

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:

Arkansas Better Chance for School Success (ABC) programs are funded by the Arkansas Department of Education. To receive ABC accreditation, facilities must voluntarily meet or exceed all state standards designed to improve the quality of early childhood education. Little Badger Pre-K works diligently to maintain our “Better Beginnings: 3-Star Rating”, which is the highest score possible and is reserved for the most distinguished in the field. Among other criteria, our Pre-K classrooms are staffed with certified teachers (licensed by the State Board of Education) with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher in the field of education AND Instructional Assistants that have earned a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

The ABC program is tuition free! Families must meet income requirements set by the state and complete appropriate paperwork (including proof of income).

Tuition classes follow the same policies and are offered as an alternative for those not qualifying for the ABC program.

You may call our office for further details or to verify income guidelines at (501) 882-5463 Ext: 1117.

BADGER PREK GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Children are eligible for Pre-Kindergarten if they have attained the age of four (4) years on or before August 1 of the year in which they are seeking initial enrollment.

Pre-K Registration Applications can be accessed online or at the Beebe Elementary School Office.

Here's how to find online: go to "beebebadgers.org". Click "SITES" on the top banner of the webpage. Select "Beebe Pre-K". Once on this page, you may access our most current documents by either:

- 1. Clicking "Quick Links" on the left OR**
- 2. Selecting "Menu" then "Documents".**

Both of these options will offer a choice of "ABC Student Application" or "Tuition Student Application". The "ABC..." selection includes income eligibility guidelines to determine the program for which your child qualifies.

Completed applications should be returned to

the Badger PreK Office or the Beebe Elementary School Office when registration officially begins or any time after.

PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING COMPLETED/SUBMITTED PACKETS

***Each potential student's submitted paperwork is placed in a folder with these labels:**

Date received-the date in which paperwork was received by Badger PreK; Date Completed-the date in which ALL paperwork was deemed complete and present by designated staff member and/or registration administrator; Communication Log-notes (including dates/times) of ANY correspondence with parent/guardian(s) initiated by our registration administrator or designated staff member.

***ALL CLASSES ARE FILLED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS; bottom line: the sooner a child's paperwork is submitted, the better their chance to get a spot in a class... in a nutshell: the 1st 80 ABC folders and the 1st 30 tuition folders. As classes are forming and folders arrive, our administrator will personally call parents to relay that their child**

was either officially enrolled in the program or that they have the option of being placed on a "waiting list".

WAITING LIST PROCEDURES:

***ALL** folders of students that are not immediately placed in a PreK classroom are stored **IN THE ORDER** they were received.

***Waiting list procedures are STRICTLY followed and apply to both ABC and tuition classes.**

***In the event that a spot becomes available after initial class was formed, the director will start with the folder that has been in Badger PreK's possession the longest. He/she will attempt to contact that parent to see if interest remains. If so, the spot is filled... if not, director will move on to the next folder and so on until either the spot is filled or there are no remaining folders.**

***If parent/guardians are not available at the time of contact, a message will be left. If, after 24 business hours from time of initial call, return correspondence from the parent has NOT been made, it is noted on the folder, folder goes to the bottom of the stack and the parent listed in the next folder is called. All**

folders are kept for the remainder of the school year, so it is possible to "make the loop" and be called again should more spots open.

****It is the responsibility of the enrolling parent to inform Badger PreK's ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR of phone number/other contact changes! Liability of contact accuracy relies solely on the parent! Please do not assume that sharing a new phone # with other staff member(s) will be relayed and/or noted with our director.****

***If parents receive the "open spot" call but have made other plans for their child causing the forfeit of their spot, their folder is placed at the back of the stack and kept for the remainder of the school year. Again, it is possible for this folder to make it back to the top of the stack should spots become available.**

Ideally, we would be able to serve every child in our community. In reality, however, we have limited spots and we strive to fill them in the fairest manner possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding on these matters!

MISCELLANEOUS

Kiddos attending our campus day care DO NOT automatically roll over to Badger PreK! They are two different programs! Day care parents interested in PreK must go through the registration process.

PreK Application Information:

Sometime after Beebe Public Schools Christmas Break, information about registration for the upcoming school year will be made available to the public. Interested parties are urged to monitor the following for updates and deadlines:

- **BPS Webpage:**
(<https://www.beebebadgers.org/o/pre-k>)
- **Facebook: “Badger Pre-Kindergarten”**
- **Twitter: Little Badger Pre-K@BadgerPreK**

Interested parents of children turning four (4) years-old on or before August 1, are urged to submit a completed application packet ASAP (slots are limited & will be filled on a first come, first served basis). As of now, we house six (6) Pre-Kindergarten classrooms and serve 110 students.

Our community is blessed to offer this opportunity for our youngsters! Please feel

free to share this information if you know anyone that might have a child eligible for our program! We'd love to have them as part of our PreK FAMILY!