

East Washington Elementary School Full Day Preschool Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend the EWES preschool?

Any child turning 4 years old by August 1, 2020. We will accept early entrance children (a child turning 4 years old by October 1), but this must be pre-approved by the elementary building principal.

I do not live in the district. Can my child still attend EWES preschool?

Yes, any child turning 4 years old by August 1, 2020, regardless of their home school district, may attend our preschool. We ask that all students in attendance consider attending EWES for kindergarten.

How many days a week will preschool be offered and what will the preschool hours be for my child each day?

Our preschool will follow the [E. Washington School Corporation 2020-21 school year calendar](#), with the first day of preschool being held on August 5. Preschool will be offered daily, Monday-Friday. Preschool hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day. Students in grades K-4 do not follow these same hours. Their school day is slightly longer.

Will transportation be provided for my preschool student?

No, transportation will not be provided for preschool students at this time.

I am a working parent. Is after-school childcare available for my preschooler?

Yes, we partner with Blue River Services to make this an option for our preschool students as it is now for our school-age children. More information about how to enroll will be shared as it becomes available.

Is there a fee for full-day preschool?

Yes and no. There are several options for families to have the monthly fee waived or reduced. Families will be required to pay a \$45 monthly preschool fee for the months August-May which totals \$450 for the entire year. All families are required to apply for On My Way Pre-K. If a family qualifies as an On My Way Pre-K family, ALL fees are waived for the school year as long as the student is regularly attending preschool. Next, families may complete a needs assessment during the enrollment process for assistance. All families in need will have opportunities for the fee to be waived or reduced.

Will my child need school supplies?

The only item your child will need is a backpack to carry to and from preschool each day. The preschool teacher may also ask for donations such as snacks for the class, wet wipes, hand sanitizer etc. throughout the year.



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Will there be an Open House for preschool or a chance for us to visit the teacher and classroom prior to school starting?

Yes, preschool children and their families will be invited to visit the classroom and meet the teacher prior to the first day of preschool. The date and time of this special evening will be communicated to families at a later date.

How many children will be in my child's preschool class?

Our commitment to our students is to have 1 adult per every 8 to 10 preschoolers. Each classroom will have the preschool teacher and a preschool assistant with a class of approximately 16-20 students.

Can my child only attend for a ½ day of preschool?

After surveying the parents of our 2019-20 preschool class, the majority of the families preferred a full-day preschool. At this time, we will not be offering a ½ day option.

What will my child be learning each day at preschool?

Our number one goal is to introduce your child to the fun and exciting learning environment at our school. We want your child to be excited about school and prepared to start kindergarten the following year. We will follow a high quality curriculum called HighScope which is uniquely designed to provide a strong academic foundation while promoting independence, social interaction with peers, creative play, cooperation and problem solving in children.

How do I register my child for preschool?

Please email the elementary principal, Mrs. Richardson (srichardson@ewsc.k12.in.us) or call the elementary school office (967-2929 ext. 2) with your child's name, birth date, a parent contact name, email, and phone number. Information will be emailed to you after May 1 with the steps to follow to enroll your child for our EWES preschool program.

What paperwork is required for my child to be enrolled in preschool?

After completing the online enrollment, parents will need to turn in a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records prior to preschool starting. We also require proof of residency for all new students whether in the district or out of the district. This can be a copy of anything that shows the address you are enrolling your child with at school.

Will my child be served breakfast and lunch at school?

Yes, all preschool students will receive FREE breakfast and FREE lunch each day at school.

What if I have a question not listed on this FAQ handout?

Contact the EWES school principal, Mrs. Richardson by email at srichardson@ewsc.k12.in.us or call the elementary office at 812-967-2929 ext. 2.



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