy provided to you per your request.)**

**All learning in a preschool classroom takes place through experiences. During the course of the day preschoolers will participate in large and small group activities. The classroom setting is divided into learning areas called “centers”. Within each center, materials are provided so that the child can manipulate, explore, create, experiment and discover. It is our goal that these centers will be engaging, age-appropriate, open ended and when applicable, multi – cultural and multi-ethnic. The children are free to move from center to center as their interests change. This classroom setting encourages individuality and responsibility while sharing the classroom supplies.**

**Every area of a child’s development is interrelated so our programs are designed to stimulate growth in every area. Preschool age children learn through “hands-on” activities, which are perceived as “play” through the eyes of an adult. Play is the basic building block for academic or “school” learning. It is the preparation that children need before they can learn abstract concepts such as letters (which are symbols for sounds) and numbers (which are symbols for number recognition).**

**Our main goal in the Daviess County Preschool Program is to allow your child to experience a loving atmosphere of security and trust. Our wish is to show your child through carefully planned activities and experiences that he/she is special, not only in his /her own family, but to us as well.**

**Sincerely,  
Daviess County Preschool Teachers**

## **DAVIESS COUNTY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

- A. Daviess County four-year-old preschoolers are those whose families qualify for participation in the school district's Federal Lunch Program and are four years of age on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> . These children are eligible to attend the established preschool centers in the elementary schools.**
  
- B. Also eligible to attend are three and four year olds with a delay and or disability in any of the following areas:**
  - 1. Communication/ Speech (Language and Articulation)**
  - 2. Cognitive**
  - 3. Social-Emotional Development**
  - 4. Self-Help/Adaptive Behavior Development**
  - 5. Motor Development**
  
- C. Children in foster care who are four years of age and live in the DCPS School District may also qualify for the preschool program.**
  
- D. Children who are four years old and from non-English speaking families may qualify.**
  
- E. If your child does not meet one of the above qualification criterion, there are fee based preschool programs at Audubon, Burns, Country Heights, Highland, Sorgho, Southern Oaks, Tamarack, West Louisville and Whitesville Elementary Schools. Students who are three, four or five years old by August 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for the fee based program.**

## **DAVIESS COUNTY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- A. Preschoolers may attend four days a week (Monday – Thursday) for 3 hours a day. Times may vary by school.**
  
- B. Preschoolers will have 30 minutes to eat breakfast or lunch each day. Based upon the completion of the DCPS free/reduced lunch form, your child may qualify for full, reduced, or free breakfast or lunch prices.**
  
- C. KERA law states that 2 ½ hours must be spent in an instructional mode. This includes gross motor time.**

# DAVISS COUNTY PRESCHOOL

## Health Guidelines

Your child's health is a matter of major importance to all of us. All children attending school should be free of contagious diseases and all immunization records are to be in good standing. Children who have a fever, cough, or infection (throat, ear, eye, etc.) should not be brought to school. Any child who comes to school with a fever, or begins to run a fever, will be sent home. In addition, please keep your child at home if...

- He/she has begun taking antibiotics in the last twelve hours.
- He/she has a constant cough.
- He/she has symptoms (such as sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache, abdominal pain, and fever).
- He/she has a rash or has had diarrhea or vomiting during the previous twelve hour period.

**\*\*\*It is recommended for the safety of all children, when your child has been absent due to illness, he/she should not return to school until he/she has been without a fever for at least twenty-four hours (without the assistance from medicine).\*\*\***

- A. Teachers should be notified of allergies or medical conditions that your child may have. Please make sure this information is on the enrollment card.
- B. Due to the risk of allergies, some schools may no longer allow any food items to be brought in (example: Valentine candy or food for other holiday parties). Please refer to your school's policy and check with your child's teacher.
- C. Please notify the teacher if your child is taking any prescription medication.
- D. Do not send prescription or over the counter medications to the school in your preschooler's backpack. Over the counter or prescription medications should be brought to the school by the parent and given to the school nurse in the original container. Medications not in the original container or prescription bottle, will not be accepted or dispensed to the preschooler.
- E. Preschool follows the DCPS district guidelines for the Healthy Initiative, which affects how we celebrate birthdays. We are not allowed to have individual birthday parties with cupcakes, cookies, etc. We do celebrate each child's birthday. You are allowed to bring treat bags (please no food items) to send home. Please talk with your child's teacher prior to sending items to the preschool classroom.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR



