

PENNSYLVANIA PRE-K COUNTS

FACT SHEET FOR NEW FAMILIES!

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts (Pre-K Counts) provides quality, full-day (6 hours) pre-kindergarten to eligible children in Pennsylvania, Monday-Friday.

Pre-K Counts is designed for children who:

- Are between age 3 (must be 3 by the time the school year starts) and until the entry age for kindergarten;
- Are at risk of school failure, and living in families earning up to 300 percent of the federal income poverty level (such as a family of four earning \$72,900) who may also be English language learners or have special needs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Children who come to kindergarten without all the skills they need often stay behind and struggle in school. 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 eligible 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 Pre-K Counts classroom!

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

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 (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 eligible child in Pre-K Counts, you can give your child a great start to a bright future!

How much does Pre-K Counts cost?

Pre-K Counts is free to eligible families. Providers may charge for non-Pre-K Counts programming such as extended, or before & after school care. Check with your local CCIS office to find out if you are eligible for assistance with this.

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

Contact the Pre-K Counts program directly for enrollment information!

