



2023-2024 Cabarrus COUNTY PRE-K APPLICATION

Free Cabarrus County Pre-K Programs- Children must be four years of age on or before August 31, 2023 to be considered for Pre-K programs in Cabarrus County.

Complete the application

A 2023-2024 Pre-K Application must be complete. **Applications with missing information will not be processed until all information and documentation is included.**

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED

- Documentation of homelessness, applicable.
- Documentation of **All income** for parents living in the household who are working: **one month** of check stubs, employer letter or, other income documentation such as a Form 1040 Tax Return for 2022, W-2 for 2022, proof of SSDI/SSA benefits, and/or proof of child support, if applicable. A documentation of No Income Statement can be submitted if parent is unemployed. Parents do not have to be employed for the child to be eligible.
- Child's Birth Certificate
- **Current** Health Assessment/Immunizations and a dental screening
- Copy of child's Individualized Education Plan (**IEP**) if applicable
- If you are a **court-ordered** legal guardian of the child, please provide a copy of the court order or foster care authorization form. This must be included to process the application.

Complete the Site Preference Form

A list of approved program sites and a Program Preference Form are part of this application. Your selections do not guarantee placement at any site, but allows you to indicate location(s) you are able to provide transportation for your child and you are able to access before and after school care if needed. **Please note program specific eligibility requirements below.**

Eligibility Criteria

NC Pre-K: All sources of family income cannot exceed 75% of the North Carolina median income/Public School sites must also meet Federal/TANF Poverty Guidelines of 200% or below.

Head Start: All sources of family income cannot exceed 100% of the federal poverty level

Other: Other risk factors may be considered for eligibility including, but not limited to, a developmental need, as indicated by a developmental screening, homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act, separation from parent due to incarceration, and foster care placement or active duty military.

Submitting your application: Completed applications and supporting documents can be submitted online at www.cabarruspartnership.org or by email prekapplication@cabarruspartnership.org or fax or drop box locations listed on the following page (page 1)

Developmental Screening Appointments- Prior to placement, all children will be screened using the Dial 4 Developmental Assessment Screening Tool. After we have reviewed your application with the required documentation, a staff member will be in touch to schedule a screening appointment for the next available screening event. Children who currently have an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and receiving services from the local LEA (school district) will not need to be re-screened.

Placement Status Notification

1st round placement notifications will take place mid to late June. 2nd round placements for any unfilled spots will take place mid to late July. Any remaining slots will be filled prior to August school start date. (Timelines are subject to change)

Waiting Lists for Pre-K

Space is limited and some children will be placed on a wait list. Any remaining, completed applications after all slot placements are made will be placed on a waiting list. Applications received after **initial placements will automatically be placed on a waitlist**. You will be notified if a space becomes available at any time during the school year. *Eligibility does not guarantee placement.*

Income Tables

Table 1. 75% NC STATE MEDIAN INCOME	
Family Size	75 Percent State Median Income
1	\$ 38,684
2	\$ 50,587
3	\$ 62,490
4	\$ 74,393
5	\$ 86,295
6	\$ 98,198
7	\$ 100, 430
8	\$ 102,662
9	\$ 104,893
10	\$ 107,125
11	\$ 109,357
12	\$ 111,589
Effective: October 1, 2022 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce (Census Bureau) Communities Survey (ACS) 1 year Estimates-Released September 15, 2022	

