

GOVERNANCE**UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO A QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

In accordance with West Virginia's Universal Access to a Quality Early Education System Policy 2525 and West Virginia Policy 2419, the Ohio County Board of Education shall offer preschool for four-year-old children and three-year-old children as mandated by federal law. Therefore, each eligible child in Ohio County shall have access to a high quality Pre-K class. The Ohio County Schools preschool classrooms shall be voluntary and designed as readiness programs to meet the needs of all eligible children. By implementing universal preschool programs within the Ohio County School sites as well as in collaboration with existing, approved, licensed, accessible community agencies, a safe, secure and structured atmosphere will be offered to children

Therefore, each Ohio County Universal Pre-K classroom will be provided with the opportunity to develop building blocks for literacy; view children within the context of their family; utilize state approved curricular frameworks and assessments to inform and individualize instruction; employ staff with strong professional education preparation in child development and early childhood education; build on what children already know in order to consolidate their learning and foster acquisition of new concepts and skills through hands-on active exploration of their learning environment, problem solving, communication, creativity, and use of their imagination; and incorporate meaningful ways of communicating with and involving parents/guardians.

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