

ISSUE PAPER

DATE: July 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Receive revision to the Preschool Education Administrative Procedure 08.1114 AP.1 to reflect allday preschool, five days a week, in all District elementary schools.

<u>APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY</u>: 01.51 – Administrative Procedures

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

At the June 11, 2021 board meeting, the Board approved all-day preschool, five days a week, for all District elementary schools beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and the procedure needed to be updated to reflect this change.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT: None

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: None

<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>: Ellen Zimmer

Principal/Administrator

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Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda. Principal/Administrator –complete, print, sign and send to your District Administrator. District Administrator –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

District Administrator

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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Preschool Education

ENROLLMENT

Parents/guardians enrolling their child(ren) in preschool shall follow Board policy and state and federal laws and regulations.

ELIGIBILITY

Children who reside in the District, qualify for at risk based on household income guidelines, and are four (4) years old by August 1 are eligible to enroll in preschool.

Children who reside in the District and meet eligibility criteria as having a disability are eligible to enroll in preschool as of their third birthday.

Children of employees of the District who are three (3) or four (4) years of age may be eligible as a tuition student.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Preschool classes are located in several-District elementary schools and are offered at no cost to parents if students qualify for free lunch.

Preschool classes are held Monday through <u>Friday</u>Thursday and children attend half-day sessions (morning or afternoon). Each classroom provides a student to teacher ratio meeting state guidelines.

All children are provided a meal.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is provided for all students enrolled in preschool.

HOME VISITS

Preschool staff shall make two (2) home visits each year.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

The following related services are available to assist children with disabilities:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Nursing Services
- Psychological Services
- Orientation and Mobility Services
- Interpreter Services

CURRICULUM

The preschool curriculum is developmentally appropriate and tailored to meet individual needs. The curriculum shall address the following needs:

- Intellectual
- Social/Emotional
- Physical
- Communication
- Self-Care

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CURRICULUM (CONTINUED)

The preschool curriculum shall have/be:

- Hand on/Active Exploration
- Child Oriented
- Emphasis on Language Development and Social Interactions

Parent involvement is encouraged.