

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I apply for my child to enroll in NC Pre-K?

A: An online application as well as a printable application are available on our website www.stokespfc.com. You may also pick up an application at Stokes Partnership for Children at 151 Jefferson Ch. Rd. Suite 104 in King. You may call 336-985-2676 to request an application be mailed to you.

Q: What documentation is needed for application?

A: Along with a completed & signed application, the following documents are required:

- Verification of all household income (4 consecutive paystubs or current W-2 tax form) **OR** verification of public assistance (Medicaid card, SNAP card, WIC or public housing)
- Verification of child's date of birth (copy of child's birth certificate or immunization record)
- Verification of residency (copy of driver's license, utility bill, etc.)

Applications are incomplete and cannot be processed without the above documentation.

Q: Whose income must be reported/verified?

A: Parents, legal stepparents, legal guardians and/or legal custodians in the home. Income includes employment/unemployment benefits, alimony, child support, Social Security payments, and military benefits. Legal guardians must provide documentation of guardianship. Foster families do not have to report income but must provide a letter from DSS documenting foster placement.

Q: What is the cost for NC Pre-K?

A: NC Pre-K is free for children who meet eligibility. Please reference eligibility qualifications on our website www.stokespfc.com

Q: If my child doesn't qualify based on income, do I have the option to pay for NC Pre-K?

A: No. Private pay for NC Pre-K is not currently available in Stokes County. Every child enrolled in NC Pre-K must meet income eligibility or qualify as having a listed risk factor. Please reference eligibility qualifications on our website www.stokespfc.com

Q: What are the hours of the Pre-K Program?

A: The NCPK day is a 6.5-hour day, Monday - Friday. Each site has different hours that may range from 7:30am – 2:30pm.

Q: If accepted, when can my child start Pre-K?

A: Stokes County Pre-K Programs closely follow the public school system's calendar for the school year. School begins in late August.

Q: Are all NC Pre-K Sites the same?

A: All sites must meet NC Pre-K and NC childcare 4- or 5-star licensing requirements. However, income-eligibility for Head Start is lower than for NC Pre-K. Therefore, children must qualify for both NC Pre-K and Head Start to attend Head Start sites. Enrollment placements are made based on eligibility, residency, needs of the family and requirements of the program.

Q: Does my child have to be potty trained?

A: A child being potty trained is not a requirement for Pre-K acceptance.

Q: Will my child need a test to be accepted to the program?

A: As part of the application process, all parents/caregivers must complete (2) Ages & Stages developmental questionnaires about their child. This is not a pass/fail test, but it provides information on where the child is in their development and is used to assist in prioritization and enrollment for the child.

Q: Can my child qualify if we do not live in Stokes County?

A: Yes, however, priority will be given to families living in Stokes County. Non Stokes County residents can be considered for enrollment 2 weeks after the beginning of school.

Q: Is before and after school care included in the Pre-K Program?

A: No. Wraparound care (before and after school for preschoolers) is offered only at the private childcare NC Pre-K site, New Life Center, in Walnut Cove. The cost of wraparound care at New Life Center is the family's responsibility and offered based upon availability. To discuss cost and options for wraparound care, you need to contact New Life Center directly at 336-591-3109. If you need wraparound care, please select New Life Center as your 1st preference site. NOTE: There is no guarantee that we will be able to place your child at your 1st preference site.

Q: Does NC Pre-K provide transportation?

A: No. Transportation is the family's responsibility.

Q: Are children selected on a first come, first served basis?

A: No, NC Pre-K Programs are required to prioritize income-eligible children first. Children on the waiting list will be prioritized by income and educational need.

Q: Can I transfer my child to another Pre-K site during the school year?

A: Once a child is initially enrolled at a site, in order to transfer, they must drop from their current location and go on a waiting list for availability if a spot opens up at a preferred site.

Q: When will I know if my child will be enrolled in the NC Pre-K program?

A: Applications are available for the upcoming school year in February and are processed through June. Families who do not qualify will be notified by mail or phone call as soon as the application is processed. Families who do qualify will be notified by mail or phone call at the beginning of July.