

## **Enrollment in Pre-kindergarten Program**

Four (4) years of age on or before September 30

Qualify for free and reduced lunch using the Fentress County free and reduced form provided at the program site.

Any child may enroll in a program when an insufficient number of at risk children are enrolled to fill a specific classroom.

### **Parents need to gather several important documents for registration:**

Proof of Income

Proof of Residency

Birth certificate

Child's Social Security card

Tennessee School Immunization Certificate\* Records

Physical Exam

- (1) A maximum class size of 20;
- (2) At least one (1) licensed teacher per classroom certified in early childhood education;
- (3) At least one (1) educational assistant per classroom who holds a child development associate credential (CDA) or associate degree in early childhood education, or who is actively working toward acquiring such credentials; provided, however, that if no person with such credentials is available, then educational assistants who hold a high school diploma and have relevant experience working with children in pre-kindergarten or other early childhood programs may be employed;
- (4) A daily minimum of five and one-half (5 ½) hours of quality instructional time;
- (5) Use of an educational, age-appropriate curriculum that is aligned with the state department of education approved early learning standards and that includes, but is not limited to, literacy, writing, math and science skills;
- (6) A developmental learning program that addresses the cognitive, physical, emotional, social and communication areas of child development; and
- (7) Rules promulgated and policies adopted by the state board of education related to early childhood education and pre-kindergarten programs.