



2025 – 2026 Registration Timeline

PRE-KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION TIMELINES

NOTE: The only way to secure a seat in an FCS GA Pre-K classroom prior to June 1, 2025 is through this Lottery Application process. The FCS Pre-K program is funded through DECAL Bright from the Start. Lottery funding is never guaranteed, and classes are pending until state funding is awarded.

Date/Time Frame	Task	Location
Jan. 23 - March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Post and distribute Pre-Kindergarten Lottery Application flyer ▪ Advertise the lottery application dates throughout the community on school websites, newsletters, digital and lettered marquees, social media sites, school messenger, Class Dojo, local businesses, faith-based organizations, apartment complexes, homeowner’s associations, laundromats, pediatrician offices, etc. 	Local Schools
Jan. 23 - March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents use the Qualtrics link to complete the Lottery Application for the FCS Pre-Kindergarten program 	Online
March 6 – March 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Early Childhood Department will organize and send applicants’ information to schools 	FCS Early Childhood Dept.
March 12 – March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schools verify eligibility of applicants for ‘in school zone’ and ‘out of school zone’ status. ▪ NOTE: For schools involved in redistricting, please verify the correct ‘in zone school’ for families. 	Local Schools; data clerk
March 19 - 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact families to provide them with their lottery application information [‘in school zone’ or ‘out of school zone’] and lottery drawing number 	Local Schools; data clerk
March 24 – March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schools conduct virtual school-based lottery drawings 	Local Schools
March 27 – March 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notify parents regarding their status (either offer a seat into the class or placement on the waiting list) ▪ Provide parents with a deadline, April 30, for completing online registration or for completing and submitting the DECAL Bright from the Start Waiting List Form 	Local Schools; data clerk
March 29 – April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Families complete online registration and upload all documents into Infinite Campus OR submit the DECAL Bright from the Start Waiting List Form to the school data clerk 	Local Schools; data clerk
May 1 – 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review online registration applications: Data clerks must verify birth certificates and residency documents and contact families that need to provide additional documents. DECAL Bright from the Start will only permit children with the completed proof of age and proof of residency documents to enroll in the class. 	Local Schools; data clerk
May 20 – June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact parents that have been offered seats in the Pre-Kindergarten program that are missing documents to confirm plans for attendance and to collect documents. Contact the Early Childhood Department to discuss situations where parents are unable to provide the required proof of birth and proof of residency documents. ▪ Contact parents on the ‘in school zone’ and ‘out of school zone’ waiting lists, based on the guidance in the registration policy 	Local Schools; data clerk
June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed Checklist for Student Files submitted to the Early Childhood Department prekregistration@fultonschools.org 	Local Schools; data clerk
July 14 – August 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact parents that have been offered seats in the Pre-Kindergarten program that are missing documents to confirm plans for attendance and to collect documents ▪ Contact parents on the ‘in school zone’ and ‘out of school zone’ waiting lists, based on the guidance in the registration policy 	Local Schools; data clerk
August 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact the parents of students that do not show up on the first day of school and confirm the reason the student was a ‘no show’ ▪ Inform the parent that the child will forfeit their seat if not present on the 2nd day of school 	Local Schools; Pre-K teacher

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August 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For students who were not in attendance at school on the 1st day and are not in attendance on the 2nd day, remove them from the class list, and begin the process of offering the seat to children based on the registration policy.	Local Schools; data clerk
August 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any remaining GENERAL EDUCATION seats should be released and filled following the registration policy.	Local Schools; data clerk

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