

# Preschool Questions and Answers

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## General Questions

### 1. What preschool programs does District 202 offer?

District 202 offers the following 2 ½ hour programs during both the AM and PM sessions:

#### Tuition Based Preschool

5 day preschool

2 day preschool (Tuesday and Thursday)

3 day preschool (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

#### Preschool programs for students with special needs

#### Preschool for All grant programs

### 2. Why doesn't District 202 offer preschool for all students?

It is important to understand that preschool is not required in Illinois. Rather, state law requires all school districts that provide preschool to students who require special education support. Therefore districts can offer tuition based programs for students who do not qualify for special education support. Additionally, District 202 does not have the space, nor can it afford to hire enough teachers to offer preschool for all students.

### 3. How many students will be able to participate in District 202 preschool for the 2021-22 school year?

The district will offer the following tuition based preschool spots:

#### **Bonnie McBeth Learning Center**

60- Five day AM

60- Five day PM

40- Two day AM

30- Two day PM

40- Three day AM

30- Three day PM

#### **Wallin Oaks Elementary**

10- Five day AM

20- Five day PM

10- Two day AM

10- Three day AM

#### **Freedom Elementary**

10- Five Day AM

10- Five Day PM

#### **Liberty Elementary**

10- Five day AM

10- Five day PM

### 4. How will students be selected to participate in the preschool program?

Students will be selected through a computerized random lottery.

## Lottery and Registration

### 5. What is the lottery and registration process for preschool?

- April 15, 2021 7:00 a.m. April 14, 2021 to 5 p.m. - Application Window for the Lottery
- May 3, 2021 - Lottery drawing - All families notified of the Lottery results, with appropriate instructions for “next steps.”
- May 10, 2021 - May 28, 2021 - Preschool registration forms and first month’s tuition due for children selected for Full Day Preschool.

Families who do not register by the deadline will lose their tuition preschool slot and move to the bottom of the wait list.

### 6. Will District 202 employees be given preference for the preschool slots?

No. The slots are randomly selected.

### 7. How does the lottery work for families with multiples (twins, triplets, etc.)?

Each family can only complete one lottery application. Families with multiple preschool students will complete one application including the names of all prospective students. This application will create individual lottery entries for each child. Each child has an equal opportunity to be selected for preschool. Multiples will be chosen individually, not as a family.

### 8. Can I apply for the preschool lottery at any of the three locations in the district?

Families can apply for the lottery at any of the three locations, however, we encourage families to register at the school located closest to their home.

## Tuition and Fees

### 9. Does the preschool program cost District 202 money?

Yes. However, the monthly tuition will help offset the program cost and keep the program affordable.

### 10. How much will it cost for my student to attend the preschool program?

- The five day preschool tuition is \$2,250, which is broken into \$250 monthly payments.
- Three day preschool tuition is \$1,800 which is broken into \$200 monthly payments.
- Two day preschool tuition is \$1350 which is broken into \$150 monthly payments.
- Tuition will not be waived, regardless of qualification for the National School Lunch Program.

## Late Tuition

### 11. What happens if the payment is late?

A late fee of \$25 will be charged for payments not received on the first day of the month. Please refer to the following chart:

Month of School	Payment Due:	\$25 Late Fee applied on:
August/September	Paid by July 1, 2021	Dropped from the program
October	Sept. 1, 2021	Oct. 1, 2021
November	Oct. 1, 2021	Nov. 1, 2021
December	Nov. 1, 2021	Dec. 1, 2021
January	Dec. 1, 2021	Jan. 1, 2022
February	Jan. 1, 2022	Feb. 1, 2022
March	Feb. 1, 2022	Mar. 1, 2022
April	Mar. 1, 2022	April 1, 2022
May	April 1, 2022	May 1, 2022

## Schedule

### 12. What schedule will the preschool program follow?

The preschool program will follow the District 202 attendance calendar for preschool students. Students in the preschool program will not attend school on shortened days when kindergarten and preschool students do not attend. On regular school days, preschool students will follow the schedule for their chosen 5, 3, or 2 day program.

## Waiting List

### 13. How will I know if I am on the waiting list?

Everyone who enters the lottery will be notified of the results by May 5, 2021.

### 14. How will the wait list work?

Students will be randomly assigned a number. The program will take the first students listed and fill the spots available for their program. If a spot in the program becomes available, the next student on the wait list will be offered the slot.

## Out of District/District Employees Children

Upon completion of the Plainfield School District 202 tuition based preschool lottery and open registration period, the school district will determine if any openings remain in any of the tuition based programs. If spaces are available in any of the 2 day, 3 day, or 5 day preschool programs, non-resident students who meet the age criteria for the 2020-2021 school year will have the opportunity to enroll. The students cannot be eligible for the Preschool For All program or for special education services, since these services must be provided in their resident district.

### 15. Can students of district employees who live out of district apply for the lottery?

No. All students must live within district boundaries to be in the lottery. If there are openings after the completion of the lottery, District 202 employees may apply during the open registration window. The tentative date for this window is April 6, 2020. The tuition rate for district employees is the same as the in-district rate:

- The five day preschool tuition is \$2,250, which is broken into \$250 monthly payments.
- Three day preschool tuition is \$1,800 which is broken into \$200 monthly payments.
- Two day preschool tuition is \$1350 which is broken into \$150 monthly payments.

**16. Can out- of-district students attend District 202 preschool programs?**

Yes, if there are openings after the lottery window and District 202 employee window. If there are openings after the completion of the lottery and the non-resident District 202 employees' registration window, there will be an open registration period for out-of-district students. The tentative date start date for out-of-district registration is April 6, 2020. The tuition rate for out of district is:

- The five day preschool tuition is \$2,475, which is broken into \$275 monthly payments.
- Three day preschool tuition is \$2,025 which is broken into \$225 monthly payments.
- Two day preschool tuition is \$1,575 which is broken into \$175 monthly payments.

Other

**17. If the program fills at my school and there is space at another school will my child be able to attend preschool at another school?**

If spaces are still available after June 1, 2021, families can contact the office at Bonnie McBeth Learning Center to schedule an appointment for registration for any remaining spots.

**18. Does District 202 offer transportation for the tuition based preschool program?**

District 202 will not provide transportation for the students in the tuition based preschool program. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents.

**19. What orientation will be available for parents and students?**

Each school will plan their own parent and student orientation activities. Families will receive information about orientation prior to the start of the school year.

**20. What if I change my mind?**

We strongly prefer that students that begin the preschool program, stay in the program for the full year. However, parents may at any time withdraw their child from the program. Families will not be refunded their deposit or the tuition fees paid for any months that the student attended for one or more days.