



## 2025-2026 Cabarrus COUNTY PRE-K APPLICATION

**Free Cabarrus County Pre-K Programs- Children must be four years of age on or before August 31, 2025. (You can only submit an application in one county. Multiple county applications cannot be processed)**

A 2025-2026 Pre-K Application must be complete. **Applications with missing information or supporting documentation will not be processed until all information is provided.**

### THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED:

- Documentation of **All income** for parents living in the household who are working: **one month** of most recent check stubs, employer letter or, other income documentation such as a Form 1040 Tax Return for 2024, W-2 for 2024, proof of SSDI/SSA benefits, proof and of any public assistance currently receiving and/or proof of child support, if applicable. A documentation of No Income Statement can be submitted if the parent is unemployed. Parents do not have to be employed for the child to be eligible.
- Official, filed child's birth certificate.
- For **kinship care**, guardian will be required to provide a notarized statement for proof of care from a biological parent or, a statement from DSS.
- Copy of child's Individualized Education Plan (**IEP**) if applicable.
- If you are a **court-appointed** legal guardian of the child, please provide a copy of the court order or foster care authorization form. This must be provided in processing the application.
- Documentation of homelessness or military status, if applicable.

### 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 allow 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. Other qualifying factors can include a documented delay or disability, receiving certain public services, military service, homelessness or foster care. 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.

**KCS Head Start:** All sources of family income cannot exceed 100% of the federal poverty level. 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](http://www.cabarruspartnership.org) or by email [prekapplication@cabarruspartnership.org](mailto:prekapplication@cabarruspartnership.org) or fax or drop box locations listed on the following page. Appointments for completing the application are available on request.

**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 receive services from the local LEA (school district) will not need to be re-screened. An IEP does not guarantee placement.

#### **Placement Status Notification**

Placements will begin around the middle of June in order of lowest income to the highest. Placements will continue until all available slots are filled. **Eligibility does not guarantee placement.**

#### **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.** Since eligibility is determined by income, applications are **not considered on a first-come, first served basis.**

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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 emailed a receipt that is dated when your application is received by the Cabarrus Partnership for Children. 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 or one of the NCPK Sites listed on preference page.

<b>The Cabarrus Partnership for Children</b>	Drop Box: Cabarrus Co DHS 1303 S Cannon Blvd Kannapolis 28083 Email: <a href="mailto:prekapplication@cabarruspartnership.org">prekapplication@cabarruspartnership.org</a> Online : <a href="http://www.cabarruspartnership.org">www.cabarruspartnership.org</a>	Office: 704-933-8278 Fax: 704-934-0029
<b>McKnight Child Development Center</b>	Drop Box: 1300 Glen Ave. Kannapolis, NC 28081 Email: <a href="mailto:McKnight@kcs.k12.nc.us">McKnight@kcs.k12.nc.us</a> Drop Boxes also at all KCS Elementary Schools	Office: 704-932-7433

***\*\*Funding for Pre-K programs is provided by state and federal sources. Eligibility criteria for a particular site depends upon each program's 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: 11/18/24