## Daviness County Public Schools 2017-2018 Calendar

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July 2017	August 2017	September 2017	October 2017
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23/30 24/31 25 26 27 28 29	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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**BLACK** numerals – School is in session    **Red** numerals – No school for students    **M** – Possible make-up days

Aug. 4 – PD Day  
Aug. 7 – PD Day  
Aug. 8 – Opening Day  
Aug. 9 – First Day for Students  
Sept. 4 – Labor Day  
Sept. 29 – PD Day  
Oct. 9 – Parent-Teacher Conference  
Oct. 10-13 – Fall Break

Nov. 22-24 – Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 18-Jan. 1 – Christmas Break  
Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Feb. 19 – Parent-Teacher Conference  
April 2-6 – Spring Break  
May 16 – Last Day for Students  
May 17 – Closing Day  
May 18 – PD Day

May 21 – PD Day  
May 22 – Election Day  
May 28 – Memorial Day

**Make-Up Days Will Be Taken In This Order:**  
Dec. 18, Dec. 19, Dec. 20, Feb. 19, May 17,  
May 18, May 21, May 23, May 24, May 25,  
May 29

# Preschool Report Card

**Davies County Public Schools**  
 Developing Students Who Will Succeed for Life

Preschool Report Card for \_\_\_\_\_ (Prints first & last name)

<p><b>Personal Information</b></p> <p>____ Recognize Own Name in print</p> <p>____ States First &amp; Last name</p> <p>____ States Age</p> <p>____ States Birthday</p> <p>____ States Street Address</p> <p>____ States Phone Number</p> <p>____ Names Body Parts (Nose, Fingers, Mouth, skin, chest, elbow, shoulder, back, knee, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Positional Words</b></p> <p>____ Under ____ Out</p> <p>____ Behind ____ In Front Of</p> <p>____ In ____ Up</p> <p>____ On ____ Down</p> <p>____ Between ____ Beside</p>	<p><b>Colors</b></p> <p>____ Red ____ Yellow ____ Blue ____ Green</p> <p>____ Orange ____ Purple ____ Brown</p> <p>____ Black ____ Pink ____ Gray ____ White</p>
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**Social-Emotional & Self Help**

- Takes care of own needs (wipes nose, independent with potty, puts coat on, etc.): Often Sometimes Not yet
- Shares & Takes Turns: Often Sometimes Not yet
- Follows Simple Rules & Routines: Often Sometimes Not yet
- Attends & Engages in Group or Individual Activities: Often Sometimes Not yet
- Your Child Prefers to:
  - \_\_\_\_ play alone
  - \_\_\_\_ play beside or copy others
  - \_\_\_\_ play with one or two friends
  - \_\_\_\_ play in a group of friends

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Math</b></p> <p>Identifies (when not in order/mixed up): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>Quantifies: ____ understands plus, 1, 2, or more</p> <p>____ recognizes &amp; names number of items in a set (up to 5) accurately</p> <p>____ makes sets of 5-10 objects (can describe which part has more, less, or how many in all)</p> <p>____ counts two groups of objects for a total (up to 10) (can count dots on a die/roll)</p> <p>Rolls Counts to ____ (total of 20 or higher) Touched &amp; Counts Objects to ____ (total of 15 or higher)</p> <p>Patterns: Copies ____ Repeats ____ Creates own</p> <p>Sorts objects by: size color shape</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shapes</b></p> <p>____ Circle ____ Square ____ Triangle</p> <p>____ Rectangle ____ Heart ____ Star</p> <p>____ Oval ____ Rhombus (diamond)</p> <p>____ Can identify some 2D shapes (circle, cube, sphere, cylinder)</p>
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**Fine Motor**

\_\_\_\_ Cuts a Line With Scissors

\_\_\_\_ Holds Pencil with Three Finger Grip

\_\_\_\_ Draws simple shapes (X, square, triangle, rectangle, diamond)

\_\_\_\_ Writes First Name Independently

\_\_\_\_ Writes Last Name Independently

\_\_\_\_ Writes legible alphabet letters

\_\_\_\_ Draws a Recognizable Person (head, neck, body, limbs, feet, details, etc.)

