

Anderson Elementary



Pre-K Handbook
2019-2020

Message from the Superintendent...

Dear Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to one of the best school districts in the state. The goal of the Booneville School District is to be recognized as one of the best school districts in the nation. With unparalleled parental support, the goal is definitely within reach.

As the parent of two students in the Booneville School District, I appreciate the high expectations and rigor that our students encounter every day. The main area I am most proud of as a parent is the safe learning environment. All of our campuses have controlled access with a policeman while students are present. Your son or daughter's safety and well-being is our main priority. Our district excels because we all work together. Our motto in the school district is, "Together We're Better". Parental involvement is paramount to our success as a district and community. You truly are our partners on this educational journey. Thank you for being a valued team member.

In closing, even with a track record of academic success, I believe our best days as a district are ahead of us. It's an exciting time to be a Blue Devil.

Respectfully,
Todd English, Ed. D.
Superintendent

Early Childhood Program Philosophy

The Booneville School District's Early Childhood program provides a child-centered learning environment with an emphasis on language development and the power of play. We encourage a language-rich environment while learning a variety of social, emotional, cognitive and adaptive skills. While playing, young children actively explore, manipulate and interact with their environment to learn new concepts and skills. We believe that early childhood should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring and discovery. Our classroom will be an active learning environment.

Early Childhood Program Goals

1. Foster a life-long love of learning.
2. Provide a safe and secure learning environment
3. Develop social-emotional skills such as self-direction, independence and social appropriateness as developmentally appropriate
4. Provide multiple opportunities for developmentally-appropriate physical and motor development
5. Prepare students academically using an evidenced based curriculum that aligns with the *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines*

Entrance Age Requirements

The Booneville School District offers an early childhood program for four-year old children based on Mississippi Department of Education's eligibility requirement.

Registration

The Booneville School District Pre-K program is a need-based or tuition-based program for children that are 4 years old before September 1st of the current school year. Tuition for those that do not qualify for need-based enrollment is \$250 per month. The tuition is due on the 10th of each month. It will be considered late after the 15th of each month. Tuition can be paid through the My School Bucks link at www.boonevilleschools.org.

Withdrawal

If for any reason you choose to withdraw your child from Pre-K, you will need to come to the school and sign a withdrawal form. If your child is a tuition-based student, tuition should be paid until a formal withdrawal has occurred.

Attendance/Absences

If your child is absent from school, please send a written note or a doctor's excuse to the office. Only 8 absences per year will be excused with a parent note. If your child is sick and running temperature, he or she should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Please have your child at school by 7:50 so that we may order breakfast and get our day started on time. Students who arrive after 8:00 must be accompanied into the school office.

Safety

Our building will be secured at all times. The entrance will remain locked throughout the school day. Please enter through the office if you wish to see your son or daughter.

Your child will only be allowed to leave with the persons you have listed on your registration sheet. If you wish for someone to be added or deleted to that list, please come by the office and make the applicable changes. This must be done in person.

Lunch/Breakfast Money

You will receive notice as to whether your child will be free/reduced or full pay. Please send lunch/breakfast money Monday of each week. Full pay lunch is \$13.75 weekly. Reduced lunch is \$2.00 weekly. Full pay breakfast is \$5.00 weekly and reduced breakfast is \$1.50 weekly. Breakfast/lunch can be paid through the MySchoolBucks link on our website www.boonevilleschools.org.

Applications for free and reduced meals may be completed online through our district's website at www.boonevilleschools.org.

Communication Folder

Communication is the key to a successful school year. Please feel free to call the school anytime to address concerns that you might have. Students will receive a folder that will go home each day and needs to be returned to school the following day. This is a great place to put anything you want us to see as well. Student's work will also be sent home and important newsletters will be sent home through the folder. Please check your child's folder daily.

Supplies

There is not be a supply fee, but a supply wish list will be sent home.

Snack/Allergies

There will be a \$25/semester snack fee. This will provide your child one snack per day.

Please notify us ASAP if your child has a food allergy.

Toys

Please do not send ANY toys to school with your child.

Dress Code

Students in Pre-K will go outside daily weather permitting. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

- Shoes and/or sandals shall be worn. Shoes must have a back strap for the safety of our children as they move throughout the day. Cleats, house shoes, and flip-flops are inappropriate. Tennis shoes/sneakers are the best footwear for Pre-K.
- We also request a seasonal change of clothing for your child to be stored at AES in case of an emergency.
- Please label your child's clothing including jackets and coats with his/her name.

Curriculum

The BSD Early Childhood Program will provide the Scott Foresman's OWL Program. *OWL: Opening the World of Learning*, is aligned to the *Mississippi Early Learning Standards*. An integrated thematic approach will be used, and children will be active participants within the classroom's learning centers. They will use a variety of manipulatives with small and whole group activities. Children will have access to a variety of literacy opportunities throughout the day including both fiction and non-fiction books.

Required Documentation

All pre-kindergarten students must complete the registration packet. A copy of the student's immunization record (Form 121), social security card and birth certificate must be on file in the student's cumulative record. The immunization record must indicate "completed for school entry".

Transportation

Transportation will not be provided by the Booneville School District for Pre-K students.

Calendar/Inclement Weather

The BSD early childhood program will follow the Booneville School District's official school calendar and emergency procedures. If the schools are dismissed early, you will receive a phone call to pick up your child at said time. The dismissal will also be posted to the various social media accounts of the district.