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

Where are the Early Childhood Centers?
- Arrow Springs ECC - (East of Elm between 101st and 111th)
- Aspen Creek ECC - (On 111th between 145th E. Ave. and 129th E. Ave.)
- Creekwood ECC - (61st and Lynn Lane)
- Park Lane ECC – (East on 71st on Shelby Lane)

What are the hours for the Early Childhood Centers?
Parents may drop off Pre-K students between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. (Except Wednesday which is 8:45-9:15 a.m.). Parents/Guardians pick up students from the classroom between 2:20 and 2:50 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 a B&A Connections program at the Early Childhood Centers?
Yes. On a first come, first served basis. Enrollment for B&A Connections is online beginning MAY 8th. Please visit www.baschools.org and click on the “Parents” tab for more information.

Are there Pre-K classrooms in the elementary schools?
At this time, Rhoades, Lynn Wood, and Liberty will each have one Pre-K classroom. We call these “solo” sites and their hours differ from the ECC hours. Solo sites arrival times are 8:40-8:55 a.m. (9:10-9:25 on Wednesdays) and dismissal is 2:30-3:00 p.m. Due to DHS requirements at elementary sites, B&A Connections is NOT available for solo Pre-K classes. If your address is within these elementary boundaries, you will be contacted by enrollment to discuss site placement.

Is transportation provided for the Pre-K students?
No. Safety is a top priority for the district and transporting students that are four years old requires extensive safety equipment. It is not feasible for us to provide safe transportation and still provide high caliber, full-day early childhood education.

Are there attendance boundaries for the ECC’s?
Yes, attendance boundaries went into effect in 2017. The boundaries have recently changed. Please refer to our website for the recently approved boundaries. To attend the programs at Liberty, Lynn Wood, or Rhoades, you must be in that school’s elementary boundaries.
Is there room for all children who apply for Pre-K?
Placement will be dependent on geographic boundary and site availability. We will have a waitlist if all available spots are full. The earlier you enroll, the better!
Enrollment begins March 2, 2020!! The enrollment link goes live at 12:01 a.m.

Where do I enroll my child for Pre-K?
Enroll online and contact the enrollment center for questions at 918-259-7400. If you do not have access to a computer or device to enroll online, please visit the enrollment center at 210 N. Main St.

What documents do I need to enroll my child for Pre-K?
You will need an original birth certificate, proof of immunizations, and proof of residence (current gas, water, or electric bill). On our district website under the “Parents” tab you will find all the details about enrollment and the documents you need.

When does Pre-K start school?
Pre-K students start school two days after all other students in the district. This allows each child to receive a screening at their site. The screenings allow administrators to form more balanced classrooms. Once your child’s enrollment has been approved, you will receive an email about how to schedule the screening for your child. Once the school board has approved the upcoming school year’s calendar, you will know the exact start date for Pre-K.

How many children are in each class?
Each class of 20 students has a certified, early childhood teacher and a teaching assistant.

Which immunizations are required to attend Pre-K?
4 DTAP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Hepatitis A, 1 Varicella.

Will breakfast and lunch be provided?
Yes. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home. You may also apply for your child to receive free/reduced price lunch. The application will be available online after July 1st or by paper application at your child’s site in August.

Can I enroll my 5 year old in Pre-K and not Kindergarten?
Yes. You may receive follow-up communication from the Director of Early Childhood to confirm you are aware your child is eligible for Kindergarten, but your wish is to give them a growth-year based on age or maturity.

Does my child have to be potty trained to attend Pre-K?
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 blanket (no sleeping bags) that will be sent home every Friday 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, upload the doctor’s diagnosis with your enrollment paperwork. If you cannot upload the paperwork, please take the paperwork to your closest ECC and the front office will upload the paperwork and email the paperwork to special services. If you have additional questions, please call Special Services at (918) 259-5700.

If I still have questions, who can I contact?
Please feel free to contact Kristin Henness, Director of Early Childhood Programs, at khenness@baschools.org or (918) 259-5725 if you have questions regarding curriculum.
If you have questions regarding enrollment, please contact the enrollment center at 918-259-7400.

Here are some other helpful resources for your family:

First time to BAPS?
Everything you will need to know about Back-to-School will be on our website www.baschools.org. 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.


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Enrollment Checklist:
- □ Upload birth certificate
- □ Upload proof of immunizations
- □ Upload proof of residence (current gas, water, or electric bill)

After you receive placement email:
- □ Call the school and schedule your child's screener. (Screeners can only be scheduled when the school office is open. The school offices are closed for summer from June 8th until August 4th.)
- □ Attend an ECC Open House on April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. if you want to see the building.
- □ Schedule a “play date” for your child to see what the class is like. The schedule will be available at the ECC open house or call the site. (encouraged, but not mandatory)

In August:
- □ Apply for free/reduced lunch or set up a lunch account on the website.
- □ Print off the school supply list off the website.
- □ Attend your child’s scheduled screening appointment on August 17th or 18th.
- □ Get your “Family ID” badge at your site (anyone picking up the child needs to run their license through SafeSchool ID).
- □ Attend your school’s “Meet Your Teacher” on August 20th.
- □ First Day of PreK is August 21st!