



Jackson County School System

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Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment Guidelines

Purpose of Jackson County's Pre-K Program

The Jackson County Pre-K Program, funded by the Georgia Lottery, aims to provide eligible four-year-old children with full-day (6.5 hours of instructional services), five days a week of appropriate educational and instructional services.

Eligibility for the Pre-Kindergarten Program

To be eligible for the Pre-Kindergarten Program, children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2025.

Enrollment in the Pre-Kindergarten Program

Parents/guardians must register their Pre-Kindergarten children for the school they are zoned to attend. Priority is given to children within the school's attendance zone. **An exception is made for children of full-time employees of the Jackson County School System.** Students from outside a school's attendance zone may be considered only if all available spaces are filled by children residing within the zone.

Lottery Drawing & Waiting Lists

A lottery drawing for Jackson County Schools will determine initial enrollment. **All** applicants will receive notification by mail after the drawing. If a child is not selected, they will be placed on the waiting list only if the **Waiting List Information Form** is submitted. The waiting list operates on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the order of completed applications received.

After the initial drawing, a child's name may be placed on multiple waiting lists for Jackson County schools. However, if a child enrolls in another Pre-K program (public or private) in Jackson County, they will no longer be considered for openings at a Jackson County School.

If initial enrollment numbers do not exceed class capacity, applications will continue to be accepted until the last business day in June. If there are no additional applicants during this period, the Pre-K director will move to the "out of attendance zone waiting list." Once this list is exhausted, the director will proceed 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 from the "in attendance zone" waiting list. Once this list is exhausted, the director will then move to the "out of attendance zone waiting list." Out-of-district applicants will be given the lowest priority.

A child enrolled in a Jackson County Pre-K class who has attended for at least five months and moves to another attendance area or county in Georgia may continue to participate in the class, provided their parents can arrange transportation. Regular attendance is required, with late arrivals and early dismissals limited to emergency situations.