

James A. Garfield Local Schools Preschool Program

James A. Garfield Elementary School 10207 State Route 88 Garrettsville, OH 44231

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At James A. Garfield we strive to make a meaningful difference in the education for all students as early as preschool. Our teachers are licensed Early Childhood Educators and have a true passion and dedication to the students. The learning environment promotes play with high quality developmentally appropriate practices. Lessons are based on problem solving, creativity, and socializing. Our preschool program is an Ohio Department of Education licensed five star rated Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) preschool program. Our program serves children of all abilities. We provide programming for preschool children with and without disabilities.

Curriculum

The Learning Without Tears (LWOT), Get Set for School is a comprehensive, multi-sensory approach to teaching and assessing used in the preschool classroom. LWOT provides a scaffolded approach to instruction using targeted, explicit lessons that address each developmental learning domain. The step-by-step lessons integrate hands-on manipulatives with a focus on bringing literacy alive in each of the 6 content themes: Get Set for School, My Body, Community & Play, Earth, Machines, and Animals. The LWOT Get Set for School preschool program includes goal development, intervention, and evaluation for each individual child.

Eligibility

Children are eligible for enrollment in the Preschool Program regardless of race, color, creed, disability, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, or social and economic background. The Superintendent/designee shall set class size yearly for students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, and typical students according to IDEA guidelines. Your child does need to be completely potty trained in order to be permitted to attend the program. Staff will reinforce, remind, and assist all children with the toileting routine provided by the family.

Enrollment/Intake Procedures

Enrollment is completed through a screening process conducted twice a year in March and September. All Parents are required to complete a registration packet every year, one week prior to the students' start date. The packets will be completed digitally through Final Forms. We need to do this to make sure we have updated information **EACH** year.

Registration Packet

The following is required as part of the registration process. These forms **MUST** be returned prior to the start of school in order for your child to start!

1. Birth Certificate
2. Parent Photo ID
3. Immunization records **A MUST PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL!**
4. Proof of Residency
5. Medical Examination Form signed by a physician (less than one year old)
4. Other forms as needed such as: transportation, custody papers, permission slips, etc.

You will also need to create a Final Forms account and complete the online portion of the registration.

Program entry may be delayed or modified until ALL of these forms are received

Transportation

Children who are accepted into our program and live in the Garfield school district can be provided with bus transportation.

Days and Hours of Operation

- **AM Session 8:55-11:35AM**
- **PM Session 12:45-3:33PM**

All preschool classes run a little over 2 ½ hours each day Monday through Friday.

There is at least one Friday each month when there is no class for students so the classrooms may be fully sanitized and often teachers attend professional development classes. Please refer to the preschool calendar for specific dates. Your child's teacher will inform you of class starting and ending times and the daily schedule at the preschool orientation meeting.

Tuition

Tuition and fees shall be charged to parents of typically developing students.

Tuition payments of \$205.00 are due monthly August through April by the 20th of each month. Payment schedules are included in your registration packet. All payments should be made to the board office or through the My School Bucks application. Payments should not be sent through the classroom teacher. Subsequent tuition payments are due on the 20th day of each month unless stated otherwise. No credit on tuition is given for school closings due to weather, emergency closings or children's absences. Failure to submit any payment will result in your child being withdrawn from the class.

If you have questions about our preschool program please contact Faye Workman at 330-527-5524 or fworkman@jagschools.org.

