

New Philadelphia City Schools

Ohio Preschool Program (OPP) Family Information Guide

What is the Ohio Preschool Program (OPP)?

The Ohio Preschool Program (OPP), formerly known as the Early Childhood Education Grant, provides high-quality preschool opportunities to eligible children by funding highly rated preschool programs across Ohio.

Who is Eligible?

- Children ages 3-5 who are not yet eligible for kindergarten.
- Children who meet citizenship requirements.
- Families with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Children with categorical eligibility, including IEPs, homelessness, foster care, kinship care, and certain public assistance programs.

How Do Families Apply?

1. Complete an OPP application through Ohio Benefits or your local County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS).
2. Submit required documentation, including proof of citizenship, income (if applicable), and documentation supporting categorical eligibility.
3. Work with an OPP-eligible preschool provider for assistance if needed.

Where to Find More Information

Visit the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY), Ohio Benefits Self-Service Portal, Ohio Child Care Search, or the DCY Family and Customer Support Center.