**Gross Motor**

Your child can do the following marked traveling skills:

walk, run, jump, gallop, skip

\_\_\_\_ can throw & kick a ball

\_\_\_\_ balances on 1 foot for 10 seconds (swing feet)

\_\_\_\_ balances on 1 foot for 1 second with eyes closed (swing feet)

\_\_\_\_ walks backward (near-to-head) for 4 steps

**Alphabet**

\_\_\_\_ can recite (not sing) the letters in ABC order

\*\*\*For the table below, they need to be able to identify the letters when NOT in order/mixed up\*\*\*

Letter	Identify	Identify	Count
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			
I			
J			
K			
L			
M			
N			
O			
P			
Q			
R			
S			
T			
U			
V			
W			
X			
Y			

**Language & Literacy**

At school, your child typically can: \_\_\_\_ understands & can follow simple directions (with or without gestures)

\_\_\_\_ can follow multiple step directions

At school, your child typically can: \_\_\_\_ 2-2 word sentences or phrases

\_\_\_\_ 3-4 word sentences

\_\_\_\_ 5 or more word sentences

At school, your child typically: \_\_\_\_ uses some words/phrases and is understood by familiar people

\_\_\_\_ is understood by most people (may mispronounce some words)

\_\_\_\_ pronounces unusual or long words correctly

Your child can: \_\_\_\_ repeat rhyming songs or words they hear

\_\_\_\_ understands how to rhyme (fill in missing word)

\_\_\_\_ creates own rhyming words/phrases

Your child understands: \_\_\_\_ front and back of a book \_\_\_\_ we read from left to right \_\_\_\_ text/stories go from top to bottom in a book

Teachers regularly assess many basic skills, including those that are on the Brigance Kindergarten Screener (school readiness assessment for all incoming kindergarten students). These skills are reported to parents two times a year on a form similar to the one above. We also document many developmental skills using a program called Teaching Strategies Gold. This information includes many pages and can show your child's progress from the beginning of the year to the end of the year for multiple areas.

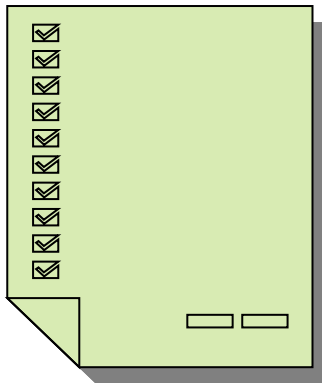
The ongoing assessments help teachers determine individual needs and skills to target, in order to prepare each child for kindergarten. In addition, some children may have an Individual Education Program with goals that are monitored weekly. The results of all assessments are kept confidential. Those having access to confidential information include parents/guardians, teachers, and other relevant school personnel, who work directly with your child.

# **PRESCHOOL POLICIES REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION LIST**

**You must have the following items completed before your child can be enrolled in school:**

- 1. COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (\*or other reliable proof of age and identification)
- 2. COPY OF SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** (optional)
- 3. COMPLETED PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM**
- 4. IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE**
- 5. VISION EXAMINATION BY EYE DOCTOR** (have until Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- 6. PROOF OF ADDRESS** (Ex: utility bill or lease agreement)

**If your child is returning to the DCPS Preschool Program, these records will be with the teacher your child had the previous year. Please contact this teacher if you have additional questions regarding these records.**



\* Examples of other reliable proof of a student's identity and age may include but not be limited to: Social Security card; passport; military identification or immigration card; baptismal certificate; copy of the record of baptism – notarized or duly certified and which reflects the date of the student's birth; recording of student's name and birth in a family Bible or other religious text; notarized statement from the parents or another relative or guardian as to the date of the student's birth; prior school record indicating the date of the student's birth; driver's license or learner's permit; adoption record; any religious record authorized by a religious official; affidavit of identity and age; any government document or court record reflecting the date of the student's birth; oral proof when the native language of a parent or guardian is not a written language.



