

## MNPS Pre-K Program Fees Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### Why do some classrooms require a fee, have an income, or zone requirements and others do not?

Metro Pre-K classrooms are funded in a number of different ways, including using local, state and federal funding. Each funding source has different requirements, like serving only low-income students or charging a fee.

### How much do Pre-K programs cost?

Pre-K program fees are based on a sliding scale. Depending on a family's household income, the fee could be anywhere from \$0-144 per child every week. The fee does not include before or after care.

### How do I pay my fees for the MNPS Pre-K Program?

Payments can be made using a check, money order, online or cash. Monthly payment slips are included in the initial packet (families do not need to submit a slip if paying weekly). Please include the slip with each monthly payment. Payments made by:

- **Check or Money Order:** Made out to "Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools." Please send your payment to: PO Box 40144, Nashville, TN 37204
- **Online:** Visit [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org). Click on the Early Childhood Education webpage to make a payment.
- **Cash:** Must be paid in person at the Family Information Center located at the MNPS Board of Education Office, 2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville TN 37204.

### What type of payment schedules does the MNPS Pre-K Program offer?

Families can select to pay program fees on a weekly or monthly schedule. Payment fees begin the 1st day your child attends school.

- **Weekly payments** are due by the preceding Friday of each week.
- **Monthly payments** are due by the 1st of the month. Families selecting to pay monthly will receive a 5% discount off the Pre-K sliding scale fee.

### Do I have to pay when school is out for a holiday or inclement weather?

Holidays, breaks and inclement weather days are not included in Pre-K fees. Scheduled Pre-K fees are only calculated for 176 instructional days.

### Can I receive a receipt for my payment?

Receipts are given if a family visits the Family Information Center located at the MNPS Board of Education Office (2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville TN 37204) to make a payment. MNPS will not provide receipts for payments submitted by mail or online.

### Does MNPS provide any tuition assistance for the MNPS Pre-K Program?

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, MNPS will provide Prekindergarten Tuition Assistance. Tuition assistance will offer a reduced tuition rate to qualifying families accepting a Pre-K fee based seat. Families currently experiencing hardship, family emergency or trauma that meet the criteria will qualify to submit a Pre-K Tuition Assistance Application along with documentation to their child's accepting school site. Applications along with documentation will be reviewed by the prekindergarten leadership for consideration. For more information visit: [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org) and click on the Early Childhood Education webpage.

### Who should I contact if I have questions regarding the MNPS Pre-K Program fees or payment?

Please contact the MNPS Prekindergarten Department at 615-298-6766.