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How do I enroll my child in a Pre-K Program?

If you need help finding a Pre-K program in your area, call the Early Childhood Development Head Start/Early Head Start offices at (404) 420-5800 or visit www.ymcaatlanta.org/early-learning to learn more.

What is Georgia's Pre-K Program?

Georgia's Pre-K Program is a lottery funded educational program for Georgia's four year olds to prepare children for Kindergarten

How much does it cost to register for Pre-K?

There is no registration fee for the 6.5 hour instructional day.

Who is eligible for Georgia's Pre-K Program?

Children must be age-eligible (four-years-old on September 1) and a Georgia resident. Acceptable proof of age and residency must be on file the day the child begins the Pre-K program.

What is considered acceptable documentation for proof of age?

- Original/certified birth certificate
- Passport
- Green card
- Pink card
- Federal I-94 card
- Hospital record of live birth

****Immunization forms and Medicaid cards are not acceptable documentation for proof of age.**

What is considered acceptable documentation for proof-of residency?

- Current Lease
- Property Tax Notice
- Homeowner's Insurance Bill
- Mortgage Statement
- Current Vehicle Registration Form
- Letter from Shelter
- Letter from employer if employer provides housing
- Any Utility bill listing the residence as the service address
- Current PeachCare eligibility documents for the child

****A cell phone bill or driver's license are not acceptable proof of residency**

What if I am living with someone else?

If a student's family is living with someone else, parents should provide a notarized affidavit from the property owner stating where the child's family is residing, plus a copy of the property owner's proof of residency (any items listed above). Active duty military families can support Georgia residency with a copy of official military orders verifying Georgia residency during the school year.

What documents do I need at the time of registration?

Proof of age and proof residency are the only documents that are needed for Pre-K registration. However, Our Pre-K Programs are Head Start/Pre-K Blended classrooms which in some cases will require income verification. Income must reflect previous 12 months or last calendar year.

What are Head Start/Pre-K Blended Classrooms?

A Head Start/Pre-K blended classroom is defined as a class that has funding which is braided using both Georgia's Pre-K and Head Start dollars. Pre-K funding is used for the 6.5 hours of instruction and Head Start funding is used for the wrap-around support services.

What documents are acceptable documents for income verification?

- Tax Return from the previous year
- Documentation of SSI, TANT (cash only), homelessness, or Foster Care
- State Department of Labor Inquiry
- Pay Stubs (at least 1 month)
- Written Statements from employer
- Declarations for Self-Employment

What if the child's biological parents are not in the household, what types of documents are required to enroll her/him in the Head Start Pre-K Program?

Is this child in temporary custody or foster care? If so, state documentation of such is required.

Where is the nearest Head Start, Early Head Start or Pre-K Program to my home?

Your residential zip code identifies the nearest site near you. Click on the link below for the ECDC Site Directory.

APPLICATION PROCESS

When enrolling in a Pre-K Program that is blended with Head Start. There is an application process. You will meet with a Family Service Assistant to enroll your child.

I have already applied, what is next?

After the application and enrollment processes have been completed (all verifying documents and Head Start Paperwork), the selection (the database automatically prioritizes/rank children based on Criteria Points System Information). Acceptance is based on this prioritization/ranking.

How long will it take for my application to be processed?

Approximately five to seven business days.

I've completed the enrollment packet, when does my child start?

After all processes have been completed , will you have received a notification letter.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

Does my child have to be potty trained?

No, our qualified staff know how to work with children, and parents, to help to conquer this challenge.

Can I stay in the classroom with my child?

The Pre-K classrooms have an open-door policy, inviting families to stay with the child in the classroom for a few hours or days, if possible, to ease the transition process, if needed.

What are the hours of the Pre-K Program?

Visit www.ymcaatlanta.org/early-learning to find more information on each centers' specific hours.

Can I bring lunch for my child?

We will provide a complete nutritional meal. If your child has identified special food requirements, inform your Family Service Assistant during registration.

Can I pick my child up early a few days a week?

Georgia Pre-K operates just like the school classroom. Parents commit to sending their child to school for the complete 6.5 hours a day 180 days per year. Children can be disenrolled for being chronically tardy in the morning or being picked up prior to the end of the instructional day.

When does school start and end?

Our Pre-K Programs follows the public school's calendar for beginning and ending.

Will my child participate in graduation at the end of Pre-K?

Our Pre-K Programs follows Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Guidelines regarding "graduation". Graduation for four-old-children is not an appropriate activity. Activities that are appropriate activities for the end of Pre-K are but limited to, a field day, an open house, family/child picnic or dinner.

Is there transportation?

Transportation is not provided. However, staff provides support to families in an effort to accommodate the family's transportation needs.