# Home Visits

**State Preschool Regulation requires a minimum of two home visits by the teacher for each child every year. Teachers will schedule a home visit each semester to discuss your child's progress. We feel these home visits are a good time for you to learn more about your child's school experiences. Teachers will share your child's progress and answer any questions that you have. We look forward to these visits and would greatly appreciate your cooperation in scheduling them in advance.**



# PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES



**On the first day of school your preschooler will need to bring a change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) in a large zip lock baggie. Please put your child's name on the clothing as well as on the baggie. They will also need to bring a backpack daily, which needs to have their name visible. Remember that this backpack has to be large enough to hold artwork, large projects, and a regular sized folder. Please do NOT send small size backpacks, backpacks with buckles, many zippers, or wheels.**

**Donations of items that we can use in the classroom will be greatly appreciated. Throughout the year, if your child's teacher needs extra supplies, she will let you know.**

# CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

If you or a family member, think that you may want to volunteer in the school building or on a field trip throughout the school year, you must fill out a “Volunteer Application” form (Daviness County School Board Policy). This form can take several weeks to process, so please fill out and return as soon as possible. Please be aware that every time you come into the school building to volunteer, you must stop by the school office to sign in and pick up your badge. *If you want to volunteer please contact your child’s teacher to schedule this ahead of time.*

All of this may seem like an inconvenience at first, but remember that this is for the safety of your child.



# PRESCHOOL CLOTHING

- A. We suggest that children wear simple play clothes. Our Preschools follow the DCPS district dress code and/or individual school's dress codes.
- B. Clothing should be without unnecessary buttons, snaps, or buckles.  
**\*\*Children can be expected to be more self-reliant if they are able to toilet themselves with little or no assistance.\*\***
- C. Please put child's name in all articles of clothing that may be removed (jackets, sweaters, raincoats).
- D. Shoes should be appropriate for play and running. Please encourage your child to wear tennis shoes. (Flip-flops can be hazardous on the playground and we prefer that they not be worn to school unless they have a strap around the heel.)
- E. No spaghetti strap shirts.
- F. If your child wears a dress or skirt, please have her wear shorts under them.



# SCHOOL SAFETY

**Daviess County preschool teachers' first concern is your child's safety. The following are procedures we must follow to ensure your child's safety.**

- A. All adults, picking up your child at school or from the bus, must be listed on the **Online Enrollment/Emergency Information** and show a valid picture ID ***until*** the school and/or bus staff is familiar with you or the person picking up your child. Please note that in the case of substitutes at school or on the bus, you may be required at any time during the year, to show the picture ID, due to these people not being familiar with you. For bus riders, adults will need to show the "bus card" as well (discussed on page 15).
- B. Please notify your child's teacher if your address, home telephone number, cell phone number, or work number changes. Also, notify us if any of the other information on your **online Enrollment/Emergency Information** should change. ***You will need to log in to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to make changes and keep things updated.***
- C. Parents are responsible for calling both the school and the bus garage if the child is going to be absent.
- D. If a child is absent from school for three consecutive days and the teacher has not heard from the parent, the teacher will contact the Family Resource Coordinator for a follow-up with the family.
- E. Teachers are legally obligated to report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child. If a teacher or other district employee suspects that a child has been abused or neglected he/she is required to follow up and report it to social services.
- F. Each school has safety drills for fire, tornado and earthquakes scheduled throughout the year. These drills teach students and adults to be alert at all times and know what to do in case of emergency weather. All aspects of safety are outlined and taught to students regularly. Emergency routes are plainly marked in all areas.

# School Closings, Delays, Early Dismissals

## A. Severe Weather and Emergency School Closings

- You will be notified by the one call system, please make sure you have updated all of your contact numbers at your child's school. You may also listen to Channel 74 or local radio and TV stations, or go to our website ([www.dcps.org](http://www.dcps.org)) for instructions should there be severe weather.
- Please DO NOT call the school or come pick up your child during a Tornado Warning or a Severe Thunderstorm/Lightening Storm. School personnel will move students to the safest area, and children will not be loaded on buses until all severe weather conditions have passed.
- Daviess County Public Schools are continuously updating the Crisis Procedure Manual to minimize all dangers should there be an emergency. The main objective is to attend to the health and welfare of every child and adult in the event of a crisis, and to see that each person gets home safely.

