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### **Schools offering Full Day Prekindergarten**

Applications should be returned to the home school. Bus transportation will not be provided if attendance in program is outside the home school district.

Bakerfield Elementary 36 Baker St., Aberdeen, 410-273-5518  
Churchville Elementary, 2935 Level Rd., Churchville,  
410-638-3800

Deerfield Elementary 2307 Willoughby Beach Rd, Edgewood,  
410-612-1540

Dublin Elementary 1527 Whiteford Rd, Street, 410-638-3703  
Fountain Green Elementary, 517 Fountain Green Rd., Bel Air,  
410-638-4220

George Lisby at Hillsdale Elementary 810 Edmund St, Aber-  
deen, 410-273-5530

Hall's Cross Roads Elementary 203 E Bel Air Ave, Aberdeen,  
410-273-5524

Havre de Grace Elementary 600 Juniata St, Havre de Grace,  
410-939-6616

Joppatowne Elementary 410 Barksdale R, Joppa, 410-612-  
1546

Magnolia Elementary 901 Trimble Road, Joppa, 410-612-  
1553

Meadowvale Elementary 910 Grace View Dr, Havre de Grace,  
410-939-6622

North Bend Elementary 1445 N Bend Rd, Jarrettsville, 410-  
692-7815

North Harford Elementary, 120 Pylesville Rd., Pylesville  
410-638-3670

Riverside Elementary 211 Stillmeadow Dr., Joppa, 410-612-  
1560

Roye Williams Elementary 201 Oakington Rd, Havre de  
Grace, 410-273-5536

Old Post Road Elementary 2706 Old Philadelphia Rd, Abing-  
don, 410-612-1566

### **Schools offering Half Day Prekindergarten**

Abingdon Elementary 399 Singer Rd, Abingdon, 410-638-  
3910

Bel Air Elementary 30 East Lee St. Bel Air, 410-638-4160

Church Creek Elementary 4299 Church Creek Rd, Belcamp,  
410-273-5550

Edgewood Elementary 2100 Cedar Dr., Edgewood, 410-612-  
1540

Homestead/Wakefield Elementary 900 South Main St. Bel  
Air, 410-638-4175

Prospect Mill Elementary 101 Prospect Mill Rd, Bel Air,  
410-638-3817

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### ***Prekindergarten***

Prekindergarten is a program for 4-year-old children to engage in high quality educational experiences. Although prekindergarten is not mandatory in the State of Maryland, Harford County Public Schools has classes for prekindergarten in many of the elementary schools throughout the county. The overall goal of prekindergarten is to provide learning experiences to help children develop and maintain the basic skills necessary for successful school performance. The programs goal is being achieved by providing appropriate experiences that address the literacy, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs of young children. The curriculum is theme based and all content areas are integrated throughout the program.

Teachers initiate and sustain communication with parents and guardians by sharing information about children's performance and progress in school. The program connects home, school, and community in a collaborative environment to better meet the needs of the child

## Strengths of Pre-k:

- Collaborative environment.
- Engaging learning through a low student-teacher ratio.
- Differentiation in instruction (both remediation and enrichment).
- Access to general curriculum for all students.
- Implementation and services of IEP's will be delivered within the general education environment.
- Socialization and peer role models.
- Supportive administration.
- Support and resources for students and families.
- Informational parent nights.
- Replication of "real-life" and future educational opportunities.
- Growth for all students in literacy, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.
- Preparation for kindergarten.



## What will a typical day look like in Pre-k?

**Opening**  
**Language Arts**  
**Mathematics**  
**Gross Motor**  
**Thematic Learning**  
**Learning Centers**  
**Closure**



For more information please visit the Maryland State Department of Education Website [www.marylandpublicschools.org](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org)

## Who is eligible for prekindergarten according to the Maryland State Department of Education?

- Children must be 4-years-old **on or before** September 1
- There is no early entrance for prekindergarten.
- Families who apply for a kindergarten maturity waiver for kindergarten **are not age eligible** for prekindergarten and may not attend the program.
- Automatic eligibility for a prekindergarten program will occur **when a child meets the age of entry guidelines and is at least** one of the following:
  - Is from an economically disadvantaged background (i.e., eligible for free or reduced-price meal program as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture).
  - Is homeless or in foster care.
- Children who do not meet the automatic criteria for eligibility will be considered for enrollment based upon availability of space and prioritized criteria. **As with automatic eligibility, children must first meet the age of entry guidelines.** If space is available, parent/guardian letters for acceptance of students not meeting automatic criteria will be mailed mid to late August.



- Proof of income (documents noted on application) must be provided at the time of applications.
- Certification notices from social services for WIC, food stamps, and medical assistance may be used if there is no proof of income.
- Not all Harford County schools have prekindergarten -see listing. This list is subject to change.

## How do I find out if my child is eligible?

Pick up an application at any elementary school starting the first Friday of May. Complete the application and return it to a school that has a prekindergarten program. The school will notify you in writing before the start of the school year if your child will be enrolled in the program.

## Can my child attend another Pre-k program outside of my home school area?

Yes; however, bus transportation will not be provided. If the child is accepted into a program outside of your home school's district, you must apply for a boundary exception.

## If my child already receives services from HCPS are they automatically admitted to prekindergarten?

No, all children must qualify according to income to be eligible for prekindergarten. Children can continue receiving services without being enrolled in prekindergarten.

