

What is the purpose of our Universal Pre-K Program?

It is our goal to provide learning environments, in each of our elementary schools, that support the curriculum and allows children of all abilities to make choices; to discover; to explore; and to solve problems. Teachers and aides design and implement lessons that encourage these young learners to think, to ask questions, to explore, to discover and to create. In other words, to learn through play. We believe that sending your child to pre-school is a wise decision. Your child will grow and learn in an environment that is safe and he/she will be guided through the learning process in a manner that will make learning fun, as well as meaningful.



It is important for young children to have the opportunity to attend school in their own neighborhood. Currently, we have four elementary schools:

Big Otter Elementary
Clay Elementary
H. E. White Elementary
Lizemore Elementary

*Big Otter has three Pre-K Classrooms. This school has two rooms for four-year-olds and one room for three-year-olds who qualify for Head Start or have an IEP.

*Clay Elementary has four Pre-K classrooms, one of which is designated for Head Start eligible three-year-olds and students with an IEP.

*H. E. White and Lizemore each have one Pre-K Classroom for four-year-olds.

By attending registration, you have an opportunity to visit the school and meet the Pre-K Team, as well as, be ready for the first day of school in August 2019.

[See insert for registration documentation.](#)

**Registration is by appointment.
To schedule an appointment at your school, please contact one of the following Family Service Workers:
Teresa Drake 304-286-3115
Sharon Mullins 304-587-1169**

Registration will take approximately one hour/person

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We Can Change the
World*

Clay County Universal PRE-K Recruitment 2019-2020



Welcome to
Preschool

For Information
Contact :

Tina Burnette 304-587-4099
Eric Legg 304-587-4266
Teresa Drake 304-286-3115
Sharon Mullins 304-587-1169
Your home school



Current year: Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open all year! We take applications year round. These applications are located at each elementary school and Clay County Schools' Central Office. You may also call Teresa Drake at (304) 286-3115 or Sharon Mullins at (304)587-1169 to register your child. You will need to complete an application to be considered for enrollment, along with a registration packet, to the program.

Next year: Eligibility for Clay County Pre-K for the 2019-20 school year

1. Your child must reside in Clay County. If you don't reside in Clay County, your child may be placed on a waiting list.

2. Your child must be 3 or 4 by June 30. This is different than in previous years. There is one exception to this age rule that we will consider: your child has an IEP with two or more developmental delays. To be eligible for the 3 year old room, your child must either have an IEP or qualify for Head Start.

Core Beliefs:

Our Clay County Pre-K Team will . . .

- Believe all children can learn.
- Believe that families and communities are vital to the learning process.
- Promote life-long learning.
- Recognize that everyone is unique and learns in different ways.
- Create and maintain a safe, supportive educational environment that will nurture individual students.
- Strengthen partnerships among students, families, school staff, business leaders, and members of the community to positively impact the learning process.

Universal PreK Registration 2019-2020

Location	Date	Time
Clay Elem	Feb. 1	8:30-1:30
Big Otter Elem.	Feb. 8	8:30-1:30
Lizemore Elem.	Feb. 22	8:30-1:30
HE White Elem.	April 5	8:30-1:30
Central Office	April 12	8:30-1:30

What Does Universal Pre-K Mean for My Child?

Clay County offers pre-school to all children. Universal Pre-K means that any child, regardless of ability, who is four by June 30th of the year he/she is to be enrolled, is eligible to attend school.



Can you provide my child with other services?

We can make adjustments to meals, if your child has a food allergy. (School will need medical documentation of allergy) We can provide other services once a need is identified, such as, physical therapy, speech therapy, etc. For more information, you may contact Eric Legg, Director of Special Needs (304-587-4266).