

## **PRESCHOOL EXPANSION Q&A**

### **September 5, 2017**

**Q: How old does my child need to be to qualify for the preschool program?**

A: The Board's criteria has not changed. A child must turn four (4) by October 1, 2017, to qualify for the four-year old program. However, we are also opening a three-year old classroom and the same date applies. Students must turn three (3) on or before October 1, 2017, to qualify.

**Q: How do I register my child for the program?**

A: The district will be scheduling four enrollment opportunities at JFK. Two during the day and two in the evening. These dates and times are:

***SEPTEMBER 8 3:00 PM-5:00 PM***

**SEPTEMBER 11 4:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 13 4:00 PM-8:00 PM**

After the pre-registration deadline (September 15), any new students will be put on a first come, first served waiting list. If we have openings, these students would be offered spots.

**Q: What are the times of the program and will tuition be charged?**

A: The program will run six (6) hours per day. The exact times have not been determined, but the school day will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m. and end at approximately 2:45 p.m. For parents needing additional coverage, our before and after school program, High 5, will be available for an additional charge. High 5 opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m.

**Q: Are all the preschool classes going to be full time?**

A: Yes! All preschool classrooms will be full time. We will start the year off as planned with four half-day programs and transition to full-day programs at some point over the next few weeks. We understand this will be a little disruptive to families and children who may need to change teachers. The district will make every effort to address any concerns this change will create.

**Q: How many classrooms will there be, where are they located, and what are the class sizes?**

A: Each classroom will be capped at fifteen (15) students each with one certified teacher and one para-professional at a minimum. Some classrooms may have additional educators as part of the program due to inclusion of some special education students. We will know more about the location of the program once we determine the total number of children enrolled. Our plan consists of expanding in stages by first using existing classroom space at JFK. If our numbers increase, we will transform the current media center and/or computer room into two classrooms.

**Q: Will a formal curriculum be used?**

A: The district utilizes Creative Curriculum, a state-approved preschool curriculum, and all of the digital resources which go along with the program. Teachers create a high-quality learning environment through hands-on, project-based investigations as they build children's confidence, creativity and critical thinking skills, and promote positive outcomes.

<https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/preschool/>

**Q: What will be a regular day look like for the children?**

A: A regular school day will have students entering the building being greeted by their teachers and walking to their rooms. After a morning meeting, students will transition between learning centers located throughout the room. During the day, students will engage in play activities inside and outside of the classroom. Lunch will be served family style in the classroom and for those students needing it, a nap time will be scheduled each day.

**Q: Will the school and classrooms be safe?**

A: Our number one priority is to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff. The school surpasses all standards regarding safety. Brand-new surveillance camera and communication systems have been installed throughout the district. An emergency management plan was approved by local law enforcement and routine emergency drills are conducted each month. The building meets all fire and security regulations as required by law for all public buildings. The school also enforces a very strict access policy as parents may only enter and exit through the school's main office during the day.

**Q: Does my child need to be potty-trained?**

A: No, your child does not need to be potty-trained to be eligible for this program.