

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Funded by a grant from DECAL Bright from the Start (BFTS), Fulton County Schools (FCS) offers 94 Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) classrooms in 50 elementary schools.

The FCS Pre-K program develops independent, confident, and enthusiastic learners by promoting positive habits and daily routines. Using a child-centered approach, teachers support learning through exploration, initiative, and collaboration with peers and adults while providing developmentally appropriate activities that prepare children to be socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively ready for success in Kindergarten.

Families receive guidance and support to help ensure a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

ELIGIBILITY

Only students who are four (4) years of age at 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2026 **AND** live within the Fulton County Schools attendance zone are eligible to enroll in the 2026 – 2027 FCS Pre-K program. Families must provide proof of birth (age) **and** proof of residency to register for the program.

A child who is five (5) years of age on September 1, 2026, **AND** has not attended Georgia's Pre-K Program as a four-year-old, 2026 **AND** lives within the Fulton County Schools attendance zone may enroll in the Pre-K program. If enrolled, families of children who are five (5) years of age on September 1, 2026, and age eligible for kindergarten must sign a **Parent Acknowledgement Form** indicating that the child did not previously attend Georgia's Pre-K Program for longer than 30 instructional days.

NOTE: Eligibility is limited to children who have not previously participated in a Bright from the Start Funded Georgia's Pre-K Program, as a child may only enroll in Georgia's Pre-K Program once.

2026 – 2027 PRE-K LOCATIONS

* Inclusion Class locations

A. Phillip Randolph ES	Findley Oaks ES *	Mountain Park ES
Abbotts Hill ES	C. H. Gullatt ES	New Prospect ES *
Alpharetta ES	Hamilton Holmes ES	Oakley ES
Asa Hilliard ES	Hapeville ES *	Palmetto ES
Barnwell ES	Heards Ferry ES *	Renaissance ES*
Briar Hills ES *	Hembree Springs ES *	River Eves ES
Brookview ES	Heritage ES	Roswell North *
Campbell ES *	High Point ES	Seaborn Lee ES
Cliftondale ES	Hillside ES *	Shakerag ES
Cogburn Woods ES	Ison Springs ES	State Bridge Crossing ES *
College Park ES *	Lake Forest ES *	Stonewall Tell ES
Crabapple Crossing ES	Liberty Point ES	Summit Hill ES *
Dolvin ES	Love T. Nolan ES	Sweet Apple ES *
Dunwoody Springs ES *	Manning Oaks ES	Vickery Mill ES
E. C. West ES	Mary McLeod Bethune ES *	Wolf Creek ES *
Esther Jackson ES *	Medlock Bridge ES	Woodland ES
Feldwood ES	Mimosa ES	

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PRE-K CLASS SIZES

- General Education Pre-K classes: 20 students
- Inclusion Pre-K classes: 18 students
 - 12 general education students and 6 students with IEPs

Special Education seats in the inclusion class and school location assignments are filled through the Preschool Special Education Department.

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS PRE-K REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Because the FCS Pre-K program is funded through a grant, class sizes are limited per the BFTS Operating Guidelines. To ensure that the seats are allocated equitably, each school that houses a Pre-K class hosts a lottery in the spring prior to enrollment. As of May, 2026, the lottery is complete and families have either received a seat in the class or been placed on a waiting list.

Please read the information below regarding enrollment at this time for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

Families who meet age and residency eligibility requirements (and have not attended a BFTS funded GA Pre-K program) may attend a Pre-K classroom at any FCS elementary school that offers the program. Transportation is only provided by FCS for a family's home school. Families apply to schools as an 'in school zone' (families that live within the school attendance zone) or 'out of school zone' (families that live within the FCS attendance zone, but outside of the school attendance zone). Families designated as 'in school zone' have priority over families designated as 'out of school zone'.

For the purposes of Pre-K, all FCS employees are considered 'in school zone' for all schools, however transportation is only available for the FCS school their home address is districted for.

Registration and wait lists for all FCS Pre-K classrooms are managed by the data clerk at each participating school. For information about availability or assistance with enrollment, parents should contact the data clerk at their local elementary school.

