

GRAVES COUNTY PRESCHOOL/HEAD START REGISTRATION for 2019-2020 School Year

MANDATORY Screening and Registration for all Graves County Preschools will be held during February and March at the Graves County Head Start office at Central Elementary (across from Gilliam Thompson Furniture Store on Hwy 121). In order to attend preschool, a child must be either 3 or 4 years of age on or before August 1, 2019.

Please phone the Graves County Head Start Office at (270) 674-4905 or (270) 328-4905 to schedule your appointment time. Your child is not required to accompany you on this day.

Applications also will be accepted for Early Head Start. This program is designed to serve women who are currently pregnant and children aged from birth to 3 years old and who meet Federal Income Guidelines. Transportation is not provided for the Early Head Start Program.

IMPORTANT – You will not be allowed to register if you do not bring proof of all family income (or sign a statement that you know you are over-income and do not wish to be considered for income eligibility). If you have no family income, you will need a statement from another adult who provides your family with support (shelter, food, etc.) Proof of income can include: Last year's W-2 or income tax form that shows gross income; pay stubs with the year-end total from 2018; a letter from your employer stating your gross income; a KTAP award letter from DCBS; an unemployment compensation letter; child support– court-ordered documents or letter from the Office of Child Support or notarized letter from the absent parent with the amount of child support paid; a Social Security, disability or SSI award letter.

Please also bring the following items:

- Certified Birth Certificate and Social Security number of child
- Insurance card or child's medical card
- Proof of custody, if applicable, is required. If the child is in foster care, please bring court documents or a letter from the child's caseworker.

Graves County Schools, in cooperation with Murray Head Start, will offer preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-old children in all elementary schools for the 2019-20 school year. Eligibility requirements include:

- Programs for 4-year-olds: must be age 4 by August 1 and meet eligibility at 160% of Federal Income Guidelines.
- Special Needs Services: must be aged 3 or 4 during the school year, regardless of income and must meet the state guidelines for developmental delay or disability.
- Head Start Services: Must be age 3 or 4 by August 1 and must meet eligibility at 100% of Federal Income Guidelines along with other family factors.
- Preschool Tuition program: Tuition slots (if child is not eligible based on income or disability) will be offered based on space available only at the specific school in question. Preschool tuition is \$750 per semester. Other guidelines also apply to tuition students.

Preschool programs last for half of the school day, Monday thru Thursday with the exception of the 2 full day classes, and serve either breakfast or lunch. Transportation is provided, if possible, by the Graves County School District. Preschool classrooms use a developmentally appropriate curriculum and offer special education services, including specialized curriculum, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and other related educational services. Health and dental screenings are also provided and parent training activities are available.

**To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please phone
The Graves County Preschool/Head Start Office
(270) 674-4905 or 328-4905**

All children can learn, but some learn differently. Some children need more help than others because they have a disability. Do you know a child with special needs? Great things can happen when your school knows. Graves County Schools can provide special programs for students with disabilities. Services such as special education, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and special transportation are available to students needing these services. If you know of a child age 3 to 21 who may have a disability and need special education services, contact: Selise Rudolff, Director of Special Education, Graves County Schools, 270 [328 or 674] -1549.