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Houston County School District to Hold Pre-K Registration February 2-27



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District will accept applications for the 2026-2027 Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) program between February 2-27. Approximately 1,300 children are expected to register for Pre-K in Houston County.

Pre-K students must be four years of age on September 1, 2026, and reside within the Houston County School District. Children who will be five years old on September 1, 2026, and are not currently

enrolled in one of the District's Pre-K classrooms should register as kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year.

The application for Pre-K can be found on the [District's Central Registration webpage](#). Parents should follow the directions listed in the "Steps for Student Registration" section to fill out the application, schedule an appointment, and begin gathering the required documentation needed.

The Pre-K application must be completed by the parent or legal guardian prior to your appointment and requires the following items:

- Parent/guardian photo ID;
- Child's certified birth certificate, passport, or other proof of age;
- Guardianship/custody orders if the child does not live with their natural parents;
- Social Security Card or waiver; and
- 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

The following documents will be required once a child becomes enrolled. If you already have a copy at the time of your appointment, bring them with you.

- Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition Screening, Georgia Form 3300 completed after August 4, 2025 (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.

Applicants will be entered into a computer system for a lottery drawing. All Pre-K applications submitted by February 27 will have an equal chance of computer selection, regardless of the application date. Parents will be notified of acceptance or waiting list status by mail by mid-April.

Parents who do not have access to a computer may arrive at Central Registration 30 minutes early to complete the online pre-registration paperwork prior to your appointment.

Central Registration hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. They are located at 410 Bear Country Boulevard off Highway 96, next to Houston County High School.

For more information about the application and registration process, please contact Central Registration at (478) 741-3610. For information about the Pre-K program, visit www.hcbe.net/pre-k or contact the Coordinator for Special Programs at (478) 988-6330 or sharon.eddy@hcbe.net.

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