

# Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is bringing quality half-day and full-day pre-kindergarten to nearly 19,000 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania.

## Why does my child need to attend a high quality pre-kindergarten program?

Quality pre-kindergarten prepares children for reading and math, but also for paying attention, following directions and getting along with others.

## Pre-kindergarten gives children a chance to learn, become excited about school and be better students.

By enrolling your child in quality pre-kindergarten, your child has a better chance of being ready for kindergarten and grade school. This strong early start in pre-kindergarten means they have a better chance of doing well in school, going on to college or career training, and getting a good job. **All of this can start by enrolling your child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom!**

## What can I expect from a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Pennsylvania *Pre-K Counts* classrooms will:

- have teachers with the education and expertise to teach young children;
- use a curriculum that will help your child grow, academically and socially;
- regularly review your child's progress and choose teaching and learning activities that are best for your child;
- help you and your child adjust to pre-kindergarten and smoothly move on to kindergarten;
- offer a small class size (no more than 20 students per one teacher and one aide) so that your child can have plenty of one-on-one time with the teachers.

## By enrolling your child in PA Pre-K Counts, you can give your child a great start to a bright future.

\* The portion of the day that is funded through Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts is free to families; the program may charge for additional portions of the day (wrap-around child care, etc.)



## Who is eligible for PA Pre-K Counts?

PA Pre-K Counts is designed for children who

- are between age 3 and until the entry age for kindergarten; and
- live in families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level, (or a family of four earning \$72,900).

Each program offering PA Pre-K Counts classrooms will have their own guidelines. If your child falls into these categories, you may be eligible to apply.

## How much does PA Pre-K Counts cost?

PA Pre-K Counts is free to families.\*

## How can I enroll my child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Contact the PA Pre-K Counts program directly for enrollment information. There are PA Pre-K Counts classrooms in most of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. To find one near you, visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) and click on "Early Learning and Development Programs," "Find a Provider," "Preschool," and PA Pre-K Counts.



For more information visit  
[www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov).

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