



2026-2027 CABARRUS COUNTY PRE-K APPLICATION

Free Cabarrus County Pre-K Programs- Children must be four years of age on or before August 31, 2026. (You can only submit an application in one county. Multiple county applications cannot be processed)

A 2026-2027 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 2025, W-2 for 2025, 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**, the 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 Program Preference Form is part of this application. Before and after school care is only provided in approved NCPK private sites. Public school sites do not offer before and after school care. 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 the program's 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 parents 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 parents 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. Appointments for completing the application are available on request.

Developmental Screening Appointments- All children enrolled are required to receive a developmental screening 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. Placements will continue all summer 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

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children	Drop Box: Cabarrus Co DHS 1303 S Cannon Blvd Kannapolis 28083 Email: prekapplication@cabarruspartnership.org Online : www.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	Office: 704-932-7433
Mary Frances Wall Center	Drop Box: 3801 US Hwy 601 S Concord, NC 28025	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 depend 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 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: 12/9/2025