

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

## PRE-K REGISTRATION



### What if my 4-year-old does not qualify for the Title I Pre-K?

The Starkville Oktibbeha School District through the Early Learning Collaborative offers additional pre-k opportunities for 4 year-old students. For more information, please contact 662-615-0033 or 662-324-4155, or see the following:

Emerson Preschool  
1504 Louisville Street  
Starkville, MS

ICS Head Start Oktibbeha County  
1617 Louisville Street  
Starkville, MS

### When will my child be screened?

The school that your child is zoned to attend will contact the parent to schedule screening. It is the responsibility of the parent to bring the child to the school for screening at the appropriate time.

### Can my child attend Pre-K at the age of five if I choose to start him in Kindergarten at age six?

No, only four year olds may participate in the Starkville Oktibbeha Schools Pre-K program.

### Can my child sign up for pre-K if I live outside of the district, but plan on moving soon?

No, you must reside in the Starkville Oktibbeha County School District at the time for which you are requesting enrollment.

### How do you determine if a child needs preschool?

Students who register for Pre-K are given the STAR Early Literacy screener to determine academic need. Other factors are also considered when determining a child's need for preschool. Remaining slots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

### Is my child guaranteed a place in the Starkville Oktibbeha pre-K program if we register early enough?

No, however it is important that parents register their child as early as possible when the registration window opens. Students who demonstrate a need for a preschool program are placed in the program first. Then remaining slots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

### Will transportation be available?

Yes, the Starkville Oktibbeha School District will offer transportation to Pre-K students.

### Is there a specific curriculum used in the Pre-K program?

All Pre-K programs in the Starkville Oktibbeha School District follow the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines, and Opening the World of Learning (OWL) Literacy Program, which is a comprehensive Pre-K curriculum.

### When will I find out if my child is in the program?

You will be notified in the summer, if your child has been accepted to the program. Letters are typically mailed around the first week of July.

### Is Pre-K available for students with disabilities?

Yes, students who have an IEP and are eligible for special education services can attend our Pre-K program.

### If my child is placed on the wait list, is it possible that he/she might still get in?

Yes, all Pre-K locations within the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District maintain a waiting list throughout the school year and fill spots as they become available.

### What are the hours of the Pre-K program?

Our pre-K program is an all-day program. The Pre-K program will follow arrival and dismissal times and procedures established by the school site.

### What immunizations are required for Pre-K students?

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP)  
Hepatitis B  
Pneumococcal  
Varicella (chickenpox)

Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)  
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)  
Polio (IPV)

