



# PRE-K ELIGIBILITY

## Pre-K Schools

**Smith County Schools offers  
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten**

Carthage Elementary School

Defeated Elementary School

Forks River Elementary School

New Middleton Elementary School

Union Heights Elementary School

Children must be four (4) years of age on or before August 15<sup>th</sup> of current year. The focus is to enroll students in the underserved population, which includes children identified as “at risk”. At-risk factors include family income and structure, and special family situations. (These areas are determined by the State Department of Education).

### **Mailing Address:**

Smith County Schools  
Voluntary Pre-K Program  
126 SCMS Lane  
Carthage, TN 37030

# Smith County Schools Voluntary Pre-K



# Questions and Answers

## School Hours:

8:00 – 3:00

Monday – Friday

School Calendar

## Extended Day

After school care is  
NOT provided

## Eligibility /Applications

Enrollment is limited and open to residents of Smith County, TN.

Parents may contact school sites for registration.

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's SS Card
- Child's Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency



## Day “at-a-glance” in Pre-K

The prekindergarten experience is geared towards the interest levels and needs of each child. The students are provided with developmentally appropriate tasks and a stimulating environment, thereby acquiring life long skills. Reading and math readiness are built into all aspects of the Pre-K experience.

Although schedules may vary in each classroom, a daily routine helps the children develop a sense of security and independence. The schedules provide opportunities for the students to work, play, time for stories/books, use of playground, puppets, music and movement, as well as food and nutrition.

Each Pre-K class has 15-20 students and is staffed by a certified early childhood teacher and a paraprofessional. The class is

adapted to address the child's needs, interests and learning styles. The classrooms are highly organized into activity centers to maximize learning and meet the individual needs of the children.

We consider the Pre-K years an invaluable time for learning how to express themselves and get along with others. Preschool also assist the child in preparing for the rest of his/her years in school.

