



**Upper Adams School District
In partnership with
Adams County Head Start**

Overview and Application for 2018-2019 School Year

The Upper Adams School District, in partnership with Adams County Head Start has received a grant to operate a Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts classroom in Biglerville Elementary School. This grant will allow families with children ages three or four, on or before September 1st, to apply for entry into a high quality, full day (5.5 hrs) preschool program at no cost to the family.

Residents of Pennsylvania who meet the required criteria will be considered for this five day-a-week program. All families must meet the income guidelines to be eligible for the program. A family of four can earn up to \$75,300 per year and still qualify. Families who qualify financially and also have secondary at-risk factors (homeless, English Language Learners, Foster Children, etc) will be given priority consideration.

Please submit copies of the items listed below with your application:

1. Proof of Income for everyone working in the household (W-2 form, 2 most recent pay stubs, Income Tax 1040 Form, Unemployment Statement, Social Security, SSI, TANF, Child Support/Alimony, or signed statement from employer)
2. Child's Birth Certificate
3. Complete Application (included in this packet)

Applications will not be reviewed until the application and all supporting documents have been received. Completed applications and documents can be mailed to or dropped off at:

Adams County Head Start
Attn: Pre-K Counts
705 Old Harrisburg Rd, Suite 5
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Questions regarding Pre-K Counts in Biglerville Elementary may be directed to:

Jen Showers, Executive Director, Adams County Head Start
717-337-1337 x222
jshowers@achsaccess.org

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!**

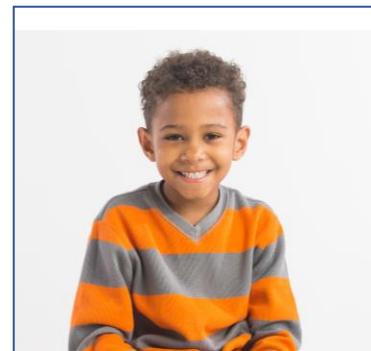
What can I expect from a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

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 \$73,800).

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 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.

**Helping Pennsylvania's children reach their promise
through Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts**



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Pre-K Counts 2018-2019 Application

Last Name (Child)	First Name (Child)	Middle Initial
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Street Address	County	
City	State PA	Zip Code
School District of Residence		
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address

Child's Date of Birth	Age <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Race (optional)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Ethnicity (optional)	Primary Language
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)

Last Name (Legal Guardian)	First Name (Legal Guardian)	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Relationship to Child	(Select)
<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological <input type="checkbox"/> Foster <input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)

Other Child Eligibility Risk Factor Criterion (Must check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Behavioral Supports: A child who was referred to PA Pre-K Counts from an appropriately credentialed health or mental health practitioner who is not employed by the PA Pre-K Counts program; a child who is receiving mental health treatment. Additional verification beyond the interview is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Protective Services: A child who is a foster child, a kinship care child or receiving Children and Youth services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education Level of Guardian: Does not have high school diploma or GED or post-secondary degree.
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Language Learner: A child whose first language is not English and who is in the process of learning English is considered an English Language Learner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individualized Education Plan (IEP): A child who is currently enrolled in the Preschool Early Intervention program with an active IEP. Verification would be a copy of the IEP or other source of documentation from the parent or Early Intervention provider.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incarcerated Parent: A child for whom one of the child's parents is currently in prison.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless: A child who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to one of the following: A. Children who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to lack of alternate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement; B. Children who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; C. Children who are living in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Migrant (Non-Immigrant)/Seasonal Student: A migrant child has moved from one school district to another in order to accompany or to join a migrant parent or guardian, who is a migratory worker or migratory fisher, within the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in qualifying agricultural or fishing work including agri-related businesses such as meat or vegetable processing, working in nurseries such as Christmas and evergreen trees farming.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teen Mother: A child whose mother was under the age of 18 when the child was born.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided is accurate. I understand that I may be asked to verify or substantiate information provided.

 Parent/Guardian (Signature)

 Date

 Parent/Guardian Name (Print Name)

 Staff Verifying Income and Risk Factors (Signature)

 Date

Please include the date and the signature of parent or guardian and the staff person to document that any family who is Head Start income eligible (100% of FPL or below) has been informed of their eligibility for HS.

Parent Signature

Date

_____ or _____ NA

Staff Signature

Date

Circle if not applicable