



JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your interest in our JCPS Pre-k classrooms. With this letter you will find the following items:

- A checklist to remind you of the all the required items for returning the application
- A consent to share information with the NC Pre-k Office form
- A child application (please complete pages 1-3 and make plans to get the medical form completed)

As a state and federally funded program we use multiple criteria to determine who will be placed in our classrooms. Placement is not first come first serve, however it is important that you return your application by **April 6, 2022** to be considered in the initial selection group. After we receive your completed application **with** proof of your child's date of birth and income information related to the parent(s) in the home with the child we will contact you to schedule a screening date. The screening score along with other criteria will be used to select the students who place into our program. We hope to inform families of placement in the program by May 31, 2022.

It is also important for you to know that our JCPS pre-k programs operate on the regular school calendar and close when the school system closes for inclement weather, holidays, and breaks. We are not able to provide afterschool care for pre-k aged students. Their school day ends at 3:00 pm. Parent and family involvement is very important at this age in your child's development and we are excited to work with you as a team to meet the needs of your child.

Please feel free to contact me at ldills@jcpsmail.org or Kelli Bumgarner at kbumgarner@jcpsmail.org with questions about income, family size, etc. You may also call 828-586-2311 extension 1939 with questions.

Applications must be returned to Kelli Bumgarner at Jackson County Public Schools, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva or emailed to kbumgarner@jcpsmail.org. Families living in the Blue Ridge School district may return applications to Blue Ridge School. We look forward to receiving your application by April 6, 2022

Thank you,

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