



Charleston County School District
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Media Release

Application process for CCSD's Early Learning programs opens today

Charleston, SC (January 7, 2026) – Charleston County School District (CCSD) will start accepting Pre-K/Child Development (Pre-Kindergarten) applications, Head Start, and Early Head Start programs for the 2026-2027 school year on Tuesday, January 7, 2026 at noon. Children who enroll in these programs attend at no cost to the family.

In CCSD Head Start and Early Head Start, children receive services from birth to three years old and pregnant women through center-based and home-based services. For Head Start and Early Head Start eligibility, families must meet certain guidelines, and the child must meet specific age requirements. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funds both of these programs.

Families are asked to provide the following information to apply for Early Head Start and Head Start:

- Proof of their gross income for the past 12 months
- Proof of the child's age
- Proof of residency
- Up-to-date South Carolina Immunization Certificate
- Medicaid card or private insurance
- Current physical exam and current dental exam
- Proof of pregnancy (for pregnant woman applying for Early Head Start)

Applications for Head Start and Early Head Start will be available January 7, 2026 on the CCSD website, www.ccsdschools.com.

CCSD's Pre-K/Child Development programs are designed to develop skills necessary for success in Kindergarten. The curriculum is comprehensive, with a primary focus on language and literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development.

Parents can choose between two ways to apply:

1. Online at <https://ccsdschools.schoolmint.com>



2. Paper form; for a copy, call the Early Learning Department at (843) 937-7914 or email ccsdprek@charleston.k12.sc.us

For additional information, contact the Early Learning Department at (843) 937-7914 or the Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.