

Child Development Lab Preschool
James Hubert Blake High School
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About our preschool program

Blake Child Development Preschool is designed for four and early five-year-old children. Children will be provided with a structured learning experience in a classroom program with age-appropriate preschool activities. Students will work on developing the skills needed to enter a MCPS kindergarten the following school year. The class size is 12 preschool children balanced for age and gender.

Operation

The high school lab runs October to late May, four days a week, Monday through Thursday. The program follows MCPS pre-K curriculum. Hours will be 8:00-11:00 am. The cost for the year established by MCPS is \$600 yearly in two payments. The fee includes arts and crafts materials, and teaching resources. A \$50 deposit is sent with the application to register your child.

The Program

The daily preschool schedule consists of learning centers based on MCPS preschool teaching objectives and **Big Day for Pre-K** curriculum. Activities include circle and story time, academics, art, music, snack, and outside play. Activities are chosen related to certain curricular themes. Classes are planned and prepared by the high school student teachers under the supervision of the high school teacher.

The Facilities

The facilities include a large classroom equipped with age appropriate toys, materials, furniture and an enclosed bathroom. Toys and materials for a wide range of experiences are available. During the warmer months, activities may take place outside in a fenced play area. Additional facilities of the high school may be utilized, such as the media center, gym, or dance and art studios.

Transportation

Parents/guardians provide transportation, and many times carpools are organized. Parents park near the preschool entrance and escort their child to the room upon arrival and pick up at departure. We ask that the drivers be prompt and that they notify us in the event of any emergency that may delay them or if someone else is picking up their child.

Policies and Procedures

Children should dress in simple, casual, washable clothing for play and weather. Smocks are provided for painting and craft projects. Sneakers are preferred. Children may **not** bring candy, gum, or any toys to school, unless for a specific activity such as show 'N' tell, Teddy or Dino days. Parents are asked to bring in a change of clothes in the beginning of the year to be kept at school in case of an accident. **These clothes should be marked with your child's name.**