Effective: January 12, 2022 Source: Based on 2022 Federal Poverty Levels							
Family Size	Federal Poverty Level	133%	150%	185%	200%	250%	300%
1	\$13,590	\$18,075	\$20,385	\$25,142	\$27,180	\$33,975	\$40,770
2	\$18,310	\$24,352	\$27,465	\$33,874	\$36,620	\$45,775	\$54,930
3	\$23,030	\$30,630	\$34,545	\$42,606	\$46,060	\$57,575	\$69,090
4	\$27,750	\$36,908	\$41,625	\$51,338	\$55,500	\$69,375	\$83,250
5	\$32,470	\$43,185	\$48,705	\$60,070	\$64,940	\$81,175	\$97,410
6	\$37,190	\$49,463	\$55,785	\$68,802	\$74,380	\$92,975	\$111,570
7	\$41,910	\$55,740	\$62,865	\$77,534	\$83,820	\$104,775	\$125,730
8	\$46,630	\$62,018	\$69,945	\$86,266	\$93,260	\$116,575	\$139,890
9	\$51,350	\$68,296	\$77,025	\$94,998	\$102,700	\$128,375	\$154,050
10	\$56,070	\$74,573	\$84,105	\$103,730	\$112,140	\$140,175	\$168,210
11	\$60,790	\$80,851	\$91,185	\$112,462	\$121,580	\$151,975	\$182,370
12	\$65,510	\$87,128	\$98,265	\$121,194	\$131,020	\$163,775	\$196,530



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Children must be four (4) years old by August 31, 2023

Please Note: **ALL QUESTIONS** must be answered and required documents must be included **before** submitting.

Only complete application packets will be processed. ALL DOCUMENTS listed on the instruction page must be included.

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children will not be responsible for applications turned in at locations not listed below. You will be given or mailed a receipt that is dated and signed by the person who accepted your application at these locations. Please keep your receipt and the cover page that provides additional information about Pre-K programs and the enrollment process.

Return completed application with documentation to one of the agencies listed below.

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children	Drop Box: Cabarrus Co DHS 1303 S Cannon Blvd Kannapolis 28083 Email: prekapplication@cabarruspartnership.org	Office: 704-933-8278 Fax: 704-934-0029
McKnight Child Development Center	Drop Box: 1300 Glen Ave. Kannapolis, NC 28081 Email: McKnight@kcs.k12.nc.us Drop Boxes also at all KCS Elementary Schools	Office: 704-932-7433
Mary Frances Wall Center	Drop Box: 3801 US Hwy 601 S Concord, NC 28025 Email: Teri.McCollum@cabarrus.k12.nc.us	Office: 704-260-6790 Fax: 704-784-2346

****Funding for Pre-K programs is provided by state and federal sources. Eligibility criteria for a particular site depends upon the eligibility requirements. ****

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children, McKnight Child Development Center, Kannapolis City Schools and Cabarrus County Schools will share application information. This will allow your child to be considered for all Pre K programs for which your child is determined eligible.

In compliance with federal and state laws, The Cabarrus Partnership for Children, McKnight Child Development Center, Kannapolis City Schools, and Cabarrus County Schools administer all programs and admissions /selections for these Pre-K programs without discrimination because of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, color, age, military service, disability or gender, except where exemption is appropriate and allowed by law.

Date Stamp: 1/10/2023

Child's Information: (PLEASE ANSWER EVERY QUESTION)

Child's Name

First	
Middle	
Last	

Child's Gender - Please check one: *Boy* *Girl*

Child's Date of Birth: *Month* _____ *Day* _____ *Year* _____

Demographics/Ethnicity:

Please mark only one:

Hispanic/Latino *Not Hispanic/Latino*

Child's Race please check all that apply:

Asian *Black/African* *Native American/Alaskan*

White/European/Hispanic/Latino *Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander*

Is child a US citizen? *Yes* _____ *No* _____

Email where parent/guardian can be reached:

Primary Contact Phone Number

Primary Parent or Legal Guardian Name (the person who will be the primary contact for this child):

_____ (If Guardian, please attach documentation of guardianship.)

Child's complete address:

Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	

Is your family homeless (temporarily living with friends/family or in shelter/car/hotel)?

