



# Grundy County Preschool 2021-2022 Questions and Answers

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## General Questions

### **1. What preschool programs are offered by GCSEC?**

GCSEC offers the following preschool programs:

#### Tuition Based Preschool

5 day blended preschool

AM session only (8:00-10:30)

Located at Gardner Grade School

#### Preschool programs for students with special needs

Students must qualify for these programs

Visit [www.grundyspecial.ed.org](http://www.grundyspecial.ed.org) to schedule a screening

### **2. How many students will be able to participate in Grundy County Preschool for the 2021-2022 school year?**

We will have 20 spaces available during the AM sessions (8:00-10:30) at Gardner Grade School. Both AM sections will be blended, including 10 tuition-based students and 5 students with special needs, for a total of up to 15 students per section.

### **3. How will students be selected to participate in the tuition preschool program?**

Students will be selected through a computerized random lottery.

## Lottery and Registration

### **4. Where can I find the lottery application?**

Call: GCSEC at 815.942.5780 or South Wilmington Grade School at 815.237.2281

Visit one of the following websites

[www.grundyspecial.ed.org](http://www.grundyspecial.ed.org)

<https://www.ggs72.org/>

<http://besprincipal.weebly.com/>

Or email [tfinn@swil74.org](mailto:tfinn@swil74.org)

### **5. What is the lottery and registration process for tuition preschool?**

- February 1, 2021 7:00am - February 19, 2021 5:00pm ~ Application window for the lottery
- February 22, 2021 ~ Lottery drawing (All families will be notified of the Lottery results, with appropriate instructions for next steps.)

- February 23, 2021-March 24, 2021 ~ Preschool registration forms and non-refundable first month's tuition due for children selected for the Grundy County Preschool program.
- Families who do not register and pay by the deadline will lose their tuition preschool slot and move to the bottom of the waitlist.

#### **6. How does the lottery work for families with multiple children?**

Each family should complete one lottery application per child. Multiples will be chosen as a family, not individually.

#### **7. What registration paperwork will be required?**

Families will complete registration paperwork for both their Home District and Gardner Grade School. Registration packets will be available to pick up at your home district.

### Tuition and Fees

#### **8. How much will it cost for my student to attend the tuition preschool program?**

Tuition for the Grundy County Preschool program is \$1,845, which is broken into 9 monthly payments of \$205. Tuition will not be waived, regardless of qualification for the National School Lunch Program.

#### **9. How will I make monthly payments?**

Families will submit ACH information or a credit card that will be automatically charged on the first of the month for the following month's tuition. There will be a fee associated with credit card payments, however ACH transactions will not include a fee.

Month of School	Payment Charge Date:
August/September	March 24, 2021
October	September 1, 2021
November	October 1, 2021
December	November 1, 2021
January	December 1, 2021
February	January 1, 2022
March	February 1, 2022
April	March 1, 2022
May	April 1, 2022

**10. What happens if my card is declined or there are insufficient funds available for the ACH?**

Families will have until the 1st of the next month to complete their payment. If the missed payment is not made by the next payment due date, the student will be withdrawn from the program and the space will be offered to the next student on the waitlist.

Schedule

**11. What attendance schedule will the tuition preschool follow?**

The preschool program will follow Gardner Grade School 72c attendance calendar. Students in the preschool program will not attend on shortened days when students are released early.

Waiting List

**12. How will I know if I am on the waiting list?**

Everyone who enters the lottery will be notified of the results on February 22, 2021. If you are selected for the program, you will receive registration information. If you are placed on the waiting list, you will be notified accordingly.

**13. How will the wait list work?**

Students will be randomly assigned a number through the lottery system. The first students will fill the slots available in the program. If a spot in the program becomes available, the next student on the wait list will be offered the slot.

Program Requirements

**14. Who is eligible for the tuition preschool program?**

Students who reside in Gardner Grade School, Braceville Elementary School or South Wilmington Grade School boundaries and are 3 years old on or before September 1st are eligible to apply for the tuition preschool program.

**15. Must students be potty trained to attend the tuition preschool program?**

No, students are not required to be potty trained to participate in the tuition preschool program. Staff will be available to support toileting needs. Parents will be responsible for supplying diapers/pull-ups, wipes and a change of clothes.

Other**16. Is transportation offered for students in the tuition preschool program?**

Families will be required to provide transportation for their student(s) in the tuition preschool program. Transportation will not be provided by the school.

**17. What orientation will be available for parents and students?**

Each teacher will provide an open house / orientation program for their families. Information about this will be provided prior to the start of the school year.

**18. What if I change my mind about tuition preschool?**

We strongly prefer that students who begin the preschool program, stay in the program for the full year. However, parents may at any time withdraw their child from the program. Families will not be refunded tuition fees paid for any months that the student attended one or more days.

**19. What if my student is evaluated and qualifies for special education service?**

If a student begins in the tuition program and then qualifies for special education services, they may be able to continue with their current teacher, if space is available. Charges for tuition will discontinue and they will receive a prorated refund for the month in which they were found eligible for special education services.

**20. Who should I contact for additional questions?**

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