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ONLY

Please read the Pre-Kindergarten Handbook.  
Sign below and return to your child's school  
no later than August 10, 2017.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the policies and procedures concerning the Iberia Parish Pre-Kindergarten Program. I will follow all rules and regulations as specified in the *Iberia Parish Pre-Kindergarten Program Handbook for Parents*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Iberia Parish Pre-Kindergarten Program

## Handbook for Parents 2017 – 2018

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# Welcome to Pre-K

Welcome to the Iberia Parish Pre-Kindergarten Program. This will be an exciting year for your four year old child – a year filled with wonder, exploration, activity and much learning. Because of the major importance of early childhood development, you are expected to be greatly involved in your child's education. You are your child's first and most important teacher. Your attitude toward school and the teacher are extremely important in helping to make this a successful learning experience. A child who enjoys and likes school is much more likely to succeed. By taking the time to read, play, and explore with your child, you can make all the difference.

## Program Philosophy

It is the goal of the Pre-K Program in Iberia Parish to help each child grow in independence. Along with math, science, social studies, and language, your child will also learn about handling responsibility and getting along with others. This child-centered program is directed toward the development of cognitive, social, emotional, language, literacy, and motor skills in a manner and pace consistent with the needs and abilities of your child.

The Iberia Parish Pre-K Program provides:

- A safe nurturing environment
- Certified staff
- An appropriate, well balanced curriculum
- Support for families
- On going age appropriate assessment

It also promotes:

- Respect through positive interaction with teachers and classmates
- Collaboration between agencies serving children and their families
- Healthy development and safety

# Schools with Pre-Kindergarten Classes

Caneview Elementary 5301 Highway 90 Frontage Rd., New Iberia	369-6517
Center Street Elementary 1520 Center Street, New Iberia	369-9059
Coteau Elementary 2414 Coteau Road, New Iberia	369-3653
Daspit Road Elementary 1103 Daspit Road, New Iberia	364-2371
Delcambre Elementary 706 Martin Luther King Drive, Delcambre	685-2376
Dodson Street Elementary 420 Dodson Street, New Iberia	369-3738
Jeanerette Elementary 600 Ira Street, Jeanerette	276-6355
Jefferson Island Road Elementary 6007 Jefferson Island Road, New Iberia	365-1120
Johnston Hopkins Elementary 1200 Hopkins Street, New Iberia	369-9687
Loreauville Elementary P. O. Box 425, Loreauville	229-6363
Magnolia Elementary 3116 E. Admiral Doyle Dr., New Iberia	369-6120
North Lewis Elementary 604 North Lewis Street, New Iberia	369-6132
North Street Elementary 1211 North Street, New Iberia	369-6614
Park Elementary 1609 West Admiral Doyle, New Iberia	369-6189
Pesson Elementary 500 Broussard Street, New Iberia	369-9907
St. Charles Elementary 1921 St. Charles Street, Jeanerette	276-9712
Sugarland Elementary 2403 Jefferson Island Road, New Iberia	365-9624

## Admission/Eligibility Requirements

In order to qualify for participation in Pre-K a child must:

- Be four years old on or before September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Have an *Iberia Parish Enrollment Packet* completed.
- Submit current income documents.
- Meet the legal requirement for immunization and documentation required for regular school enrollment
- Reside in an eligible attendance area
- Be identified as most in need of assistance in meeting the state's challenging achievement standards.

## Attendance

Although Pre-K is not a mandatory school program; **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY** if you choose for your child to be enrolled. It is important that your child attend every day. Doctor's excuses are required for all absences. Should there be excessive absences the District Attorney's Early Intervention Program may be contacted to enforce attendance requirements, as set forth by the Iberia Parish School Board Attendance Policy.

## Change of Information

It is the responsibility of the parent to contact the school immediately if there is a change in address, phone number, place of employment, etc. It is imperative that this be done in order for the school to be able to contact the parent in case of an emergency.

## Conferences and Reporting

Two Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled during the school year for the purpose of discussing the student's progress and needs. A check list of skills and abilities will be shared with the parent at this time.

A parent may request an appointment for an additional conference with the teacher, should the need arise.

# Confidentiality

All matters related to the student's records shall remain confidential except to the professionals who are directly responsible for delivery or coordination of services to the student, those people approved by parents/guardians, or those in coordination with federal or state regulation.

# Discipline

All students in Iberia Parish schools are expected to conduct themselves in a manner of self-control, so that every student has the opportunity for optimal learning. When the teacher is required to focus on discipline problems teaching is interrupted for all students, and your child's educational opportunity is diminished.

It is understood that Pre-K aged children are still learning what behavior is appropriate and what is not. They will be patiently encouraged to learn social skills, follow school rules, and use good manners, so that their Pre-K experience is maximized.

# Extra Clothing

Pre-K students may occasionally have accidents and may need a change of clothing. Parents are requested to send a change of clothes, including underwear, to the school to be kept there at all times. Each item of clothing should be labeled with the child's name and placed into a large zip-lock bag with the child's name on the outside. If the student's clothing must be changed, the soiled clothing will be sent home that same day. Please send another set of clothing to school the following day. Children cannot be sent home by school transportation in soiled clothing.

