



Liberty High School

Preschool Lab Program

The Carroll County Public Schools' High School Preschool Laboratory Program is designed to support the Early Childhood Education Career Completer Program curriculum and competencies. Under professional supervision, high school students plan and lead developmentally appropriate activities for preschool children in preparation for postsecondary education and future careers as teachers, childcare providers, and other related professions. These experiences provide opportunities for high school students to develop skills in behavior management, to identify developmental milestones, and to practice career ready practices

The High School Preschool Lab Programs operate four days a week, typically from October through January and March through May. The majority of high schools provide either a morning or mid-day session for the preschool children. The high school students enrolled in the Early Child Education classes have completed Honors Child and Adolescent Development and receive in-depth training in September and February, followed by weekly seminar classes in their Child Development Laboratory and Advanced Child Laboratory classes.

Family and Consumer Sciences teachers supervise each high school's program. Applications, enrollment information, and program details are available from each high school's teacher. Teachers are available to provide information August 20th through June 15th. Arrangements to visit programs should be made with the teacher.

The following countywide procedures are in effect for the High School Preschool Laboratory Program:

1. The program's curriculum is appropriate for the year before a child enters kindergarten. Children must be toilet trained. The Maryland Mandatory Kindergarten Law includes specific guidelines for dates of kindergarten enrollment for students with fifth birthdays.
2. Since many different high school students will be teaching the preschoolers, the program is designed for the pre-kindergarten child who can cope with daily changes and flexible scheduling. Special education services are not provided through this program, however, children with special needs are accepted, and greatly enrich our program. Parents of preschoolers who may have special needs should call CCPS Preschool Child Find, 410-751-3295, for a free preschool screening clinic and to determine the most suitable program and services for their child.
3. Applications for preschoolers are accepted on an annual basis. A list of participating children is kept by each high schools' preschool lab teacher. Children with special needs may remain in the program for more than one year, with the recommendation of CCPS Preschool Child Find staff members.
4. Applications will be marked with the date they are returned to the preschool lab's supervising teacher.

5. First time applicants will take priority over returning student applications until October when the Preschool Laboratory Program opens for the preschoolers. Occasionally, a vacancy will occur during the school year. The supervising teacher will maintain a wait list.
6. A \$25 non-refundable deposit will be charged. The deposit will be applied to the tuition for the first semester.
7. To cover the costs of snacks, instructional materials, and supplies, there will be a tuition fee of \$90 per semester (\$180 for the year). The tuition may vary from school to school depending upon the number of high school class periods in the preschool laboratory program session. Tuition is to be paid at the beginning of each semester. Alternative payment arrangements should be discussed with the preschool lab teacher.
8. Preschool Lab teachers and their high school students **will not** provide parents or school staff members any documentation, verbal or written, of the preschooler's kindergarten readiness.
9. **UPON ACCEPTANCE:**
10. Once a parent is notified of his/her preschooler's acceptance into the program, enrollment must take place within 30 days to ensure that a place will be held.
11. Children are expected to attend both Preschool Laboratory Program sessions from October through January and March through May, four days a week.
12. The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Health Inventory Form which includes verification of immunizations, must be completed by a doctor, and returned to the high school preschool lab teacher, before the first day of the preschool. All health forms and certificates will be treated with confidentiality and will only be shared with the school health nurse, school security staff, and/or a school administrator if deemed necessary.
13. A child displaying symptoms of potential illness (such as runny nose, red eyes, rash, sore throat, fever, etc.) should be kept at home. These are often initial symptoms of contagious diseases. If a child becomes ill during the school day, his/her parent will be called and asked to make provisions for picking up the child as soon as possible. If a child has been exposed to a disease, which is communicable in a school setting, the preschool lab teacher must be notified at once, and the child should remain at home until all danger of contagion had passed.
14. Parents must provide reliable and consistent transportation, or we may ask that the child be withdrawn from the program.

Specific questions about the High School Preschool Laboratory Program should be directed to the ECE teacher at your local high school. For general questions you may contact, Kathy Morgan, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instructional Resources for CTE at 410-751-3131 or Kdmorga@carrollk12.org

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____