

Fulton County Schools 2025 – 2026 Pre-K Lottery Application and Registration  
Frequently Asked Questions

**I would like to register my child for Fulton County Schools (FCS) Pre-K. How do I know if my child is eligible for a seat in the FCS Pre-K?**

- To be eligible for participation in the FCS Pre-K program for the 2025 – 2026 school year your child must be **four years old at 11:59 pm on September 1, 2025**. The child's birthday must be between September 2, 2020 - September 1, 2021.
- Your child must live within [Fulton County Schools' attendance zone 2025 - 2026](#).
- FCS employees are eligible to apply and are considered 'in-school zone' for every FCS elementary school.
- Parents of twins and other multiples will register using the same lottery number, but each child will receive their own lottery entry.

**My child is eligible to attend the FCS Pre-K program. What is the Pre-K Lottery?**

- To ensure that the FCS Pre-K seats are allocated equitably, each school that houses a Pre-K program holds a lottery.
- Parents register for the lottery through March 5, 2025.
- All children who are **age AND address eligible** for attendance in the FCS Pre-K are then placed in a school-based lottery.
- School-based lotteries are conducted first with the 'in-school zone' students and then with the 'out-of-school zone' students.

**How do I apply for the Pre-K lottery?**

- Families access the online lottery application by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/preklottery2026> through March 5, 2025. **Please note:** The application process should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. The lottery will close on **March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. Lottery applications will NOT be accepted after this date.**
- Select your child's school attendance zone, or home school.
- Attendance at your home school creates an easier transition to kindergarten. School bus transportation is provided for those students attending their home school, also called 'in-school zone'.
- Attendance at an 'out-of-school zone' will require that the family provide transportation to and from the school.

**What do I do after I register for the lottery?**

- Each school will contact families to provide their individual lottery numbers prior to March 20, 2025 (**please keep this number in a safe place**).

**When will the actual lottery be held?**

- Each school will host their own lottery on either **March 24, 25, or 26, 2025**.
- Lotteries will be held virtually and will be recorded.
- All applicants will be informed of the results through a school chosen method.
- Results of the lottery will also be posted on the front of the school doors by the end of the day on **March 28, 2025**.

**What happens if my child does not get a seat in the Pre-K class at my home school?**

- If your child does not receive a seat through the lottery, he or she will be placed on the school waitlist.
- If a spot becomes available, the school will contact families beginning with the 'in-school zone' waitlist families.
- The 'out-of-school zone' families will be contacted once all 'in-school zone' families are placed and if there are available seats.

**If my child lives outside of Fulton County Schools' attendance zone, is he/she eligible to participate in the FCS Pre-K program?**

- If your home address is not zoned for Fulton County Schools, you are not eligible to participate. To verify that your address is zoned for FCS [click here](#).
- FCS employees are considered 'in-school zone' for every FCS elementary school for FCS Pre-K.



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**If I register for the lottery with my current home school and my home address is redistricted, which school will I enter the lottery for?**

- Prior to the actual drawing in March, all 'in school zone' addresses reported in the lottery are verified. For those families whose reported home school differs, all efforts will be made to contact the family with the updated home school information and the child will be placed in the correct home school, or 'in school zone' school lottery.

**My child is eligible for kindergarten but has not participated in a state funded Pre-K program. Are they eligible to enroll in the FCS Pre-K?**

- If your child is age-eligible for Kindergarten, please contact your school for Kindergarten registration information.
- For the 2025 – 2026 school year, the FCS Pre-K program is only available to students born between September 2, 2020 - September 1, 2021.

**I'd like to ensure that my child has a seat in an FCS Pre-K classroom. May I apply to more than one school?**

- If your home school has an FCS Pre-K program, you will apply to your home school. You may also apply to one additional school as an 'out-of-school zone' student.
- If your home school ('in-school zone') does not have a Pre-K class, you will apply to two 'out-of-school zone' schools.
- Note: Out-of-school zone students must provide their own transportation daily.

**Are there other Georgia's Pre-K classrooms in my area?**

- Many early learning centers and day care centers have Georgia's Pre-K classrooms. Please search for Pre-K locations by clicking [here](#) or by contacting 1-877-ALL GA Kids (1-877-255-4254).

**The lottery has taken place, and my child was selected for a seat. What do I do?**

- Your school will provide information regarding registration in the FCS online registration system.
- To secure a seat, online registration must be completed by **April 30, 2025**. The following documents must be uploaded at the time of registration: Birth Certificate or proof of age, proof of residency, social security card or waiver, and for those receiving Category 1 services, Category 1 documents [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or SSI (Supplemental Security Income) or Medicaid or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or Child and Parent Services (CAPS) program]. Please refer to FCS acceptable documentation for proof of birth and proof of residency.
- Only those Pre-K students who are notified by the school are eligible to register for the FCS Pre-K in the online registration system.
- **Registrations are not complete until the school has verified all documentation.**
- **NOTE: The FCS Pre-Kindergarten program is funded through DECAL Bright from the Start. Lottery funding is never guaranteed, and classes are pending until state funding is awarded.**

**The lottery has taken place, and my child was placed on the waiting list. How can I find out if he/she has moved up on the list?**

- You must complete a waiting list form and submit it to the data clerk at the school by **April 30, 2025** to remain on the waiting list.
- As your child moves up on the waiting list, the school will contact you with further registration information.

**There are no seats available at the school that I have chosen. What do I do now?**

- All FCS schools with Pre-K classes maintain a waiting list of students who are interested in attending Pre-K. You will need to contact each school that you are interested in and request that your child's name be placed on their waiting list. The school will contact you directly if a seat becomes available for your child.
- You may also search for additional Pre-K sites in your area by using the online [Provider Search](#) (instructions provided on the search page) or contact 1-877-ALL GA Kids (1-877-255-4254).



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**I did not participate in the lottery. What can I do now?**

- The only way to secure a seat in an FCS Pre-K classroom prior to June 1, 2025 is through this lottery process.
- Contact the school in your attendance zone for guidance. You will either receive a seat or be placed on the waiting list.
- Once the families from the lottery have either received a seat in a Pre-K class or are placed on a waiting list, families who did not participate in the lottery may be offered either a seat, if one is available based on the registration guidelines, or be placed on the waiting list.

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For additional questions and information, please contact the Early Childhood Department at 470-254-4574 or contact [prekregistration@fultonschools.org](mailto:prekregistration@fultonschools.org).



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