

WV Universal Pre-K Quick Facts

- Mandated by WV Code 18-5-44, WV will provide voluntary pre-k to all four year olds by 2012-13.
 - 50% of pre-k classrooms required to be collaborative
 - Based on 2009 county plans:
 - Pre-K classes proposed in county plans for 2009-10 940 estimated
(AM / PM sessions defined as separate classes)
 - Access for eligible children 2009-10 15,000 estimated
 - 2008-08 Pre-K Enrollment 13,861
 - Since 2004-05, percent increase in enrollment for WV Pre-K 72%
- Anticipated Enrollment 2012-13 20,000**
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Who is the preschool child?

- WV Universal Pre-K (WVBE Policy 2525) defines an eligible pre-k child as one who is four years of age by September 1st or a three year old child with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
 - The pre-k child can be enrolled as a Head Start child, preschool special needs child and/or a board of education pre-k child.
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Transporting WV Universal Pre-K Children

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WVDE – RESA Pre-K Initiative: Pre-K Workshops for School Administrators

Workshop #8 – Transporting Young Learners

Offered at each RESA, this workshop will focus on WVBE Policy 2525 as it relates to transportation and behavior guidance of Pre-K children. Seating arrangements, developmental issues, communication strategies, and guidance methods are addressed. Intended audience – school principals, Head Start directors, child care directors, county administrators – pre-k, special needs, transportation – and others as identified.

<https://sites.google.com/a/wvde.k12.wv.us/wv-pre-k-principal-workshops/>

RESOURCES

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<http://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/wvprek>

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West Virginia’s Universal Access to a Quality Early Education System (2525)**

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Though not mandated, once a county decides to provide transportation as per WVBE Policy 2525, the following are required:

- 8.26.1. Bus drivers are trained in the supervision of young children (in addition to any other staff development received).
- 8.26.2. Children transported by a school bus who attend a pre-k classroom and are not yet enrolled in kindergarten will sit in a segregated area of the vehicle with other pre-k children.
- 8.26.3. Staff shall be available to assist children on and off buses at the WV Pre-k site. If a parent/guardian is unable to meet the bus, there shall be a person designated by the parent/guardian to assist the child. Bus drivers must inspect the bus at all final drop off points to assure that no children are left on the bus and these inspections must be charted. A log of daily inspections shall be maintained on file with the principal/supervisor. At each pre-k site where bus transportation is provided, a designated person must follow-up with the family of any child who is not present or accounted for each day.

<https://sites.google.com/a/wvde.k12.wv.us/wvbe-policy2525/>

or

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p2525.pdf>