



Calvert County Public Schools

PreK and Kindergarten

Staggered Start Schedule

2025-2026

Welcome to school! PreK and Kindergarten children participate in a staggered start to school schedule each year. This staggered start schedule for the first week of school will allow students to experience a smoother transition and allow staff members time to build stronger relationships with students and parents in support of continued academic and social emotional growth. Staggered Start helps young children reduce anxiety, build community, and start their formal education in Calvert County Public Schools in a smaller educational setting with more individualized attention. This time will allow teachers an opportunity to get to know students better and understand their personal strengths and needs through individual assessments, parent conferences, and observation. The following programs participate in Staggered Start: PreK4, Head Start 3, Head Start 4, Special Education PreK3, Special Education PreK4, Kindergarten, and Primary Special Education Regional Program (K students only).

Tuesday, August 26 or Wednesday, August 27: Conference Days

- Individual conferences will be scheduled on one of these two days to specifically discuss your child, learning expectations, and to answer any questions.
- Schools will contact parents to schedule a conference date and time.
- PreK and Kindergarten children **MUST** attend the conference with their parent/guardian to participate in baseline assessments, see the classroom, and meet the staff. Children only attend during the designated conference time.
- Please bring your child's school supplies, a change of clothes labeled with your child's name, and medication with doctor's orders to your conference.

Thursday, August 28 or Friday, August 29: Reduced Class Days

- PreK and Kindergarten classes are divided by the school for attendance.
- Schools will contact parents to share which day their child should attend.
- Special Education PreK3 children only attend on Thursday as classes are not held on Fridays.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

NOTE: All PreK and Kindergarten students begin attending school daily on Tuesday, September 2.