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Pre-K Registration Feb. 25 – Mar. 22



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County School System will accept applications for the 2019-2020 Pre-Kindergarten program Feb. 25 through Mar. 22, 2019. Approximately 1,300 children are expected to register for Pre-K.

Pre-K students must be four years of age **on** Sept. 1, 2019. Children who will be 5 years old on Sept. 1, 2019, and are **not** currently enrolled in one of the school district's Pre-K classrooms, should register as a kindergarten student for the 2019-2020 school year.

As early as Feb. 18, parents are asked to follow three steps: 1. schedule an appointment online; 2. pre-register online; 3. bring the proper documents to the appointment at Central Registration. To schedule an appointment (as of Feb. 18) and pre-register, visit the district [Central Registration webpage](#).

Application registration takes place at the Central Registration office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, the office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Applicants will be entered into a computer system for a lottery drawing giving no priority. All Pre-K applications submitted by Mar. 22 will have an equal chance of computer selection, regardless of the application date. Parents will be notified by mail of acceptance or waiting list status by mid-May.

Pre-K registration must be completed by the parent or legal guardian and requires the following items:

- Parent/guardian photo ID
- Certified birth certificate
- Guardianship/custody orders if the child does not live with his natural parents
- Two Proofs of Residency:
 1. Lease or mortgage and

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2. One of the following:

- Utility bill (electric, water or cable bill)
 - Property tax statement or income tax statement
 - Automobile registration or insurance
 - Mail from any government agency
- Social Security Card or waiver.

The following documents will be required once a child becomes enrolled if not available during registration:

- Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition Screening, Georgia Form 3300 completed after August 1, 2018 (available from a doctor or the Health Department); and
- Immunization Certificate, Georgia Form 3231 (available from a doctor or the Health Department).
- Proof of eligibility for Medicaid, SSI, TANF or food stamps, if applicable

For more information about Pre-K, please contact the office of the Coordinator for Special Programs at 478-988-6200, ext. 10330, or blanche.lamb@hcbe.net.

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