Yes *No* or don't know If your family is currently living in a temporary shelter, please provide a physical address or an email address where you can be reached:

Child's Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Father/Legal Guardian: Name: _____	Home Phone:	Cell:	Work:
Mother/Legal Guardian: Name: _____	Home Phone:	Cell:	Work:
Other Parent/Guardian: Name: _____	Home Phone:	Cell:	Work:
Alternative contact if parent cannot be reached Name: _____	Home Phone:	Cell:	Work:

With whom does the child reside:

___ Mother Only ___ Father Only ___ Both Parents ___ Legal Guardian
 Other, Please Specify _____

Please list immediate family members who live in the same household, i.e. Mother, Father and siblings

Name	Relation to Child (e.g. grandparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, etc.)	Date Of Birth	Please include the name of the school where each child attends, if applicable:

Family Size _____

Legal guardians (awarded by courts) are counted in the family size along with legal guardian’s minor children and child’s biological siblings. Foster parents, (although not counted in family size) they should be listed above as the guardians of the child. **Extended family members are not counted in the family size.**

I certify that all the information stated above is true.

 Parent/Guardian signature

 Date

Child’s Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Mother/Stepmother/Legal Guardian/Foster Parent Name: _____

(Must Answer all Questions)

- Mother Employed Yes No
 Mother Seeking Employment Yes No
 Mother Attending Secondary Education Yes No
 Mother Attending High School/GED Yes No
 Mother Attending Job Training Yes No
 Other Employment Yes No

Explain: _____

Highest Level of Education Completed _____

Enter all income for this parent or guardian (N/A for Foster Parents):

If you work more than one job, please include payments from each job in the box according to how often you get paid

Type of Income	Payment Schedule					
	(Write the dollar amount (\$) in the box below according to how often you get paid)					
If your check varies each week, we will use an average for the most current month.						
Source Provided: <input type="checkbox"/> Check Stubs <input type="checkbox"/> W-2 forms <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1040 <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of No Income <input type="checkbox"/> SSA/SSDI Award Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Award Letter Other: _____						
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Bi-Monthly	Monthly	Annually	# Weeks/Year
Current Wages before Taxes						
Alimony						
Court-Ordered Child Support						
Workman's Comp						
Social Security (SSA/SSDI) Paid to Child(ren) in the home						
Retirement Income and/or SSA Benefits						

Please provide documentation for all of the above that apply to your household.

One month of check stubs, or other income documentation (Tax Return, W-2's is acceptable). Also, proof of court-ordered child support payments, workman's compensation, retirement income and SS Benefits if applicable. SSI and SSDI Benefits are not counted.

Social Security (SSA) *paid to the child(ren)* in the home is included as income, but should only be listed once.

Parents do not have to be employed for the child to be eligible.

***If you are currently unemployed, and are not receiving unemployment benefits or other source of regular income please list the person or source that provides support for this family:** _____

Amount per Month _____

I certify that I have no countable income and all the information stated above is true.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Father/Stepfather/Legal Guardian/Foster Parent Name: _____

(Must Answer all Questions)

Father Employed _____ Yes _____ No
 Father Seeking Employment _____ Yes _____ No
 Father Attending Secondary Education _____ Yes _____ No
 Father Attending High School/GED _____ Yes _____ No
 Father Attending Job Training _____ Yes _____ No
 Other Employment _____ Yes _____ No

Explain: _____

Highest Level of Education Completed _____

Enter all income for this parent or guardian: (N/A for Foster Parents)

***If you work more than one job, please include payments from each job in the box according to how often you get paid**

Type of Income	Payment Schedule (Write the dollar amount (\$) in the box below according to how often you get paid)					
If your check varies each week, we will use an average for the most current month.						
Source Provided: ___ Check Stubs ___ W-2 forms ___ Form 1040 ___ Employer Letter ___ Child Support Statement ___ Statement of No Income ___ SSA/SSDI Award Letter ___ Unemployment Award Letter Other: _____						
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Current Wages before Taxes						
Alimony						
Court-Ordered Child Support						
Workman's Comp						
Social Security (SSA) Paid to Child(ren) in the home						
Retirement Income and/or SSA Benefits						

Please provide documentation for all of the above that apply to your household.

One month of check stubs, or other income documentation (Tax Return, W-2's is acceptable). Also, proof of court-ordered child support payments, workman's compensation, retirement income and SS Benefits if applicable. SSI and SSDI Benefits are not counted.

