

Schools offering Full Day Prekindergarten

Applications are available online. Bus transportation will not be provided if attendance in program is outside the home school district.

- Abingdon Elementary 399 Singer Rd, Abingdon, 410-638-3910
- Bakerfield Elementary 36 Baker St., Aberdeen, 410-273-5518
- Bel Air Elementary 30 East Lee St. Bel Air, 410-638-4160
- Church Creek Elementary 4299 Church Creek Rd, Belcamp, 410-273-5550
- Churchville Elementary, 2935 Level Rd., Churchville, 410-638-3800
- Deerfield Elementary 2307 Willoughby Beach Rd, Edgewood, 410-612-1540
- Dublin Elementary 1527 Whiteford Rd, Street, 410-638-3703
- Edgewood Elementary 2100 Cedar Dr., Edgewood, 410-612-1540
- Forest Lakes Elementary 100 Osborne Parkway, Forest Hill, 410-638-4262
- Fountain Green Elementary, 517 Fountain Green Rd., Bel Air, 410-638-4220
- George Lisby at Hillsdale Elementary 810 Edmund St, Aberdeen, 410-273-5530
- Hall's Cross Roads Elementary 203 E Bel Air Ave, Aberdeen, 410-273-5524
- Havre de Grace Elementary 600 Juniata St, Havre de Grace, 410-939-6616
- Homestead/Wakefield Elementary 900 South Main St. Bel Air, 410-638-4175
- Jarrettsville Elementary 3818 Norrisville Rd, Jarrettsville, 410-692-7800
- Joppatowne Elementary 410 Barksdale R, Joppa, 410-612-1546
- Magnolia Elementary 901 Trimble Road, Joppa, 410-612-1553
- Meadowvale Elementary 910 Grace View Dr, Havre de Grace, 410-939-6622
- North Bend Elementary 1445 N Bend Rd, Jarrettsville, 410-692-7815
- North Harford Elementary, 120 Pylesville Rd., Pylesville 410-638-3670
- Old Post Road Elementary 2706 Old Philadelphia Rd, Abingdon, 410-612-1566
- Prospect Mill Elementary 101 Prospect Mill Rd, Bel Air, 410-638-3817
- Riverside Elementary 211 Stillmeadow Dr., Joppa, 410-612-1560
- Roye Williams Elementary 201 Oakington Rd, Havre de Grace, 410-273-5536

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Prekindergarten

Prekindergarten is a program for 4-year-old children to engage in high quality educational experiences. Although prekindergarten is not mandatory in the State of Maryland, Harford County Public Schools has classes for prekindergarten in many of the elementary schools throughout the county. The overall goal of prekindergarten is to provide learning experiences to help children develop and maintain the basic skills necessary for successful school performance. The program's goal is being achieved by providing appropriate experiences that address the literacy, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs of young children. The curriculum is theme based and all content areas are integrated throughout the program.

Teachers initiate and sustain communication with parents and guardians by sharing information about children's performance and progress in school. The program connects home, school, and community in a collaborative environment to better meet the needs of the child

Strengths of Pre-k:

- Collaborative environment.
- Engaging learning through a low student-teacher ratio.
- Differentiation in instruction (both remediation and enrichment).
- Access to general curriculum for all students.
- Implementation and services of IEP's will be delivered within the general education environment.
- Socialization and peer role models.
- Supportive administration.
- Support and resources for students and families.
- Informational parent nights.
- Replication of "real-life" and future educational opportunities.
- Growth for all students in literacy, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.
- Preparation for kindergarten.



What will a typical day look like in Pre-k?

Opening
Language Arts
Mathematics
Gross Motor
Thematic Learning
Learning Centers
Closure



For more information please visit the Maryland State Department of Education Website www.marylandpublicschools.org

Who is eligible for prekindergarten according to the Maryland State Department of Education?

- Children must be residents of Harford County and 4-years-old **on or before** September 1
- There is no early entrance for prekindergarten.
- Families who apply for a kindergarten maturity waiver for kindergarten **are not age eligible** for prekindergarten and may not attend the program.
- Automatic eligibility for a prekindergarten program will occur **when a child meets the age of entry guidelines and is at least** one of the following:
 - Is from an economically disadvantaged background (i.e., eligible for free or reduced-price meal program as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture).
 - Is homeless or in foster care.
- Children who do not meet the automatic criteria for eligibility will be considered for enrollment based upon availability of space and prioritized criteria. **As with automatic eligibility, children must first meet the age of entry guidelines.** If space is available, parent/guardian notification for acceptance of students not meeting automatic criteria will be sent mid to late August.



- Proof of income (documents noted on application) must be provided at the time of application.
- Certification notices from social services for WIC, food stamps, and medical assistance may be used if there is no proof of income.
- Not all Harford County schools have prekindergarten -see listing. This list is subject to change.

How do I find out if my child is eligible?

Complete the prekindergarten application online starting the first Friday of May. You will notified on your application status and next steps.

Can my child attend another Pre-k program outside of my home school area?

Yes; however, bus transportation will not be provided. Boundary exceptions are not required for prek.

If my child already receives services from HCPS are they automatically admitted to prekindergarten?

No, all children must qualify according to income to be eligible for prekindergarten. Children can continue receiving services without being enrolled in prekindergarten.