## B. School Closings, Delays, or Early Dismissals

- If Daviess County Public Schools are closed, there will not be AM or PM Preschool sessions that day.
- If Daviess County Public Schools are on a 1 or 2 hour delay, there will not be AM or PM Preschool sessions that day.
- Please be aware that if Daviess County Public Schools dismiss early, there may not be a PM Preschool session that day.



## PRESCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS

\*\*\*Please refer to your child's school policies on transportation changes. (Example: Your child may normally ride the bus, but today he/she is going to be a car rider. Some schools may require a note/email signed by the parent instead of taking phone calls to make the transportation change.) These policies may vary by school.\*\*\*

### Car Riders

- Persons picking up children from school will follow school procedures and must be on the *Online Enrollment/Emergency Information*. If an unfamiliar adult is picking up a child at school they will be required to show a valid picture I.D. in addition to being listed on the Online Enrollment/Emergency List. If the picture I.D. is not presented and the adult is not on the Online Enrollment/Emergency List, the preschooler will not be released to go home.
- Please note that in the case of substitutes at school, you may be required at any time during the year, to show the picture ID, due to these people not being familiar with you.
- If a student arrives before the scheduled preschool starting time, a parent/guardian must wait with their child in your school's designated area.

### Bus Riders

- Two "bus cards" will be issued to parents/guardians by the preschool teacher at orientation for identification and protection of our preschoolers (up to four bus cards may initially be issued at orientation, per request). If the "bus cards" become lost or need to be replaced, it will cost \$1 per card and must be purchased in the school's office by the parent/guardian prior to dismissal or the bus will bring the child back to school. The "bus cards" cannot be re-issued by the teachers or sent home with the students.
- Adults picking up children from the Driver/Monitor must have the "bus card" visible to the Driver/Monitor before the preschooler will be released to that person. All adults must be listed on the Online Enrollment/Emergency List as well. If an unfamiliar adult is at the bus stop, they will be required to show a valid picture I.D. in addition to being listed on the Online Enrollment/Emergency List. If the "bus card" is not presented or the adult is not on the Online Enrollment/Emergency List, the preschooler will be returned to school.
- Please note that in the case of substitutes on the bus, you may be required at any time during the year, to show the picture ID, due to transportation staff not being familiar with you.

### Hand – To – Hand Contact

To assure your child's safety, the child's hand must be held at all times when getting on and off the bus and then from the Driver/Monitor's hand to the Parent/Guardian's hand.

### Transportation

The Transportation Department and the schools work together to have all documentation in place for the safe transportation of your child. We reserve the right to have 3 days to make transportation arrangements after notification of acceptance. However, we will make every effort possible to provide transportation services as soon as possible.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Parent/Guardian will be contacted by school personnel (ex: bus driver, teacher, or principal) concerning the problem.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Parent/Guardian will receive a written report of the violation. The Preschooler will not be allowed to ride the bus until the parent/guardian attends a meeting with a transportation representative, principal or preschool coordinator.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Parent/Guardian will receive a written report of the violation. The child will lose bus privileges for three (3) days, with the parent or guardian making arrangements for transportation to and from school.

# DCPS PRESCHOOL BUS RULES

1. Students may be allowed to transport small items to and from school, provided they are transported in a sealed bag of some type. Loose items must be placed in the backpack.
2. No eating or drinking on the bus at any time.
3. Glass items are not allowed on the bus at any time.
4. Pets and animals are not permitted on the bus at any time.
5. Students are not to extend arms, legs, or head out of the bus.
6. Students must obey the bus driver and bus monitor.
7. Students must remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
8. Students should talk quietly to friends while on the bus.



## Safety Seats

Any child enrolled in the Daviess County Preschool Program who rides a school bus measuring 40 inches **and** weighing below 40 pounds will be placed in a Child Safety Seat. Once the child exceeds the 40 inches **or** 40 lbs., he/she shall be removed from the Safety Seat. If further safety concerns are noted, a child may be required to use a Safety Seat even if he/she is above the 40 inches or 40 lbs., with written parental permission.