

PRESCHOOL PILOT PROPOSAL 2024-2025

PROPOSAL: One mixed three/four year-old preschool room located at WLES

Why

- Community Need
- Attract and Retain Staff
- District Priority
- Opportunities for Purdue Partnership
- Transitions from PK to K in one building
- **EARLY INTERVENTION!**

When

- Starting school year 2024-2025
- Registration opening in May
- Minimum of 16 children (18 Maximum)
- Following the school calendar
- Preschool Day 8:00am - 3:00pm

Where

- WLES - Room TBD
- Need to relocate Essential Skills

Who

- Children less than five years-old on August 1, 2024 and turning four-years old by December 31, 2024.
- Children not already qualified for or served by the GLASS cooperative preschool program
- Children who are potty trained
- Children of staff - First priority (Staff status determined by ADM/Cash Transfer rules)
- Children living in WL School District Boundaries - Second priority
- All other children - Third priority

How

- Staffing includes Preschool Instructor and Preschool Paraprofessional
- Instructor Requirements: Valid teaching license required with Early Childhood Education endorsement or CDA required
- Staffing ratios to satisfy PTQ (2 Adults:10 Children with 3yo children)
- [Purdue Early Learning Matters Curriculum](#) 3-5 - Includes activities and assessments
- Curriculum identified as [IDOE High-Quality Curricular Materials](#)
- Principal oversee program - Essential Skills relocation
- Tuition -based program at market rate for tuition to ensure program is self-funded and sustainable
- Opportunities for meals onsite through food service
- Optional fee-based before and after program care
- Hire and create spaces in June and July to be ready for staff in late July and students in early August

Beyond a Pilot

- Pilot year helps gain understanding
- Pilot demonstrates a sincere commitment to early learning and intervention
- Pilot realizes a concept that has been discussed with much support for years
- Pilot year counts as a first year of operation toward attaining future Paths to Quality status
- Become OnMyWayPreK Certified
- Potential for grant funding: Examples - [Employer-Sponsored Childcare Fund](#), [Early Learning Indiana](#),