

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LRSD PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICANTS

Early Childhood Office – 501-447-7360 – Website: www.lrsd.org – Department – Early Childhood

Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Assignment/Placement

Children who are 4 years old on or before August 1 are eligible to apply for the P4 program; children who are 3 years old on or before August 1 and meet income eligibility can apply for the P3 program.

Pre-K students are assigned and letters mailed in the spring. *Be sure your mailing address is up to date.* Eligible students who are not initially assigned to a school will be placed in a waiting pool.

NOTE: Transfers for older siblings to the school of the P3 or P4 student(s) WILL NOT BE GRANTED.

Attending LRSD Pre-K – Laws and requirements

Check In/Attendance at the Beginning of the Year

Families must either “Check In” on the designated “School Check in Day” or attend the assigned school within the first five days of school. Failure to attend check in or attend school within the first five days will result in another student being assigned to the seat.

Requirements for Attending

- ✓ *Immunizations:* Children must have proof of and be current on immunizations prior to attending the first day of prekindergarten, or present current, approved Arkansas Department of Health Immunization Exemption.
- ✓ *Health Screening:* All Pre-K children must have a Well-Child Health Screening completed by a medical professional and submitted to the school. The LRSD Pre-K Health Screening form is attached and also available on the Early Childhood Website (www.lrsd.org – Departments – Early Childhood). The completed Health Screening must be turned in to the school within 45 days of the child’s first day of attendance. After 45 days, the child may not return to school without the screening.

Transportation to/from school

LRSD DOES NOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION for Pre-K students, regardless of age. Pre-K students must have parent/family/day care transportation to school each day. An authorized adult must sign the child in/out each day at the designated location at each school. Pre-K students may not use the school bus for transportation to/from school.

Regular Attendance

Pre-K students must attend school regularly and on time. Although occasional illnesses and family emergencies are understood, excessive absences and/or tardiness will result in dismissal from the Pre-K program. The LRSD Pre-K Handbook details the Pre-K attendance policy; in addition, the LRSD Attendance Policy requires the district to officially drop a student after 10 consecutive absences. The district cannot approve extended absences including family trips or other events.