

Here's what a typical school day is like in a Pre-K classroom:

- Students greeted by the teacher as they enter classroom
- Breakfast offered to all students
- Carpet time - class gathers to listen to the daily calendar, weather, and news from the teacher
- Break into work centers and small group activities
- Writing - daily journals
- Library, art, music, and physical education
- Lunch
- Rest time
- Recess or gross motor activities
- Math or literacy lesson
- Dismissal

Three types of Pre-K programs are available:

- Full-day district Pre-K program
- Full-day community partner Pre-K program
- Half-day community partner Pre-K program

Want to know more?

For more detailed information on the month-by-month Pre-K curriculum, visit the Elmira City School District Website.

www.elmiracityschools.com

>Departments

>Student Services

Click on the Pre-K link.

District Locations

Diven Elem. School
Fassett Elem. School
Pine City Elem. School
Riverside Elem. School

UPK Community Partners

YWCA of Elmira and the Twin Tiers

The YWCA operates a UPK program for 4-year-old children at its 211 Lake Street, Elmira location. Call 733-5575 for more information.

EOP Inc., Child Development Head Start

EOP operates a UPK classroom at Libertad Head Start. The UPK program is a morning program that is followed by a Head Start program in the afternoon. Hours of the program are 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Happy House Nursery, LLC

Happy House has been a district partner for many years. Located at 1054 W. Clinton Street, it provides a full day UPK program for 18 children. The program operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Happy House also offers tuition-based preschool programs in the same facility.

ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Pre-K Program



A Guide for Parents of Pre-Kindergartners

**Elmira City
School District**

430 W. Washington St.
Elmira, NY 14901
(607) 735-3000

Questions & Answers about the Pre-K Program

- **What is the Elmira City School District Pre-K program?**

The district sponsors a Pre-K program for children who are four years old by December 1. The program is offered five days a week, Monday through Friday, when school is in session. The sessions are full day and run according to the school calendar. Children are assigned to classrooms in their home school or to community partner agencies, as requested by families.

- **How old does my child have to be to attend the program?**

Your child must be four years old on or before December 1. Children who will be five on or before December 1 are considered to be of school age and are not eligible to attend Pre-K.

- **What childcare options are available for after-school care?**

The district works with our community partners to provide before- and after-school childcare. The YWCA of Elmira and the Twin Tiers provides childcare through their Kids World program. For more information, call the YWCA Kids World Department at 733-5575.

- **Do I have to meet income guidelines to send my child to Pre-K?**

No. There are no income guidelines for the Elmira City School District Pre-K program.

- **How much do I pay for the Pre-K program?**

There is no fee for participation in the Universal Pre-K program.

- **What will my child do during the time he or she is at the program?**

Each day will be filled with many opportunities for your child to learn and play: creative activities, literacy development, motor development, sensory perception, literature enjoyment, mathematical understanding, science, social studies, health, personal development, and field trips.

- **Does the school provide transportation?**

Busing may be provided for those children age four who live more than one mile from the assigned Pre-K site, and that are on a school bus route. Otherwise, parents are responsible for transportation to and from school. Parents will also be responsible for transportation if they choose a Pre-K site other than their residential district.

- **What is the Pre-K schedule? When is it open?**

The program follows the Elmira City School District calendar. To find out more about the district's calendar, go to:

www.elmiracityschools.com

- **How do I register my child for Pre-K?**

Registration is ongoing (including this summer) at ECSD Administration Building (430 W. Washington Avenue, Elmira, NY 14901). You will need to bring the following to register:

- Birth certificate
- Parent Picture ID
- Three proofs of residency (i.e. utility bill, driver's license, bank statement, etc.)
- Immunization/Physical required before start date

For more information regarding the Pre-K program, call Central Registration at 735-3055.

