



*Welcome*  
to  
**Pre-K**  
HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Is there a cost or tuition for the pre-kindergarten program?**

No, Homer Schools offers a free public pre-kindergarten program.

### **When does the program operate?**

The pre-kindergarten program follows the HCSD school calendar for holidays and early dismissal days.

### **What does the daily schedule look like for pre-kindergarten students?**

The full-day program begins at 8:30AM and ends at 3:15 PM. The pre-kindergarten program follows the same calendar as Homer Elementary School. The daily pre-kindergarten schedule includes greeting time, circle time, small and large group activities, interest-based centers, snack and lunch time, rest and quiet time, and specials (physical education, music, art, library) and outside play time when the weather permits.

### **Who teaches the pre-kindergarten class?**

Classes are taught by a certified teacher and a highly qualified teaching assistant who provides instructional support.

### **What early childhood curriculum is used?**

Core Knowledge Language Arts Preschool (CKLA Preschool) is a comprehensive English Language Arts curriculum designed to prepare young children for later reading success by building foundational language and literacy skills. CKLA Preschool materials and instruction provide explicit, systematic support for developing young children's language, literacy, and content knowledge within the context of developmentally-appropriate early childhood settings.

EngageNY Mathematics curriculum for Preschool students capitalizes on the energy and excitement young students have as they enter their first day of Pre-K by providing a playful and active yet carefully sequenced structure through which children progress. Students are introduced to foundational mathematics skills through five modules of learning. Through learning and play, students are taught the foundational skills of learning numbers, counting, and basic addition and subtraction. It is a manipulatives-based learning curriculum.

### **How do I register multiple siblings or twins in one family?**

All pre-kindergarten students in a family are registered separately and have equal chance of being selected in the lottery. If one of the siblings is selected for a seat, the other siblings will automatically be selected as well. A sibling is defined as any of the following who reside in the same household qualify as siblings: siblings, half siblings, stepsiblings and children residing in a family foster home.

### **Are there any priorities for the assignment of slots?**

Yes. We offer priority consideration for children whose families are considered economically disadvantaged (see income guidelines for Free or Reduced Priced Lunch Program), students with disabilities, and English Language learners. Each year the district will identify the number of priority seats available, a balance that takes into consideration total seats available.

### **How will I find out if my child has been admitted?**

You will be contacted by school personnel after the lottery has been conducted.