

Program Philosophy

The Fox Chapel Area School District Pre-Kindergarten Program is designed to promote positive approaches to learning.

These areas include designing supportive classroom environments; strengthening social, emotional, and behavioral skills in students; and working collaboratively with families.

Our approach is also aligned to the outcomes set by the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards and is designed to maximize students' academic learning, achievement, and growth.

Program Pathways to Readiness

Social-Emotional Development (self-awareness, self-regulation, social competence, and social awareness)

Oral Language Development (speaking and conversation, listening comprehension, vocabulary, and sentence structure)

Emergent Reading (concepts of print, phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, and comprehension)

Emergent Writing (forming letters, writing conventions, and conveying meaning)

Math Development (number sense, geometry and spatial sense, measurement, and classification and patterns)

STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math)

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Visit...**

The FCASD Pre-K Website

prek.fcasd.edu

**ELEMENTARY
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM**



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the eligibility requirements?

**Students must turn 4 on or before September 1.*

**Family income of no more than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.*

**Parent/guardian must be able to provide transportation.*

**Student must be toilet-trained.*

**Resident of the Fox Chapel Area School District.*

What are the program requirements?

**Class hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*

**Will follow the FCASD school calendar.*

**After 10 absences, children may be withdrawn from the program.*

How many students and teachers will be in the class?

**20 students maximum.*

**One lead teacher and one full-time or two part-time assistants.*

What does it cost?

**Eligible families will incur no costs. Students will receive breakfast, lunch, and a snack daily.*

Where will the Pre-K program be located?

**The Pre-K class will be located at Kerr Elementary School, 341 Kittanning Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.*

What does a typical day look like?

9:00-9:10 Meet and Greet/Breakfast

9:10-9:35 Circle Time/Story Time

9:35-10:35 Learning Centers/Small Group Instruction

10:35-10:45 Snack Time

10:45-11:10 Circle Time/Story Time

11:10-11:35 Gross Motor Activity

11:35-12:05 Lunch

12:10-12:40 Special Area

12:40-1:20 Learning Centers/Small Group/Instruction

1:20-1:40 Rest/Quiet Time

1:40-2:05 Circle Time/Story Time

2:05-2:35 Learning Centers with Responsive Instruction

2:35-3:00 Gross Motor Activity/Closure

How will parents be involved?

**Parents will partner with the school via various opportunities such as Literacy and Math Family Nights, Parent/Teacher conferences, and home visits.*

How do I enroll my child?

**Pre-Enrollment - January 2-February 28*

Complete and Provide:

- FCASD Pre-K Program Application
- FCASD Pre-K Income Verification
- Proof of Income (W-2 or 3 paystubs)

**Student Selection - March 8*

- 20 students who meet the FCASD Pre-K criteria will be selected via a random selection process.
- Letters will be mailed to families (acceptance or wait list).

**District Enrollment - April 1-19*

- Families will follow FCASD enrollment procedures to enroll online.

**Student Registration Meeting - May 6-7*

- Families will attend a Pre-K registration meeting at Kerr.

How do I get an application?

**Download a copy from the Pre-K website*

prek.fcasd.edu

or call 412-967-2455 for an application.

Where do I return my application?

**Please send the completed application along with the required paperwork to:
Fox Chapel Area School District Pre-Kindergarten
c/o Dr. Ashley Constantine
611 Field Club Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238*

What school will my child attend after the Pre-K year?

**Your child will go to their district assigned home school for the remainder of their elementary years.*