

Prekindergarten

Charles County Public School offers Prekindergarten programs at all 22 elementary schools.

Full-day Prekindergarten Programs:

- Arthur Middleton
- C. Paul Barnhart
- Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer
- Dr. Brown
- Dr. Mudd
- Eva Turner
- Indian Head
- J.C. Parks
- J.P. Ryon
- Mary H. Matula
- Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy
- Walter J. Mitchell
- William B. Wade



Morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) half-day PreK programs are offered at all other elementary schools.

You **must** apply for PreK at the school you are zoned for based on your home address. School Change requests are NOT accepted for PreK.

PreK programs in some schools are designated inclusion programs for preschool-aged special-needs children, as well as typically-developing children.

The goal of the PreK program is to prepare children socially, emotionally, physically, and academically for Kindergarten and beyond.

1. Who can apply for PreK?

To be considered for PreK, a child **must** be 4 years old on or before September 1st of the current school year and must be a Charles County resident.

2. Are all county children entitled to attend PreK?

No. The PreK program is neither mandatory nor guaranteed. In accordance with state policy, first priority is given to students whose families are economically disadvantaged or homeless (Category 1). All Category 1 students are admitted. Category 2 and 3 students may be placed if spaces exist after all Category 1 students are placed. For a full description of the three application categories, please see *Which Prekindergarten Application Do I Need?*.

3. Is transportation provided for PreK students?

Yes, in most cases. Full-day PreK students ride the bus to and from school with other students from their school. Half-day PreK students ride the bus with other students from their school, either to or from school,

and ride a PreK bus at midday. If you are Category 1 and the PreK class at your home school is full at the time your child is accepted, you will be offered a placement at a different school with **no transportation**.

The Prekindergarten application process

- Complete the online application for PreK beginning March 29, 2021:

<https://www.ccboe.com>

- Upload all required documentation.

*category verification documents

*two proofs of domicile

*child's birth certificate

*child's immunization record

*copy of parent/guardian's driver's license

If you have questions about the required documentation, please visit

<https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/online-registration>

***All required documents must be uploaded before an application can be processed.**

***Category 2 and 3 applications submitted after July 31, 2021 will go to the bottom of the waiting list.**