# Health

- It is expected that Pre-K students are potty trained prior to entering Pre-K. However, should a child have a potty accident, the parent may be called to clean and/or bathe the child before the child returns to class.
- Students must be in compliance with immunization requirements established by the Dept. of Health & Hospitals.
- Vision and hearing screenings will be provided by the Iberia Parish School System.
- Good personal hygiene – bathing every day and wearing clean clothes – contribute to good health.

## Labeling Items Sent to School

Any item, including books, clothing, etc., which is sent to school must be labeled with the child's full name.

Because similar jackets and sweatshirts are worn by many students, all outerwear should be marked with the child's first and last names.

## Meals

A nourishing breakfast and lunch are provided in the school cafeteria daily.

Breakfast and lunch are available to  
**ALL** students free of charge.

Should a child have any food allergies, a written notice from a doctor must be given to the teacher and cafeteria manager.

## Medication

As a general principle medications are NOT to be given at school.

- Parents may come to school and administer medication to their child – check with the school office first.
- NO STUDENT may have any medication in their possession – not even Tylenol or cough drops.
- For long-term illness medication, school board policy will be followed. Contact the school principal.

## Parental Involvement

Assistance in the classroom is always needed and welcomed. If you would like to volunteer at the school or in the classroom, contact the teacher to discuss when and how you can help.

## **Rest Time**

The daily schedule shall allow for adequate rest. In addition to a regular nap, there will be alternating periods of energetic and quiet activity.

## **Releasing a Child from School**

Your child's safety is as important as his education. Persons authorized by you to pick up your child from school must have their names listed on the Emergency Card. Any one who picks up a child from school must sign the child out in the office and provide a picture I.D. as proof of identification.

## **Sending Money to School**

When is it necessary to send money to school by the student, a check or the exact amount should be sent in a sealed envelope (1 per activity) with the following information written on the outside:

- Teacher's Name
- Child's Name
- Purpose (lunch, pictures, etc...)
- Amount

## **Transportation**

Transportation is available for all Pre-kindergarten students.

## **Uniforms**

Pre-K students are required to follow the school board's uniform policy, which is mandatory for all students enrolled in Iberia Parish public schools.



# What Children Do in Pre-K



When you visit your child's classroom, you may see a group of children who seem to be simply playing. What you are really seeing is learning in action. In whole groups, small groups, or individually, children are exposed to a wide variety of experiences through activity centers such as:

- **Blocks** –where math and science concepts are learned
- **Dramatic play** – where important social skills are developed
- **Sand and Water** – where science and problem-solving skills are sharpened
- **Music and listening** – where music and stories can be appreciated
- **Library** – where early reading skills and a love for books can develop
- **Writing** – where ideas can be expressed in written form
- **Art** – where creative expression and exploration are encouraged
- **Physical/Motor** – where large and small muscles develop and strengthen





# Home Activities



The following list includes activities which are recommended for parents to do with Pre-K children:

1. Encourage your child to draw and color pictures rather than coloring in a coloring book.
2. Teach your child simple nursery rhymes.
3. READ to your child and have him retell the story or draw pictures about it.
4. Have your child tell you about things he sees when you go to the store, the library, and around the neighborhood.
5. Let the child count beads, buttons, spoons, pennies, socks, towels, shirts, etc.
6. Identify LEFT and RIGHT by playing a game: "Put on your left (right) shoe" or "Hold the \_\_\_\_\_ in your left (right) hand."
7. Teach your child finger plays.
8. Work with your child on the following:
  - How to tie shoe laces
  - How to button shirt
  - How to zip pants
  - Saying his/her full name
  - Saying age
  - Saying phone number
  - Saying street address
  - Saying parent's full name
  - How to throw, catch and bounce a ball
  - How to jump rope
  - How to hop on one foot



# Iberia Parish School Board Calendar for the 2017 - 2018 School Session

First Full Day of Classes for First Through Twelfth Grades..... Friday, August 4, 2017  
Kindergarten Testing..... Friday, August 4, 2017 to Wednesday, August 9, 2017  
First Day for Pre-school and Kindergarten.....Thursday, August 10, 2017

## **IBERIA PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS**

Monday, September 4, 2017	Labor Day
Thursday, September 21, 2017 (Holiday for Students Only)	Staff Development Day
Friday, September 22, 2017	Sugarcane Festival
Friday, October 27, 2017 (Holiday for Students Only)	Staff Development Day
Monday, November 20, 2017 through Friday, November 24, 2017	Thanksgiving Holidays
Friday, December 22, 2017 through Friday, January 5, 2018	Christmas & New Year's Holidays
Monday, January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 12, 2018 through Friday, February 16, 2018	Mardi Gras Holidays
Monday, March 26, 2018 through Monday, April 2, 2018	Spring Break & Easter Holidays

**The schools will close on Thursday, May 24, 2018 for the  
2017 - 2018 school year.**



