

K-EXCEL

Q. & A.

Q. What is K-Excel?

This program accompanies our regularly scheduled half-day kindergarten and extends the day for your child to be comparable to a full-day program. The intention for the program is to better prepare children for first grade by offering a core literacy program through enrichment.

Q. How is K-Excel funded?

The program is funded by the tuition costs. Some children are afforded a scholarship, funded by the BOE. Scholarships are determined by academic and financial needs. Academic needs are determined by a pre-K screening instrument. Financial needs are determined through parent request. Parents qualifying for free or reduced lunch programs are typically considered for financial need.

Q. What is the cost to attend?

\$300 per month; September – June. (\$3,000 annual tuition)

Q. Who is eligible for K-Excel?

Any child registered for Kindergarten at one of our four elementary schools, is eligible to register for K-Excel. Note: K-Excel registration is held on a different day from kindergarten registration. (see website for complete detail)

Q. How do I register my child?

Each Spring, the district sets specific in-person registration dates for each of the four elementary schools. The dates are posted on each elementary school's website. No registrations will be accepted prior to the in-person registration dates.

Q. Is a deposit required? And how is it applied?

If a seat is available, parents are required to place a \$300 deposit to secure a seat for their child at the time of registration. This deposit will be applied to the first month tuition for September. Typically, the deposit is used to hold a seat position through the annual K-Excel enrollment process.

Q. What form of payment is accepted?

The initial \$300.00 deposit must be in the form of check or money order – made payable to the Mount Olive Board of Education. Once the child starts school three payment options are available.

Check, money order, or PayForIt are acceptable means of payment once school begins. (Note: With the PayForIt option, processing fees apply.)

Q. Who are payments made payable to? Where are payments submitted?

Mount Olive Board of Education, 227 US Route 206, Suite 10 - Flanders, NJ 07836
Att: S. Nielsen, Business Office

You can mail a check or money order each month in the amount of \$300 to the address above. Be sure to include your child's name, school and indicate K-Excel program when submitting your payment. You can also make semi-annual or an annual payment. K-Excel payments will not be accepted at your child's school.

Q. Where is the program held?

The program is housed in each of the four elementary schools. (Note: Children who are on the wait list may be offered a spot at a school other than their home school.

Q. When are payments due?

Payment schedule:

Tuition for the Month of	Due date
September	\$300.00 deposit – for paid seat at time of registration
October	September 20th
November	October 20th
December	November 20th
January	December 20th
February	January 20th
March	February 20th
April	March 20th
May	April 20th
June	May 20th

Q. What if I’m late with my payment?

LATE PAYMENTS, of 10 days or more past due, are charged a **\$50 late fee**. The \$50 late fee and full payment must be received by the 10th of the following month, or the child will be dismissed from the program and his/her last day of attendance will be the last school day for that month.

Example: November’s payment is due on or before October 20th. If payment is not submitted on or before October 30th, a \$50 late fee is incurred. If the \$300 payment for November plus the \$50 late fee is not received by November 10th, the child’s last day in the K-Excel program will be November 30th and his/her seat will be offered to the next available student on the list.

Q. Is transportation provided?

Yes, the district will transport your child to and from school.

In the event children attend K-Excel in a school other than their regular neighborhood school, transportation is one way. The following example may apply:

Example:

I registered my child at Chester M. Stephens for Kindergarten. There are no more seats available. I accepted a seat for my child at Mountain View School for AM K-Excel. I am responsible for dropping my child to Mountain View for the K-Excel program. At the end of the AM K-Excel day, my child will take a bus back to Chester M. Stephens to have lunch, recess and attend the afternoon Kindergarten program. My child will take the bus home at the end of his/her school day.

Q. What time does K-Excel start/end?

The K-Excel start / end times mirror the Kindergarten program time frames at the school your child attends. You may visit our website at www.mtoliveboe.org and select your child’s elementary school to view the scheduled hours. You will also find our shortened session schedule and delayed opening schedule on the home page for your child’s school.

Q. What is the class size?

The class size is targeted for 20 children.

Q. What is the child/teacher ratio?

The child/teacher ratio is 20:1.

Q. Who cares for the children?

There is a certified instructors in every room. There is also a part-time teacher aide who will be supporting children during lunch, recess and center times.

Q. What activities/curriculum do the children follow?

The curriculum of the program is aligned to augment our K-5 balanced literacy program. Each child will have access to a computing device within the class and on-line phonics software to use in class and at home.

Q. How are scholarships awarded?

For every five paid children in a class, one scholarship is offered. Scholarships are awarded based on readiness scores, with consideration given to families with financial need. Therefore, a K-Excel class consisting of 20 children would include three scholarship children.

Q. How is financial need determined?

Families enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program may be eligible for a scholarship.

Q. Is lunch provided?

Children can purchase lunch at school or bring a lunch from home. Families with financial need may qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Q. Will the students have recess? Who oversees the students during lunch/recess?

There is a short recess immediately following lunch. Students are under the supervision of a teaching assistant during the lunch/recess.

Q. How are children selected for the program?

Children are registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the paid spots are filled, students are placed on a wait list. There are specific in person K-Excel registration dates for each elementary school. No registrations will occur prior to the in-person registration dates.

Q. What occurs when there are more children than there are spots?

If a class fills up, students are placed on a waitlist. A \$100 deposit is required for the wait list. If a seat becomes available, the next child on the list will be moved from the wait list to the K-Excel program in the order they were placed on the wait list. When a child is moved from the wait list to a paid seat, parents will be required to pay the additional \$200, (for a combined total of \$300 deposit.

Q. What happens if a child withdraws from program?

If a child withdraws from the program, any remaining tuition paid will be refunded to the parent from the beginning of the 1st day of the following month.

Q. What are the other services provided?

A school nurse is available during the day as is special education support personnel (speech therapies, etc. for those that qualify for the services).

Q. What happens in the event of a calendar change? (shortened session, delayed openings, early dismissals)

Kindergarten sessions alternate on shortened session and delayed opening days. Fall and Spring conference days are determined at the start of each school year so parents should plan accordingly.

Delayed openings and early dismissals tend to cause an imbalance from time to time in the number of cancelled sessions for any one group. The district tracks these days and makes adjustments to balance them out. It is imperative that parents listen to the Honeywell instant alerts or visit the website www.mtoliveboe.org on days of inclement weather for instructions.