



Jackson County School System

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Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment Guidelines

Purpose of Jackson County's Pre-K Program

The purpose of Jackson County's Pre-K Program, funded by the Georgia Lottery, is to provide full day (6.5 hours of instructional services), five days per week of appropriate educational/instructional services to eligible four-year old children.

Eligibility for Pre-Kindergarten Program

Pre-Kindergarten students must be four years old on or by September 1, 2023.

Enrollment for Pre-Kindergarten Program

Parents/guardians must register Pre-Kindergarten children for the school he/she is zoned to attend. Priority is given to children within a school's attendance zone. **An exception applies only to children of full-time employees of the Jackson County School System.** Students from outside a school's attendance zone will be considered if all spaces are not filled with students who live within their attendance zone.

Lottery Drawing & Waiting Lists

A Pre-K lottery drawing for Jackson County Schools will be held to determine initial enrollment. Once the drawing is complete, **all** applicants will receive notification by mail. If a child is not selected during the initial lottery drawing, he/she will be placed on the waiting list **only if the Waiting List Information Form is returned.** The waiting list will be first come first served based on the order the **Waiting List Information Form** was received either by email or personal delivery to the Jackson County Board Office.

After the initial drawing, a child's name may be placed on multiple Jackson County schools' waiting lists. However, once enrolled in another Pre-K Program in Jackson County (private or public), the child will **not** be considered for an opening at a Jackson County School.

When initial enrollment numbers do not exceed class space, the school will continue to accept applications until the last business day in June. If there are no additional applicants during this time, the Pre-K director will move to the "out of attendance zone waiting list." Once this list has been exhausted, the director will move to the "out of district waiting list."

If a seat becomes available during the school year, the Pre-K director will select the next student on the "in attendance zone" waiting list. Once this list has been exhausted, the director will move to the "out of attendance zone waiting list." Out of district applicants are last priority.

A child enrolled in a Jackson County Pre-K class who has attended at least 5 months and moves into another attendance area or county in Georgia, he/she may continue to participate in the class if the parents can provide transportation. Attendance must be regular. Late arrivals and early dismissals should occur only in the event of an emergency.