MNPS Pre-K Program Fees During Virtual Learning
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 and state funding. Each funding source has different requirements, such as serving only low-income students or charging a fee.

How much do Pre-K programs cost?
Some Pre-K seats at schools have fees or income requirements and some do not. Fees are charged on a sliding scale and could range from $0-144 per child every week. The fee does not include before or after care.

Are families expected to pay Pre-K program fees for virtual learning?
Program fees will be assessed during virtual learning at a 25% reduce cost. MNPS is committed to providing a high-quality virtual Pre-K program by providing a researched based curriculum, technology devices and daily instruction in whole group, small group and weekly one on one meetings with classroom teachers.

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. Click on the Early Childhood Education webpage to make a payment.
- Cash (This option is only available when MNPS offices are open to the public): 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.

If I decided that my child is not going to participate in MNPS Pre-K virtual learning, can I hold my seat until the district offers in-person learning?
Pre-K seats cannot be held for families that do not participate in Pre-K virtual learning. If a family does not participate in virtual learning they will be withdrawn from their Pre-K seat. If a family decides to withdraw from the MNPS Pre-K program, they can reapply, and be placed on the school’s waiting list. Applicants will be placed in the order they appear on the waiting list as vacancies occur.
Does MNPS provide any tuition assistance for the MNPS Pre-K Program?
During virtual learning all families will qualify to receive a reduced rate. The tuition assistance program will resume once students return to in-person learning within the classroom. Families can apply for the tuition assistance program at that time to continue to receive the reduced tuition price.

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, MNPS provided 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 should this be capital??, should these be for consideration. For more information visit: https://www.mnps.org/early-childhood-education

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 175 instructional days of the 180 day instructional school calendar.

Can I receive a receipt for my payment?
Payments made online should receive a payment confirmation to an email address the payer enters while entering the online payments. Receipts are provided if payments are made in person at the Family Information Center located at the MNPS Board of Education (2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville TN 37204). Please note that currently the Family Information Center is not open to the public. MNPS will not provide receipts for payments submitted by mail.

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 or EarlyLearningPreK@mnps.org.