Social Security (SSA/SSDI) *paid to the child(ren)* in the home is included as income, but should only be listed once.

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Amount per Month _____

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Parent/Guardian signature _____ **Date** _____

Child's Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

What is the primary language spoken in your home? _____

What language does your child most frequently use to communicate? _____

Health Information

Does your child have a physical challenge or chronic illness? (ex. Asthma, diabetes, obesity, anemia, etc.)

Documentation indicating child's chronic illness is required.

yes Please specify _____

no, don't know

What type of medical insurance does your child have? (Check below)

Medicaid/NC CHIPS Marketplace Military

Private Insurance (e.g. through parent's work, etc.) Other My child does not have health insurance

Medical

Does your child have a primary care physician? Yes No

Who provides healthcare for your child? _____

Has your child had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months? If so, when _____

Dental

Does your child have a dentist? yes no

Has your child had a dental exam in the past 12 months? yes no

Military Status:

Is at least one parent or legal guardian of this child an active duty member of the military, or was a parent or legal guardian of this child seriously injured or killed while on active duty?

Documentation of parent's status in the military is required.

yes Please specify: _____

no, don't know

Prior Placement:

Has your child ever been enrolled in a child care program or family child care home - even if they are not currently enrolled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name of Program if applicable: _____
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Was your child previously served in an early learning program as a three-year-old? Yes No

Was your child previously served in Head Start as a three-year-old? Yes No

Who currently provides cares for your child during the day? (Check below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Home with family	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Family Child Care Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Babysitter/Relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Services Head Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center

Name of Program your child is currently attending:

When did your child begin attending this program? Month: _____ Year: _____

Is child currently receiving subsidy to attend a childcare program?

yes Please specify:

no, don't know

If you have a voucher, please contact your case manager to discuss your needs.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

The following information is optional; you are not required to disclose this information. However, it may help us to prioritize your application and may be used to better serve the needs of your child, if he/she is enrolled in a pre k program.

Does your child have a Developmental or Educational Need?

yes Please specify _____
 no, don't know

Has your child been referred for evaluation for or identified with a disability?

Yes No If Yes, date of evaluation: _____

What was the decision from the disability evaluation for your child?

- No disability identified
- Evaluation Decision in Process
- One or More Disabilities Identified
- Do Not Know
- Not Applicable

Type of identified disabilities for this child: Check all that apply.

- Autistic
- Deaf Blind
- Behaviorally/Emotionally Disabled
- Educable Mentally Disabled
- Hearing Impaired
- Specific Learning Disabled
- Multi-handicapped
- Other Health Impaired
- Orthopedically Impaired
- Speech/Language Impaired
- Severe/Profound Mentally Disabled
- Trainable Mentally Impaired
- Visual Impaired
- Traumatic Brain Injured
- Preschool Development Delayed
- N/A

Does your child have an **active** IEP (INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM) being implemented by the local school district?

Yes No **If yes, please provide a copy**

Has your child been referred for services related to disability?

Yes No

Is your child receiving services related to disability?

Yes No If yes, where? _____

Is your child currently enrolled in an Exceptional Children classroom in Cabarrus County or Kannapolis City Schools?

Yes No If yes, please specify the school your child is attending _____

Child's Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Please read carefully, initial beside each line and sign at the bottom

____ I authorize the Cabarrus Partnership for Children(CPFC) and it's partnering agencies (CCS and KCS and NC Pre-K) to use and share the information in this application for the purpose of Determining Eligibility for state and federally funded Pre-K Programs and for data collection and program evaluation by NC Division of Children Development and Early Education.

____ I give permission for my child to receive developmental, hearing, vision, dental and/or speech and language screening and for the results of these screenings to be shared with partnering Pre-K Programs (CPFC, NC Pre-K, CCS, KCS and Save the Children Head Start).

