

**Frederick Area School District**  
**Preschool/Junior Kindergarten Policy**

The Frederick Area Preschool is an optional program offered to 4-year-old students (Preschool) and 5-year-old students needing more skills and time before starting full-time kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten). Both the Preschool and Junior Kindergarten programs follow the same calendar and have the same student requirements. All students in Preschool and Junior Kindergarten follow the same policies as the Frederick Area Elementary School.

**Student Qualifications:** Students must meet all three requirements below to be considered for acceptance into the preschool program.

- Student must be at least age 4 on or before September 1 of current school year.
- Student must be completely toilet trained.
- Student must have all required vaccinations unless under religious exemption.

**Student Registration:** A student cap of 10 students per session/instructor will be permitted and accepted on a first come, first served basis within the following tiers. For example, if tier one is full, tier two or three may not be considered due to capacity. Registration forms should be submitted to the school office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Late registrations/applications will be considered as room allows. The Frederick Area School District maintains the right to deny based on student capacity. All preschool placements will be confirmed by May 15.

- Tier 1: This is for students who reside in the district and/or students who attended the FASD preschool program the year before and repeating preschool is recommended.
- Tier 2: This is for out of district/open-enrolled students who have siblings that are already enrolled in the district or students of staff members who do not reside in the district.
- Tier 3: This is for new to district, open enrollment students.

**Preschool Calendar:** The Frederick Area Preschool will start the Monday after Labor Day and go until the last Thursday of the school calendar. Outside of the start date, Preschool/Junior Kindergarten will follow the same holiday and in-session dates as the FASD school calendar. A session is considered two full days a week. Should a student wish to attend half-days only, this should be indicated on the registration form and communicated with office staff to work out that accommodation.

- Full Day Session (8:10-3:40)
- Two days a week (days to be determined)
- Parent/Teacher conferences (Fall and Spring will be determined by classroom teacher)
- Open House will be held on the same day indicated on the FASD calendar.

**Transportation:**

- Preschool/Junior Kindergarten aged students are allowed to ride in-district provided transportation free of charge.
- Any open enrollment Preschool/Junior Kindergarten student who wishes to utilize district transportation will be considered based on current operating routes.
- Use of district transportation should be indicated on the Preschool/Junior Kindergarten registration form.

**Special Education:** Students receiving special education services will receive services in accordance with his/her IEP. Out of District students on an IEP will not be accepted if the acceptance of the student puts a hardship on the district or the district is not able to meet student needs as outlined by state law.

Note: The State of South Dakota does not currently accept open enrollments for pre-school students. Therefore, any student on an IEP who is out of the district is not eligible to receive in-district special education services.

**Preschool Fees:** There are no fees to attend preschool. Parents are responsible for items on the school supply list and applicable school lunch fees.