I. Filling Classroom Seats

1. Prior to the 1st day of school, if a general education classroom has less than 16 students (including the principal spots) and no 'in school zone' wait list, seats should be filled with students on the 'out of school zone' wait list until the total number of enrolled students in the class is 16. The remaining 4 seats will be reserved for 'in school zone' students until the end of the 3rd day of school.
2. As long as there are available general education seats in the classroom, continue to fill with students (first with 'in school zone' and then with 'out of school zone' students). For example, if all 'in school zone' students have received seats and there are 13 students in a general education class, and the principal has 2 seats to fill, that means that 15 seats are accounted for. You may fill 1 seat with 'out of school zone' students. You now have 16 students in the classroom. The remaining 4 general education seats are to be filled with any 'in school zone' students that enroll from this point through the 3rd day of school.

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3. At the end of the 3rd day of school, any remaining general education seats, including the principal seats, will be filled with students first from the 'in school zone' and then from the 'out of school zone' waiting lists.
4. If there are general education openings at any time during the school year, students that live in the school's attendance zone will have priority over students living outside of the attendance zone.
5. The Early Childhood Department reserves the right to use available seats for children who meet age and residency eligibility requirements AND are experiencing homelessness, in foster care, from military families, and/or experiencing other hardships that may require placement (Bright from the Start Enrollment Guidelines).

II. Wait list information

1. To be placed, and to remain on the wait list, families must complete the DECAL Bright from the Start Georgia's Pre-K Waiting List Information Form ([English Form](#) [Spanish Form](#)). This must be kept with the data clerk.
2. Upon receipt of the completed DECAL Bright from the Start Georgia's Pre-K Waiting List Information Form, the data clerk must record the date and the time received at the top of the document and enter the information required into the Bright from the Start Waiting List Template to be provided by the Early Childhood Department.

III. Class Placements

1. Schools reserve the right to change classes after the ten-day count.
2. Parents may request that twins/multiples be placed in the same classroom prior to the beginning of the school year.
3. 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.

PROOF OF AGE ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with Bright from the Start (BFTS) operating guidelines, all children must have valid proof of age on file with FCS prior to attending Pre-K classes. This documentation is required to verify eligibility and ensure grant compliance before a child may begin participation in the program.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION

All children must have a Certificate of Immunization on file, except for those in exempted categories, **within the first 30 calendar days of entering the program**. Department of Public Health (DPH) Form 3231 must be used for this purpose. Form 3231 must have either the 'date of expiration' or 'school attendance' block checked.

Georgia law allows for two types of exemptions from the immunization requirements: medical and religious.

- Medical exemptions are used when it is deemed medically necessary for the health of the child. A medical exemption **must** be marked on DPH Form 3231. A letter from a physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, or physician assistant attached to DPH Form 3231 will not be accepted as a medical exemption. Medical exemptions are valid for a one-year period.
- Religious exemptions are used when families object to vaccinations on religious grounds. The only acceptable affidavit used to register a religious objection to required vaccinations is the Georgia DPH Form 2208. Religious affidavits must be notarized and kept on file. Religious affidavits do not expire.

CERTIFICATE OF VISION, HEARING, DENTAL, AND NUTRITION SCREENING

All children attending Georgia's Pre-K program must have a Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental, and Nutrition screening Department of Public Health (DPH) Form 3300 on file **within 90 calendar days of entering the program**. DPH Form 3300 is intended to ensure that every child in Georgia is screened for potential problems with their vision, hearing, teeth, and nutrition. The vision, hearing, dental, and nutrition screenings reported on DPH Form 3300 must have been conducted within 12 months prior to the start of the Pre-K program.

- If DPH Form 3300 is marked 'Needs Further Professional Evaluation', families are encouraged to take the child to a professional for a more detailed evaluation. Parents should provide documentation indicating their follow-up efforts. Schools should maintain follow-up documentation in Infinite Campus (i.e., updated certificate, doctor's notes, scheduled appointments, information from parents, etc.).