____ I understand that family involvement is expected if my child is selected for participation.

____ I understand that my child will need health forms (signed by appropriate medical professional) including a current health assessment, current immunization record and a current dental assessment per program requirements. Please provide with application to complete your application process.

____ I understand that transportation to and from Pre-K programs will be the family's responsibility. This program does not provide transportation.

____ I understand that If there is a change in my child's address, phone number, or if there is change in family income, it is my responsibility to notify the Cabarrus Partnership for Children and inform them of any changes.

____ I understand that my child is **required** to attend each day school is open for the 6.5-hour school day.

____ I understand that my child may be placed on a waiting list.



Signature

Date

Receiving Staff Signature

Date

2023-2024 Cabarrus County Pre-K Site Preference Form

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Please indicate sites that will work for your family. Helpful information about each program is included on the following pages. Different eligibility requirements apply to programs and your child may not be determined eligible for the site you select; therefore, you may want to select more than one site.

Please indicate your top three choices (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NCPK (4 year olds only) in Private Childcare site
<input type="checkbox"/>	NCPK in Cabarrus County Public School site (4 year olds only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	NCPK in Kannapolis City Public School Site-McKnight Child Development Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	McKnight Child Development Center -Kannapolis BOE Head Start (3 & 4 year-olds)

Reason(s) for your first (#1) preference:

Please check all that apply, this will help us better accommodate your family's needs (feel free to add any comments or additional information you would like us to consider)

_____ I can arrange transportation _____ Sibling attends this site/school

_____ walking distance _____ before and after school care is offered

Other (Please Specify) _____

2023-2024 Cabarrus Pre-K Sites

Cabarrus Private Sites	Cabarrus Public School Sites	Kannapolis Head Start	Kannapolis Public School Sites
Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool Central Dr	Bethel Elementary	McKnight Head Start Program	McKnight Mini Monarchs at Kannapolis Middle School
Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool St. James Lutheran Church	Boger Elementary		
Kids Korner CDC	Harrisburg Elementary		
Kids R Kids CDC	Irvin Elementary		
Lockhart CDC	Mary Frances Wall Center		
Logan CDC	Rocky River Elementary		
Smart Kids CDC	Wincoff Elementary		

Cabarrus County Preschool Programs

(All Programs Are Free of Charge)

The **NC Pre-K Program** is a state funded program with classrooms in public and private sites, designed to provide high-quality early education experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible 4 four-year-old children. The NC Pre-K Program Requirements are built on the National Education Goals Panel’s premise that to be successful academically in school, children need to be prepared in all five of the developmental domains that are critical to children’s overall well-being and success in reading and math as they enter school. The Cabarrus Partnership for Children is the contracting agency that operates the NCPK Program in Cabarrus County.

EC Preschool- Kannapolis City Schools- McKnight Child Development Center is dedicated to providing a high-quality preschool experiences for young children with typical and special needs. Enrollment is open to 3, 4 and 5-year-old children. Kannapolis City Schools Preschool Program offers a variety of screening and evaluation services for children 3, 4 and 5 years of age who reside in the school districts. These screenings and evaluations determine if a child needs special education services and/or related services. The focus of these services is to help children with special needs to become successful in a regular early childhood education program.

EC Preschool- Cabarrus County Schools- Exceptional Children’s Preschool Programs provides exceptional children’s services to young children with identified disabilities who reside in Cabarrus County. The district offers screening, evaluation and specialized instruction in a variety of settings and locations throughout the county. The purpose of these services is to promote a child’s success in an educational environment. The offices for Cabarrus County School Exceptional Children’s Preschool program are located at Mary Frances Wall Center, 3801 US Hwy 601 South, Concord NC 28025

Kannapolis City Schools Head Start/KCS Public School program for children 3, 4 and 5 years of age provide a comprehensive high-quality Early Childhood Education and developmental services to eligible children and their families, including families with low-incomes and children with defined disabilities. Parents and guardians receive case management services and work with staff to develop, plan, and achieve personal, financial, educational, and/or employment goal.

