

# Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is bringing quality half-day and full day pre-kindergarten to 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania.

## Why does my child need to attend a high quality pre-kindergarten program?

Quality pre-kindergarten prepares children for reading and math, but also for paying attention, following directions and getting along with others.

Enrolling your child in quality pre-kindergarten means your child has a better chance of being ready for kindergarten. With a strong early start in pre-kindergarten, they have a better chance of doing well in school, going to college or career training, and getting a good job. All of this can start by enrolling your child in PA Pre-K Counts!

## What can I expect from a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts classrooms will:

- have teachers with the education and expertise to teach young children;
- use a curriculum that will help your child grow, academically and socially;
- regularly review your child's progress and choose teaching and learning activities that are best for your child;
- help you and your child adjust to pre-kindergarten and smoothly move on to kindergarten;
- offer a small class size so your child can have plenty of one-on-one time with the teachers.



### Who is eligible for PA Pre-K Counts?

PA Pre-K Counts is designed for children who: are between age 3 and until the entry age for kindergarten; and live in families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level.

Each program offering PA Pre-K Counts classrooms has their own guidelines. If your child falls into these categories, you may be eligible to apply.

### How much does PA Pre-K Counts cost?

PA Pre-K Counts is free to families.

The portion of the day that is funded through PA Pre-K Counts is free to families; the program may charge for additional portions of the day (wraparound child care, etc.)

For more information visit [www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov)

### How can I enroll my child in PA Pre-K Counts?

Contact the PA Pre-K Counts program directly for enrollment information. There are PA Pre-K Counts classrooms in most of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. To find one near you, visit [www.findchildcare.pa.gov](http://www.findchildcare.pa.gov) and search for your city and child's age.



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