

ALL THINGS PRE-K FAQs



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Who attends Pre-K?

Students who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2024.



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

There is no cost to parents for their 4 year old to attend Pre-K.



Where are the Early Childhood Centers?

Aspen Creek ECC

111th between 145th E. Ave. & 129th E. Ave.

Creekwood ECC

61st & Lynn Lane

Park Lane ECC

On Shelby Lane between 71st & 81st



What are the hours for the Early Childhood Centers?

Parents may drop off Pre-K students between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. Parents/Guardians pick up students 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 before and after care program at the Early Childhood Centers?

Yes. On a first come, first served basis. Enrollment for B&A Connections is online beginning May 17. Please visit www.baschools.org and click on the "Families" tab for more information.



Are there Pre-K classrooms in the elementary schools?

At this time, Rhoades, Lynn Wood, Arrowhead, Wolf Creek, Liberty, Country Lane Primary, Timber Ridge, Vandever and Spring Creek will each have one Pre-K classroom. Liberty will have two Pre-K classrooms. We call these "solo" sites and their hours differ from the ECC hours. Solo sites arrival times are 8:50-9:15 a.m. and dismissal is 3:15-3:35 p.m. (these times may vary slightly at each site). Due to DHS requirements at elementary sites, B&A Connections is NOT available for solo Pre-K classes. There are only 20 classroom spots at each solo site. If your address is within the elementary boundaries of these sites and there are spaces available, you will be contacted by enrollment via email to confirm your child's placement. If your solo site is full, you will be placed at an ECC based on those boundaries. If you have questions regarding your child's placement, please contact enrollment at 918-259-7400.



Is transportation provided for Pre-K students?

No. Safety is a top priority for the district and transporting students who are 4 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.

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Are there attendance boundaries for the ECC's?

Yes, attendance boundaries went into effect in 2017. Please refer to our website for the approved boundaries. To attend the programs at Liberty, Lynn Wood, Rhoades, Arrowhead and Wolf Creek 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 4, 2024. Please visit baschools.org for enrollment links.



Where do I enroll my child for Pre-K?

Enroll online at baschools.org (click departments, then click enrollment services). 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.



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.



What documents do I need to enroll my child for Pre-K?

On our district website under the "Families" tab you will find all the details about enrollment and the documents you need.

- State-certified birth certificate (no footprints)
- Driver's license/Photo ID for parent/legal guardian
- Proof of immunizations
- Proof of residence (current gas, water, or electric bill in the parent/legal guardian's name)

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How many children are in each class?

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



Will breakfast and lunch be provided?

Meals are provided, however, there is a cost. Meal prices can be found at baschools.org/childnutrition. Parents are encouraged to complete the free and reduced meal application at baschools.org. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home. If your child has food allergies, please make sure you communicate with the health office and with the teacher.



Which immunizations are required to attend Pre-K?

- (4) DTAP
- (3) Polio
- (1) MMR
- (3) Hepatitis B
- (2) Hepatitis A
- (1) Varicella

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Can I enroll my 5 year old in Pre-K and not Kindergarten?

Yes. You may receive follow-up communication from enrollment or 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?

It is recommended that all students be toilet trained by the time they begin school. 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 it to your closest ECC and the front office will upload the paperwork and email it to special services. If you have additional questions, please call Special Services at 918-259-5700.



What will my child be learning?

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



First time to Broken Arrow Public Schools?

In a district as large as ours, we offer many avenues to stay up on important events and changes. Please download the district app, follow the district on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. 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.



If I still have questions, who can I contact?

Please feel free to contact Teresa Bowker, Director of Early Childhood, at tdbowker@baschools.org or 918-259-5700 if you have questions regarding curriculum. If you have questions regarding enrollment, please contact the enrollment center at 918-259-7400.

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What are Distance Learning Fridays?

The Broken Arrow Public Schools academic calendar uses one Friday each month as a distance learning day. These days are built into the calendar to give our teachers time for training, collaboration and instructional planning, which positively impacts your student's learning experience. On these days your child will not attend school in person, so please plan accordingly if childcare arrangements are needed. Your child's teacher will provide assignments that can be completed online with the assistance of an adult or older sibling. These assignments will not introduce new concepts, but will serve to reinforce concepts that have already been taught. Distance Learning Fridays are experienced by every student in grades Pre-K through 12 and before each Distance Learning Friday you can expect to receive direct communication and further instruction from your child's teacher.



Why does attendance matter?

Starting as early as preschool, regular attendance is essential for students gaining the academic and social skills they need to thrive. Research shows that when students are chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the school year or 18 days over an entire year), they are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school and graduate from high school. Everyday counts in Pre-K!

There will be no discrimination in the District because of race, color, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression or identity, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, or genetic information in its programs, services, activities and employment. The district also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. Broken Arrow Public Schools will take all necessary steps to ensure that each school and work place in the District is free from unlawful discrimination or harassment. The following people within the District have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies, issues and concerns: For all student issues related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (questions or complaints based on race, color, and national origin), the Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services should be contacted at 918-259-5700 or at 701 South Main Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012; For all student issues related to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) (for questions or complaints based on disability), the Executive Director of Special Services should be contacted at 918-259-5700 or at 701 South Main Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012; For all student issues related to Title IX, of the Education Amendments of 1972 (for questions or complaints based on sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression or identity), the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Administrative Services should be contacted at 918-259-5703 or at 701 South Main Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012; For issues related to accessibility to facilities, services and activities pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Associate Superintendent of Student Services should be contacted at 918-259-5700 or at 701 South Main Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012; For all non-student and/or employment related issues (including questions or complaints based on age), or for any individual who has experienced some other form of discrimination, including discrimination not listed above, the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Administrative Services should be contacted at 918-259-5703 or at 701 South Main Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012; Inquiries concerning non-discrimination can also be made to, and outside assistance obtained from, the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The contact information for the Kansas City Enforcement Office is: Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64106; Telephone: (816) 268-0550; TTY: (877) 521-2172; Facsimile: (816) 823-1404; Email: OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov.

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Upload these documents:

- ☐ State-certified birth certificate (no footprints)
- ☐ Driver's license/photo ID for parent/legal guardian
- ☐ Proof of immunizations
- ☐ Proof of residence (current gas, water, or electric bill in the parent/legal guardian's name)

After you receive your placement email:

- ☐ Schedule your child's screener by clicking on the link in the email sent by the school site.
- ☐ Attend ECC Open House. Your child's site will share important information for the school year.
- ☐ Enroll for B&A Connections on May 17 if your family needs before/after care.

In August:

- ☐ Enroll in our Indian Education Program if you're Native American.
- ☐ Print the school supply list from baschools.org
- ☐ Attend your child's scheduled screening appointment.
- ☐ 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."
- ☐ First Day of Pre-K!