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# 2023-24 Pre-Registration Information — NORTHWOOD Preschool

Thank you for your interest in the Wood County Preschool. The Wood County Educational Service Center (WCESC) collaborates with Northwood Schools to provide high-quality preschool programs for children and families.

Wood County Preschools are developmentally-appropriate, play-based programs serving children with and without special needs. Children with identified developmental delays are placed into preschool after an extensive assessment process.

Preschoolers currently attend five half-days per week (Monday-Friday) in either a morning or afternoon session. For children who will turn 5 by 8/1/2024, there may be an option of attending five full days per week. However, session days/hours may be subject to change for the coming school year. Northwood provides bussing within the district.

Placements for children without special needs are on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the vacancy available and/or factors such as income level or age. Preference may be given to underprivileged children.

If we receive your pre-registration and proof of residency, we will confirm it by email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the preschool secretary at preschool@wcesc.org or 419-354-9010.

## **Requirements:**

- \* Copy of parent ID/Driver's License
- \* 1 current proof of residency (see below)
- \* Children without special needs must be 3 years old by August 1<sup>st</sup> to preregister.
- \* Children without special needs must be fully toilet-trained to attend.
- \* Copy of child's birth certificate & shot record will be required to attend. SSN card copy is requested.

Location: Northwood Elementary 600 Lemoyne Rd. Northwood. Oh 43619

Current

Hours: A.M. Hours: 8:45 – 11:30 am

P.M. Hours: 12:30 - 3:10 pm Full-Day Hours: 8:45 - 3:10 pm

Children without special needs must be fully toilet-trained and 3 years old. Enrollment after start date will be based on current enrollment and is not guaranteed.

**Proof of Residency**: Northwood requires **copy of parent's valid ID/Driver's License and 1 proof of residency from list below** (dated within the last 30 days unless otherwise noted). If proof of residency is not attached to the Pre-Registration Form, it will not be accepted.

- \* Utility Bill (gas, electric, phone-not cell-from the last 30 days)
- \* Bank Statement
- Pay Stubs

- \* Building permit (occupancy within 90 days)
- \* Purchase or lease agreement (from last 30 days)

<u>ONLY IF</u> you are unable to establish residency with the above Items, then complete the Residency Verification form, which must be notarized.

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Children currently attending the preschool have first opportunity to return the following year. Children on the current year's waiting list must pre-register again for the next school year, where placements are first-come, first-served regardless of this year's waiting list number.

## Pre-Registration Procedures:

1. Complete the attached form and return with 2 proofs of residency to the WCESC. If we receive your preregistration and residency proof, we will confirm it by either email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the WCESC Preschool Secretary. Please allow extra time for confirmation if you mail/fax it to WCESC or drop it off at the Elementary. If possible, scanning & emailing your paperwork is currently the best option.

You will be notified by email or letter as soon as possible regarding your child's status. (If we do not receive a pre-reg form from you, we will assume you are no longer interested.)

 If your child is placed, a Registration Packet will be sent to you. Registration materials (including birth certificate and shot record) MUST be received prior to entrance into school! Parent orientation info is sent out in late July/early August.

## Tuition Information for Children Without Developmental Delays:

Tuition is not charged for children with identified special needs. A tuition of \$170.00 per month will be charged for typically developing children (tuition amounts may be subject to change for upcoming school year). Families with lower income (as determined by current Federal Income Guidelines) may be charged less than the full amount per month once they turn in compete proof of income. Households with more than one typically developing child in the preschool are given a 25% discount on each additional child.

Tuition Contracts will be mailed to all children accepted into the preschool. Families who qualify to pay less than the full tuition amount must provide complete proof of income.

Families who qualify to pay tuition will be mailed a set of invoices in August. Tuition for the month of September will be due in mid-August; tuition the last month of school (May) will be due on September 1 in order for your child to continue attending preschool. After that, **tuition is due on the 1st of each month**; if tuition is not paid by the 15th of each month, the child will be withdrawn. The child will not be able to return to preschool until the overdue amount is paid in full.

If, during the school year, your income level changes, please contact our office within one (1) month to determine your new tuition rate. If your child withdraws from the preschool before the school year ends, it is your responsibility to contact the WCESC office to be reimbursed for the May tuition. However, since vacation, calamity, and conference days have been taken into account, there will be no refund for absences of that nature, nor for absences due to a child's illness/quarantine. Excess calamity days will be made up.

Note: The Ohio Department of Education funds the Wood County Preschool Programs specifically for children with developmental delays. All district-resident children with identified special needs will be served by Northwood Schools.

#### Information for children living outside the school district:

Per Northwood Schools' policy, preschoolers living outside the Northwood School district may be approved to open enroll if there is room and if the child meets one of the following criteria:

- 1. The child's parent is an employee of the Northwood School District; or
- 2. The child meets age and income eligibility requirements for the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grant. Please contact the WCESC preschool secretary to learn if your child meets the ECE requirements.

Note: Open enrollment is **not** guaranteed all year. If a waiting list of Northwood School District residents develops at any point in the summer or school year, the open enrolled child will need to withdraw. Open enrolled preschoolers may need to change sessions and/or teacher at any time (perhaps even multiple times) due to enrollment changes throughout the year. Being allowed to open enroll for preschool does **not** guarantee the child will be accepted to open enroll for kindergarten.



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# 2023-24 Pre-Registration **Typically-Developing Preschoolers**

# **Northwood Schools**

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\*\*\* Parent ID AND proof of residency required. Please see cover page for list of acceptable proofs of residency\*\*\*

Return all paperwork to: Email: preschool@wcesc.org Mail/ **Attn: Preschool Secretary** 

Don't forget proof of residency Drop (& court documents if applicable)

**Wood County ESC** 1867 N. Research Dr.

Fax: 419-354-1146 (Attn: Preschool) Off: **Bowling Green OH 43402** 

If possible, scanning or taking <u>clear</u> snapshots and emailing paperwork to the WCESC Preschool Secretary is the best option, but illegible or very dark/blurry snapshots cannot be accepted. If you mail/fax it, please allow extra time for confirmation of receipt.

# Note: Use this form ONLY IF you can't provide 2 proofs of residency because you live with a friend or relative. It MUST be Notarized or it can't be accepted.

#### NORTHWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS — APPLICATION FOR ATTENDANCE (RESIDENCY VERIFICATION)

According to Ohio's Special School Attendance Law, students can <u>only</u> attend school tuition-free (preschoolers pay tuition based on a sliding-fee scale) in the district where his/her "biological-custodial parent" resides. Per Ohio Revised Code, **residence** is defined as: "A place where important family activity takes place during significant parts of the day. It must be a place where the family eats, sleeps, works, relaxes, and plays—in short which can be called 'home.'" (Kenton City Board of Ed. v. Day, 30 O.B.R. 289 Ohio Misc 2nd 25-Harding Co., C.P.; July 15, 1986.

In absence of proof of a property lease or home deed you are required to verify your residence in Northwood with a friend or relative by completing section I, II, and III of this document. This document may be used in court if a dispute between school and parent arises concerning place of residence.

#### \*\*\*THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC\*\*\*

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