



# PENNSYLVANIA PRE-K COUNTS



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**QUALITY HALF-DAY & FULL  
DAY PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS  
IN PENNSYLVANIA**



## WHAT IS 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 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Children who are between age 3 and until the entry age of kindergarten; and live in families earning up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Each program offering Pre-K Counts classrooms has their own guidelines. If your child falls into these categories, you may be eligible to apply.

## WHY DOES MY CHILD NEED TO ATTEND A HIGH QUALITY PRE-K PROGRAM?

Quality pre-kindergarten prepares children for reading and math, but also for paying attention, following directions, and getting along with others.

Enrolling your child in quality pre-k means your child has a better chance of being ready for kindergarten. With a strong early start in pre-k, they have a better chance doing well in school, going to college or career training, and getting a good job. All of this can start by enrolling your child in PA Pre-K Counts!

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM A PRE-K COUNTS CLASSROOM?

PA Pre-K Counts classrooms will:

- Have teachers with the education & expertise to teach young children;
- Use a curriculum that will help your child grow academically and socially;
- Regularly review your child's progress & choose teaching & learning activities that are best for your child;
- Help you & your child adjust to pre-k and smoothly move on to kindergarten;
- Offer a small class size so your child can have plenty of one-on-one time with the teachers.



## HOW MUCH DOES PRE-K COUNTS COST?

The portion of the day that is funded through Pre-K Counts is free to families. The program may charge for additional portions of the day (wraparound childcare, etc.)

## HOW CAN I ENROLL MY CHILD IN PRE-K COUNTS?

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.findchildcare.pa.gov](http://www.findchildcare.pa.gov) and search for your city and child's age.