

NC PreK Application Q & A

Q: Is my child eligible for PreK?

A: Children must be 4 years old on or before August 31st to qualify for NC PreK.

Q: How do I apply for the NC PreK Program?

A: The application process is completed online at [Partnership for Children of Johnston County Resources \(smapply.io\)](https://smapply.io).

Q: What is required for the application?

A: Please have the following documents ready before you begin the application process:

- Birth Certificate
- Current Proof of Income (all income received: including pay stubs for the previous month, unemployment, documentation of child support received (even if not for child applicant), Disability, Veteran's benefits, SSI, etc)
- Proof of Income Continue: All families receiving Public Assistance like Medicaid, Food Stamps, WIC, SSI, Work First, Public Housing Qualify for PreK. Please submit an approval letter for any of these services.
- Proof of Address (Light bill, Water bill OR Rental/Lease Agreement, Mortgage statement, OR Residency Statement from landlord / roommate if no utilities / rental agreement in parent's name.)

Q: How do I know if my application was submitted and you received it?

A: You will receive a "NC PreK Application has been submitted" email. Please check your spam folder as well for this email notification. If you did not receive this email make sure you have verified your email address with the Apply application portal. Make sure you completed all sections of your application including the acknowledgment section with your signature at the end and have clicked the Submit button.

Q: I have submitted my application and received a confirmation email. What is the next step?

A: Please check your email for any updates regarding your child's application. Once an application has been submitted, it will then be placed in the processing stage. An NC PreK staff will review your child's application and contact you if any further information is needed.

Q: I submitted my application at the start of enrollment. When should I get a notification of my child's NC PreK Eligibility?

A: Applications from all of Johnston County will be reviewed before the start of the school year. Families will be notified about eligibility over the summer. Emails for placements will occur during June or July.

Q: I have documentation that I was not able to submit with the application, how do I turn it in?

A: You may email any additional documentation to NCPreK@pfcjc.org with your child's name and Date of Birth.

Q: What school will my child attend?

A: Placements are made according to the address provided on the child's application. We place children within a 10 mile radius of their home. Other factors may be taken into consideration such as current school location, site preference, and additional needs.

Q: I am outside the county district, will my child have the opportunity to be placed in Johnston County School?

A: All children living within Johnston County will be placed first. If there are any remaining spaces and no in-county children are available to take that placement, outside children may be considered. Children living outside the county must receive approval from the local NC Pre-K committee and the county within which they reside.

Q: What are the school hours for PreK?

A: Hours vary slightly depending on the school. The NC Pre-K program operates on a 6.5 hour day. Most schools operate on a daily schedule of 8:30am-3:00pm or 9:00am-3:30pm

Q: Does NC Pre-K offer Extended after or before school hours?

A: The NC PreK program does not provide Extended Care services. Some private child care sites may be able to offer this service. If you need Before School or Afterschool Care, there is a fee and this is worked out between you and the child care center. Public-school sites do not provide Extended Care services.

Q: Does NC Pre-K offer Transportation?

A: The NC PreK program does not provide transportation. Not all sites are able to offer transportation. For sites that are able to provide transportation, there is a fee. This is worked out between you and the site.

Q: Is there a waitlist? If so, where is my child on the waitlist?

A: NC PreK does maintain a waitlist, however the waitlist is not first come first serve. Eligibility is determined by guidelines set forth by the State of North Carolina. Factors to determine eligibility are based on several indicators including developmental delays, English as a Second Language, Family Income, etc. We look at each child's individual needs and slot availability at the closest school to determine child placement.

Q: I received an email stating my Child is eligible for PreK and waiting for placement. Does that mean my child was accepted?

A: If your child is waiting for placement that would mean your child is eligible for PreK and is waitlisted.

Q: I received an email stating my child was not eligible for PreK due to being over income. What other options do you offer?

A: NC Pre-K is a state funded program. Acceptance into the program is based on income guidelines set forth by the state of North Carolina. Please visit [Preschool | Johnston County Public Schools](#) or [Finding Child Care - Chatham County Partnership for Children](#) for other Pre-K options.