

2024-2025 Preschool Application

Dear Parents:

Attached is the Gatesville Elementary Preschool Application. This form is used to:

1. Register for the Annual Preschool Screening that screens speech, language, hearing, vision, dental, health (shot record review, height, weight...) social-emotional skills, cognitive skills, and motor skills. **All children age 3 or 4 by August 31, 2024** are encouraged to register.
2. Apply for preschool placement with the NC Pre-K Program, a state supported program for children that will be 4 years of age by August 31, 2024.
3. Pages 1-3 are required for the 3-year-old children that are placed in the program through the Exceptional Children's Process. Pages 4-6 are **not required if your child will not be 4 years old by August 31, 2024**.
4. If the application is received by February 2024 your child will be invited to attend the Gates County Preschool Screening, scheduled for March 2024. Although attending the screening is not a requirement of the program, attending the screening may increase your child's priority for placement if an educational or developmental need is identified.
5. NC Pre-K Applications received by February 2024 will be chosen first for the program. If any NC Pre-K slots are still available after all the applications that were received by February have been evaluated for eligibility, other applications will be considered. Eligible children whose applications are received on or after March 31st will be placed on a waiting list and the parent will be contacted if an NC Pre-K slot becomes available.

The children that were screened previously as 3-year-old children should still be screened with the 4- year-old screening as different skills are assessed.

*We understand that some of the information is very personal but this information, i.e., gross household income, is needed to determine eligibility for the NC Pre-K program. If this information is not supplied, eligibility for the program cannot be determined. **Please attach proof of income with the application if your child will be 4 by August 31, 2024.** Although not required to submit the application, you are also encouraged to attach a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Record, last Health Assessment, and Insurance Card. After review, an updated health assessment may be required for entry and the Immunization Record must be kept current and up-to-date.*

If you are only interested in the screening (**not** interested in classroom placement) only the identifying information must be completed. This includes your child's name, birthday, parent

name, address, and phone number. The other information on the form is **not** required if you are **not** applying for preschool classroom placement.

We are requesting that you mail the completed form to: PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ONLINE!

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