



First 8 Pre-K Classroom at The Early Learning & Research Center

In partnership with First 8 Memphis, The Early Learning & Research Center is proud to announce the addition of a needs-based pre-kindergarten classroom opening for the 2020-2021 academic year.

First 8 Memphis is a local non-profit devoted to serving Shelby County children and their families. First 8 Memphis provides the funding necessary for income-eligible children to access high-quality early childhood programming in an effort to ensure kindergarten readiness and future academic success.

Through intentional implementation of research-based curriculum and developmentally appropriate practices, classroom programming will develop pre-academic and social-emotional school readiness skills by focusing on the essential cognitive, physical, social, and emotional components of early childhood growth and development.

In addition to ensuring kindergarten readiness, students and families will receive wraparound support services through a collaboration with Porter-Leath. These services support students' healthy growth and development through screenings and direct family services with the long-term goal of building stronger children, stronger families, and a stronger Memphis.

This classroom is a free program for qualifying families of pre-kindergarten children. In order to qualify, children must be age 4 by August 15, 2020 and meet household income eligibility requirements. Priority enrollment will be given to children of full-time students, faculty, and staff at the University of Memphis.

To learn more about First 8, visit their website [here](#).

To review income eligibility, please review this **info sheet** attached.

To review mandatory documents to be uploaded, please review the **documentation sheet** attached.

Questions? Please email Ariana Glantz, avglantz@memphis.edu



To Apply:

Step 1: Please review the income eligibility **info sheet attached** and the mandatory documents to be uploaded **attached**.

Step 2: Please fill out the application found [here](#). Please be advised that the application must be completed fully before submission. In-person help will be offered June 29th and June 30th – see details below.

Step 3: Please submit mandatory supporting documents **attached**.

Step 4: The ELRC will contact families July 20th via email with enrollment status. Families will need to confirm their enrollment via email by July 24th.

Please make sure to have all documentation materials and information gathered before submitting your application. Incomplete applications will not be able to be processed.

Timeline:

- **Application Open:**
 - June 10, 2020
- **Application In-Person Help at the Early Learning & Research Center:**
 - June 29th: 8:30am -1pm. **Please bring all applicable eligibility documents with you to the help session. See attached.**
 - 3771 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111 - (901) 678-2120
 - June 30th: 2-6:30pm. **Please bring all applicable eligibility documents with you to the help session. See attached.**
 - 3771 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111 - (901) 678-2120
- **Applications Due:**
 - July 8
- **Decision Notification:**
 - July 20
- **Parent/Guardian Confirmation:**
 - July 24
- **First Day of School:**
 - Aug 10