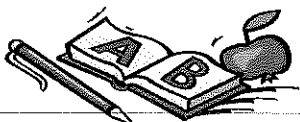


Who is eligible* for Carroll County Public Schools' (CCPS) Prekindergarten Program?

- There is **no cost** to parents who meet the eligibility requirements.
- Children of families who qualify under the *Free and Reduced Meal* income guidelines.
- Children who are homeless.
- Children in foster care.
- All eligible children must be residents of Carroll County.
- All eligible children must be 4 years old on or before September 1st.
- If there are spaces left over, CCPS may enroll children who have school readiness needs. However, all economically disadvantaged children will be enrolled.



Did you know...

- Transportation is provided to most students, but is not guaranteed.
- The prekindergarten schedule will be published in the public school informational calendar.
- Classes generally start after Labor Day and meet five days a week for 2 1/2 hours per day.

Where is Pre-K Provided?

Pre-K is provided at the following CCPS Elementary Schools:

- Carrolltowne
- Cranberry Station
- Ebb Valley
- Eldersburg
- Elmer Wolfe
- Hampstead
- Linton Springs
- Manchester
- Mechanicsville
- Parr's Ridge
- Robert Moton
- Runnymede
- Sandymount
- Spring Garden
- Taneytown
- Westminster
- William Winchester
- Winfield

Interested in Pre-K

for your child?

Ask your school

secretary for an

interest form today!

A Typical Pre-K Day

Opening

Welcome song Weather Calendar

Whole-group Literacy Block

Books and stories, songs and rhymes, alphabet

Small-group Literacy Block

Oral language, concepts about print, phonemic awareness, letter knowledge

Center Time

Dramatic play, literacy centers, blocks enhanced with math manipulatives

Science projects

Cooking

Mathematics Block

Number concepts, sorting, and patterns

Outdoor play

Physical, motor, and social activities

Note: This is a sample schedule. Day to day activities will vary based on students' needs and concepts being taught.



Other notes of interest:

- Average class ratio is one teacher and one assistant to 20 children.
- Either breakfast or lunch is offered depending on the time of the class.

What is Public Pre-K?



The main goal of Pre-K is to provide learning experiences to help young children build their skills so that they may be fully ready to learn when they enter kindergarten.

These experiences focus on the following areas:

- ⇒ Well-being and motor development
- ⇒ Language & Literacy
- ⇒ Mathematical Thinking
- ⇒ Scientific Thinking
- ⇒ Social Studies



To determine if your child is eligible for Pre-K in Carroll County please contact:

The CCPS Department of Curriculum and Instructional Resources at

410-751-3101

For Interpretation Services call

410-386-1699

Additional Resources

Judy Center 410-751-3613

Online Resources

Maryland Family Network

www.marylandfamilynetwork.org

Fred Rogers Center

www.fredrogers.org

MSDE Early Learning Division

www.mdpublicschools.org

Ready at Five

www.readyatfive.org

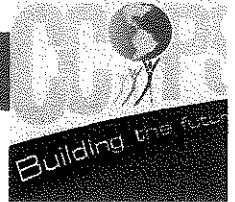
Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning in Maryland

www.csefel.vanderbilt.edu

TTY Line: 410-751-3034

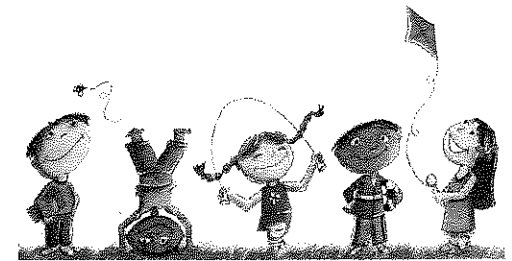
Language Assistance Line:

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Pre-K

an intervention for eligible* 4-year-old children in Maryland



"A growing body of research shows that the first years in a child's life are the foundation for school success."

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