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# FRANKLIN COUNTY PRE K

## Principal's News Letter

**Updated Pre K Enrollment**

Broadview 20

Clark　　55

Cowan　18

Decherd　37

Huntland　20

Northlake 20

Rock Creek 20

Sewanee　15

**Pre K Application for Funding**

April 15th the state will announce the number of VPK classrooms they will fund for the 2019-2020 school year. Areas of concern for Franklin County are 64% low income where it should be 90% or higher, and we have 6% with IEPs where it should be 10% or higher.

**Pre K Application Day**

is set for March 7th from 11:30 to 5:00. The Pre K students will be dismissed at 11:30 in order for assistants to help with the application process.

**Brigance Testing**

Students registering for Pre K will not be tested prior to the opening of school. They will be tested by the teachers and assistants during the phase in period.

## 2018-19 Pre K Advisory Council

The Pre K Advisory Council met Feb. 25 at the Board of Education. The team brainstormed on ways to reach ALL four year olds in the county for Application Day. We also discussed the results of a parent survey which showed that the hours of operation and lack of transportation may have been the main reasons why another preschool program may have been chosen over our VPK program.

## Attendance Policy

Pre K teachers will use their own discretion deciding if a parent's note can be accepted for absence if it is the child's 6th or greater parent note.

## In-service Hours

VPK teachers and assistants will need 30 hours instead of 24 hours of in-service this school year. Webinars, workshops, magazine articles, videos etc. can be used. Please let your VPK teachers and assistants know of any opportunities you are familiar with.

## New Director

Dr. Darlene Estes-Del Re, Ph.D. has been named Executive Director of Early Learning.

## Pre K Ratio

The ratio is 1 adult per 10 students. It is very important to remember that Pre K must be covered at **all times** by this ratio. Substitutes must be hired to replace both teachers and assistants.

Thank you for your continued support of VPK.