

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED REGISTRATION QUESTIONS**

**1. *When do I find out if my child has a spot in the pre-kindergarten program?***

Families will receive a letter in mid-June that will inform them as to whether or not their child has received a spot in the pre-kindergarten program. The school your child will be attending will also be in this letter.

**2. *Which school will my child attend?***

The school your child will attend is determined by your residence and the number of open spaces in each school's pre-kindergarten program. Families who are enrolled in the Head Start program will attend the West Stafford School.

**3. *My child's child care is located in another school attendance area. Will there be bus transportation available, or can my child attend the school nearest my child care provider?***

No. Bus transportation is not available to cross school attendance areas. Children attend the school based on their residence, not their child care provider's residence.

**4. *Is registration first come, first serve?***

Families can register at any time during the posted hours, or call for an appointment during registration week. Depending on the number of available spaces in the pre-kindergarten program, children who are registered during this week will either have an available space in the program, or will be eligible to be entered into a lottery system if there are not enough available spaces. Families who register after the week of registration will be placed on a waiting list until a space is available.

**5. *How many days during the week is the pre-kindergarten program?***

The pre-kindergarten program is five days a week.

**6. *I feel five days a week is too much. Can I send my child only two or three days?***

In our experience, children adjust to coming to school five days a week and are often disappointed when they find out they've missed an activity from the day before. Children benefit from the consistency of attending school each day, which also helps as they transition to kindergarten.

**7. *Once I have been notified which school my child will attend, when will I know who the teacher is, or if he/she is in the morning or afternoon session?***

A letter will go out to you in August stating which session and teacher your child has been assigned to.

**8. *When can I visit my child's school and meet his/her teacher?***

A new student orientation will be held the week before school begins. Families are encouraged to bring their child so they can become familiar with the school, teacher, and classroom. This will also help alleviate some of the anxiety over going somewhere new.

**9. *Do I need to register my child again if he/she is already in Pre-K at a Stafford Public School?***

No. Once children are enrolled in Stafford Public Schools' pre-kindergarten program, they do not have to register again for pre-k or kindergarten.

**10. *Can my child begin school even though all the paperwork is not complete?***

All paperwork that is provided to you at the time of registration will need to be complete prior to your child beginning school. Your child must also have a physical within one year of the start of school, and the health form needs to be completed by your child's physician before your child can enter school.