

Fulton County Schools Pre-K Registration
Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Guardians

I would like to register my child for Fulton County Schools (FCS) Pre-K. How do I know if my child is eligible for a seat in the FCS Pre-K?

- To be eligible for participation in the FCS Pre-K program for the 2022 – 2023 school year your child must be **four years old at 11:59 pm on September 1, 2023**. The child's birthday must be between September 2, 2018 - September 1, 2019.
- Your child must live within Fulton County Schools' attendance zone.
- FCS employees are eligible to apply and are considered 'in-zone'.
- Parents of twins and other multiples will register using the same lottery form and will each receive their own entry into the lottery.

My child is eligible to attend the FCS Pre-K program. What is the Pre-K Lottery?

- To ensure that the FCS Pre-K seats are allocated equitably, each school that houses a Pre-K program holds a lottery.
- Parents register for the lottery through a link that closes at 11:59 p.m. on March 17, 2023.
- All children who are age and address eligible for attendance in the FCS Pre-K are then placed in a school-based lottery.

How do I register for the Pre-K lottery?

- Families access the online lottery application by visiting the online link which closes on March 17, 2023. **Please note: The lottery application will close on March 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Lottery applications will NOT be accepted after this date.**
- Select your child's school attendance zone, or home school.
- Attendance at your home school creates an easier transition to kindergarten. School bus transportation is provided for those students attending their home school, also called 'in school zone'.
- Attendance at an 'out-of-zone' school will require that the family provide transportation to and from the school.

When does the Pre-K Lottery open?

- Fulton County Schools' Pre-K lottery application for the 2022 – 2023 school year will be available **through March 17, 2023**.

What do I do after I register for the lottery?

- The school will contact families to provide their individual lottery numbers by the end of the day on March 24, 2023 (**please keep this number in a safe place**).

When will the actual lottery be held?

- Each school will host their own lottery on either **March 27, 28, or 29, 2023**.
- Lotteries will be held virtually and will be recorded.
- All applicants will be informed of the results through a school chosen method.
- Results of the lottery will also be posted on the front of the school doors by the end of the day on **March 31, 2023**.



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What happens if my child does not get a seat in the Pre-K class at my home school?

- If your child does not receive a seat through the lottery, he or she will be placed on the waiting list.
- If a spot becomes available, the school will contact families beginning with the 'in-school zone' waiting list families.
- The 'out-of-school zone' families will be contacted once all in-zone families are placed.

If my child lives outside of Fulton County Schools' attendance zone, is he/she eligible to participate in the FCS Pre-K program?

- If your home address is not zoned for Fulton County Schools, you are not eligible to participate.

My child is eligible for kindergarten but did not participate in a state funded Pre-K program. Are they eligible to enroll in the FCS Pre-K?

- If your child is eligible for kindergarten, please contact your school for registration information.
- For the 2023 – 2024 school year, the FCS Pre-K program is only available to students born between September 2, 2018 - September 1, 2019.

I'd like to ensure that my child has a seat in an FCS Pre-K classroom. May I apply to more than one school?

- You may only apply to one school. You may identify additional schools to be placed on their waiting list.
- If your home school ('in-school zone') does not have a Pre-K class, you will identify two 'out-of-school zone' schools.

Are there other Georgia's Pre-K classrooms in my area?

- Many early learning centers and day care centers have Georgia's Pre-K classrooms. Please search for Pre-K locations by clicking [here](#) or by contacting 1-877-ALL GA Kids (1-877-255-4254).

The lottery has taken place and my child was selected for a seat. What do I do?

- Your school will provide information regarding registration in the FCS online registration system.
- Only those Pre-K students who are notified by the school are eligible to register for the FCS Pre-K in the online registration system.
- To save your child's seat, registration in the online registration system must be complete, and include proof of child's birth, proof of residence, and a government issued parent/guardian id by the end of the day on April 30, 2023.
- **Registrations are not complete until the school has verified all documentation.**

The lottery has taken place and my child was placed on the waiting list. How can I find out if he/she has moved up on the list?

- To reserve your space on the waiting list, parents/guardians must return the BFTS Waiting List document, which will be provided by the school, no later than the end of the day on April 30, 2023.
- As your child moves up on the waiting list, the school will contact you with further registration information.



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There are no seats available at the school that I have chosen. What do I do now?

- FCS schools with Pre-K classes maintain a waiting list of students who are interested in attending Pre-K. You will need to contact the school and request that your child's name be placed on their waiting list. To hold a spot on the waiting list, you must return the BFTS Waiting List document to the school. The school will contact you directly if a slot becomes available for your child.
- You may also search for additional Pre-K sites in your area by using the online [Provider Search](#) (instructions provided on the search page) or contact 1-877-ALL GA Kids (1-877-255-4254).

I did not participate in the lottery. What can I do now?

- Contact the school in your attendance zone for guidance. There may be an available seat in the classroom **OR** you may be placed on the 'in-school-zone' waiting list **OR** you may be placed on the 'out-of-school zone' waiting list.
- You may contact other Fulton County Schools that offer a Pre-Kindergarten classroom and ask to be placed on their 'out-of-school zone' waiting list.

For additional questions, please contact the Early Childhood Department at 470-254-4574 or contact prekregistration@fultonschools.org .

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