



Prince George's County Public Schools Early Childhood Program

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2011 – 2012 Prekindergarten Registration

Prince George's County Public School's Prekindergarten eligibility requirements are aligned with the **Maryland Code of Regulations (COMAR)**. **COMAR 13A.06.03 A.-B.**, states a local school system is required to enroll 4 year-old children from families with economically disadvantaged backgrounds or who are homeless whose parents seek to enroll them. If all vacancies have not been filled by children meeting the eligibility criteria, a local school system may enroll 4 year-old children who are not from families with economically disadvantaged backgrounds but who represent a student population that exhibits a lack of readiness in personal and social development, language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific thinking, social studies, the arts, or physical development and health. In Prince George's County Public Schools, lack of readiness is determined through special education eligibility and an Individualized Education Program team placement.

Families may apply for Prekindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year if your child is four years old by September 1, 2011 and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- **meets the income guidelines set by the US Department of Agriculture for free and reduced meals**
 - No above income families will be placed on a waiting list or enrolled in Prekindergarten
- **registered with the Homeless Office**
- **demonstrates developmental delays or is at risk for developmental delays as identified by an IEP placement**

Parents/Guardians seeking early entrance must complete the prekindergarten and early entrance applications available at the boundary school. Early entrance will only be considered for children turning four (4) years of age between September 2 and October 15, of the school year for which they are requesting early entrance. Applicants for early entrance will be placed on a waiting list in the order the applications are received by the Early Childhood Office. No applications for early entrance will be accepted after August 1st.

Prekindergarten registration is scheduled at boundary elementary schools from April 11th thru June 1st. After June 1st, parents can apply for prekindergarten at any elementary school on a space available basis. **Transportation will only be provided to students attending their boundary elementary schools.**

Under the proposed budget for next school year, 2011-2012, the Prekindergarten program will be half-day with morning and afternoon sessions. The budget is not yet final. If the program is half day, sessions will be assigned based on the transportation route. More information regarding the length of the day will be provided when available.

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