



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

Overview and Application

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 \$77,250 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

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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 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		

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"/> American Indian or Alaskan
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
Ethnicity (optional)	Primary Language
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> English
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	(please specify) _____

Parents/Guardians Enrolling the Child:			
Name:	Relationship to child:	Date of Birth:	Employer:
_____	_____	_____	_____
Telephone Number: _____	Email: _____		

Name:	Relationship to child:	Date of Birth:	Employer:
_____	_____	_____	_____
Telephone Number: _____	Email: _____		

Household Member and Date of Birth (please list anyone in addition to the child applicant and previously listed adults):

Name	D.O.B.:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Household Income (required) check box:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,001-\$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001-\$15,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,001-\$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001-\$25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001-\$30,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001-\$35,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,001-\$40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001-\$45,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45,001-\$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001-\$70,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001-\$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More Than \$100,000 | |

2019 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

300%			
Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$37,470	\$3,123	\$721
2	\$50,730	\$4,228	\$976
3	\$63,990	\$5,333	\$1,231
4	\$77,250	\$6,438	\$1,486
5	\$90,510	\$7,543	\$1,741
6	\$103,770	\$8,648	\$1,996
7	\$117,030	\$9,753	\$2,251
8	\$130,290	\$10,858	\$2,505
Each Additional	\$13,260	\$1,105	\$255

Actual Annual Verified Gross Household (Family) Income: \$ _____

*Attach copies of documents used to verify income prior to enrollment

- Family income is at or below 300% of federal poverty level (required risk factor). Consider all sources of income. See **Federal Poverty Level Guidelines** relative to family size (must be verified prior to enrollment).

