

Loveland City Schools Preschool Program
ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The Loveland City Schools Preschool program was developed to serve children 3-5 years of age with a wide variety of disabilities qualifying for special education services in response to a federal mandate. Our program model includes children with typical development in order to provide for a more inclusive and enriching learning environment and experience. Those interested in entering their typically developing 3-5 year-old child in Loveland City Schools Preschool program may do so by completing the attached form. All parents will be notified by mail and/or phone regarding admission to the program.

- Location:** Loveland Early Childhood Center
6740 Loveland-Miamiville Rd.
Loveland, Ohio 45140
Phone: (513) 683-4200
Fax: (513) 677-7960
- Program Information:** Morning or Afternoon Sessions
(Clermont County Morning/Hamilton County Afternoon)
Class Times: 9:10-11:50 a.m. and 1:10-3:50 p.m.
Monday through Thursday
Sixteen children per classroom, eight with special needs; eight with typical development.
There are three morning classes and three afternoon classes.
- Transportation:** By law, transportation is provided for students with special needs.
Non-handicapped students may be afforded school bus transportation dependent on established bus routes. Parents of non-handicapped students should not assume that Loveland Schools will provide transportation to and from school.
- Requirements:** Children must be 3 years of age on or before September 30, 2021. Children who are 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2021 are not eligible to apply. Students must live within the Loveland City School District. Children must be toilet trained.
- Tuition and Fees:** Tuition for the 2021-2022 school year is \$2880 per year or \$320 per month. Tuition is due on the first day of each month, September to April. Once accepted in the program, a non-refundable deposit equal to one month's tuition is required, plus a one-time school fee. The deposit will later be applied to cover the May tuition. Please note that failure to remain current with monthly preschool payments throughout the year will revoke your child's eligibility for the preschool program.
- Application Accepted:** Applications will be accepted at Loveland Early Childhood Center. No phone registrations will be accepted. Applications may be mailed or faxed to Loveland Early Childhood Center.
- Application Deadline:** January 8, 2021. Applicants who apply by that deadline will be notified of their status by the end of January. Applicants may apply after the deadline but will be added to the wait list if there is one.
- Note:** We value a balance of age and gender in each class. When assigning children to classrooms, both age and gender are considered. Classes are not necessarily filled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Loveland City Schools Preschool Program

The Loveland Early Childhood Center is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 preschool program. The preschool is located at the Loveland Early Childhood Center.

The Loveland City Schools preschool program was developed to serve children with a wide variety of special needs, in response to a federal mandate that requires the provision of special education services (to children ages three to five) by public school districts. The current program model was adopted to include children with typical development in order to create a community of learners – one with an appropriate and enriching learning environment and experience for all. The curriculum is guided by the Early Learning Content Standards provided by the Ohio Department of Education.

The daily schedule provides for a combination of whole group, small group and individualized instruction, as well as learning through center-based activities. Children are given opportunities to interact with peers and adults in the classroom, as well as in the motor room and during outside play.

Our preschool teachers have four-year and/or Master's degrees and are highly qualified in early childhood education. Each classroom is a multi-age grouping of 3-5 year olds, enrolling approximately eight children with identified special needs and eight typically developing children.

As this application is made available online, the plan is for classes to begin on August 30, 2021 and end on May 19, 2022 – **Monday through Thursday**. Holiday breaks and other non-student days follow the school calendar of the Loveland City School District. Students attend either morning or afternoon sessions (generally Clermont County residents attend in the morning and Hamilton County residents attend in the afternoon) for approximately two hours and 45 minutes.

In order to attend LECC, typically developing children need to be age three on or before September 30, 2021, must reside within the Loveland City School District and must be toilet trained. The tuition rate for the 2021-2022 is \$2880 per year, or \$320 per month. There is a one-time school supply fee that is due along with a non-refundable deposit equal to one month's tuition that is required. The deposit will later be applied to cover the final month of enrollment.

Applications are currently available online, at the Board of Education office and at LECC. Applications are due January 8, 2021. All applicants who apply by the deadline will be notified of their status by the end of January. Those not selected may have the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. If you have questions, please contact the school office at 683-4200.

Important Notes to Parents:

What do we mean by a "typical" preschooler? This is a common question and an important one for our program. Our preschool is different than most in that it is primarily designed to serve the special needs of children ages 3-5 that have been determined to have a disability. We enroll students with many types and degrees of disabilities. However, as a best practice (and by law) we also want to enroll students that have no developmental delay or disabilities. These typically developing students play an important role in our program. Since children learn considerably from each other, we need our "typical" children to serve as role models in the areas of communication, behavior, play, motor, pre-academic and self-care skills. Therefore, it is important that we carefully select who these "typical" students will be. This application is designed to help up make those decisions, so it is important that parents be as candid and accurate as possible when completing the questions.

Thanks for your interest in our program!

Application is for those seeking enrollment for a typically developing preschooler only.

Families with three to five year-old children suspected of having a disability should contact the Loveland City Schools Central Office at 513-683-5600 to obtain a referral packet.

Loveland Early Childhood Center Preschool Enrollment Application 2021-2022

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____ County: _____

Clermont County Residents: If the morning session is full, would you be interested in having your child attend in the afternoon Session? [Transportation could only be provided on the way home in this case.] YES / NO

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Gender: _____ F _____ M Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

1. In play situations, my child most often: (check only one)

_____ plays alone, does not show awareness of others in the activity

_____ plays alongside but not really "with" other children (no interaction with others unless it is initiated by other child)

_____ interacts with other children (e.g., role play, make believe, turn taking, dialogue)

Comments:

2. My child is independent (does not require my full assistance) with: (check all that apply)

_____ eating

_____ toileting

_____ dressing

Comments:

3. The majority of the time, when using communication my child: (check all that apply)

_____ uses mainly gestures to get attention or to ask for something

_____ uses mostly one-word statements _____ is difficult to understand

_____ asks questions _____ uses two to three word statements

_____ can engage in a conversation using lengthy sentences _____ uses simple sentences

_____ Talks about own ideas without an adult starting the conversation _____ Initiates a greeting to others without being told

Comments:

4. Which of the following is your child interested in: (check all that apply)

- tv/video games computers arts/crafts
- imaginary play (i.e. house, store) outdoor play
- construction materials (i.e. Duplos, Legos)

Other: _____

5. Which of the following organized "school experiences" has your child participated in? (check all that apply)

- daycare center church school another preschool
- home daycare classes (i.e. Gymboree) play group

List contact person and phone number if we have your permission to call:

6. What feedback have you received about your child's development and behavior (e.g., from babysitters, daycare providers, Sunday School teachers, etc.)? Please describe.

7. Please check any area for which you have concern about your child's development or performance.

- speech fine motor gross motor
- social/emotional behavior

8. How did you hear about our program?

9. Please note any other information we should be aware of in order to work effectively with your child.
(Including any special medical conditions)