

Franklin County Schools
NC Pre-Kindergarten Program
Frequently Asked Questions
April 6, 2017

1. Is it mandatory for a four year old to attend the NC Pre-K program?

No, it is not mandatory for a four year old to attend the NC Pre-K Program.

2. What is the age requirement for a child to attend the NC Pre-K program?

A child must be four years old on or before August 13, 2017. No exceptions to the rule.

3. When will the NCPK applications be available?

Applications will be available April 7, 2017. Parents need to answer all of the questions on the application and complete the attached Family Demographics form to verify the number of parents and children in the family. **The application must have the parent's signature and a date to be processed.** Questions left unanswered on an application may delay the eligibility process.

4. What is the closing date for the Pre-K applications?

NC Pre-K applications are accepted throughout the school year. For a child to be considered for placement in August 2017, an application will need to be submitted to the Pre-K Office with all required documents on or before May 26, 2017 if you are currently residing in Franklin County.

5. What information is needed when applying for the Pre-K program?

Parents will need to submit: **(1) Copy of their child's certified birth certificate, (2) proof of income (current pay stub(s), tax records, employer statements, disability, military current LES statement, or child support statements (3) proof of residence/address (such as: mortgage statement/rental contract AND current electric bill/water bill AND current identification) and, (4) immunization record along with the application.**

6. Will a child be considered for the Pre-K program if the parents are unemployed?

Yes, the child will be considered for the program. Income is one criteria used to determine eligibility for the Pre-K program. A family without income will be asked to write a statement and turn it in with the application. **If the child is selected for the NC Pre-K Program the parent must meet with the director or teacher and complete a Zero Gross Family Income Statement.**

7. When and where will the screening for the NC Pre-K take place?

The screening process will take place in June 2017 at your home base school.

8. When and how will the parents know if their children has been selected for the NC Pre-K program?

Parents will receive a phone call to notify them of their child's eligibility status and to confirm acceptance. Letters will be mailed **mid-July or no later than the first week in August.** **PLEASE KEEP ALL PHONE NUMBERS and ADDRESSES CURRENT! Call the Pre-K Department (919-496-2457 EXT. 235).**

9. If a child is selected to attend the NC Pre-K program will transportation provided?

Yes, bus transportation will be provided if the child lives in a transport zone to their school. Parents will be given this information at the parent orientation.

10. Is student reassignment offered to Pre-K students?

No, student reassignment is not offered to Pre-K students.

11. Will Pre-K students be able to attend the After School Child Care Program?

No, the program is designed for school-aged children ages 5 through 12 years.

12. What documents are required after a child has been selected for the NC Pre-K program?

A health assessment and dental screening is required to be on file at the NC Pre-K site within 30 calendar days after a child enters the NC Pre-K program and must have been conducted within 12 months of program entry. The health provider is responsible for making appropriate referral as indicated by the health assessment. The health assessment must include: **(1). Physical examination. (2). Updated immunizations. (3). Vision screenings. (4). Hearing screenings. (5). Dental screenings.**

13. What will happen if a child is eligible for the NC Pre-K program and all the spaces are filled?

The child will be placed on a waiting list.

14. Where can parents find an application for the NC Pre-K program?

Applications are available at each elementary school, and on the Franklin County Schools website (<http://www.fcschools.net>) under **QUICK LINKS/Pre-Kindergarten Application.**

15. Where do I submit the NC Pre-K application and required documents?

Completed applications along with the accompanying documents should be submitted to the office of the Executive Director of K-8 Education and Federal Programs located at 53 West River Road, Louisburg, NC 27549.