



NC Pre-K Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the NC Pre-K Program?**

*NC Pre-K is a free, high quality pre-kindergarten program for eligible children that supports children's development and literacy skills and enhances kindergarten readiness. NC Pre-K serves children who are four years old by August 31st of the year of enrollment. **It was formerly called the More at Four Program but is now called NC Pre-K.***

- **Is there a cost to apply for, enroll in, or attend an NC Pre-K class?**

No. There are no application or enrollment fees, and the NC Pre-K program is free for families who meet one of the following qualifiers and is awarded a slot:

- ✓ The family's income, based on size, is at or below 75% of state median income.
- ✓ There is an active duty military parent.
- ✓ The child has an IEP (individualized education plan).
- ✓ The child has physical, educational, or developmental delays, or does not speak English.

- **If my child applies and qualified, is he/she guaranteed a slot in the program?**

No child is guaranteed a slot in the NC Pre-K program, but Smart Start maintains a waiting list for applicants so that parents can be served in the order their child has been put on the waiting list. Call Smart Start of Transylvania County to get your child on the waiting list.

- ✓ The number of slots awarded to a county varies year to year based on funding.
- ✓ The number of applicants may be greater than slots awarded.
- ✓ The number of applicants in a certain location may be greater than capacity in that location.
- ✓ Children who have never been enrolled in childcare are prioritized.

- **Where can my child attend NC Pre-K?**

Transylvania County has several types of exceptional providers:

- ✓ Public Elementary Schools
- ✓ 5 Star Licensed Centers: Private, County, & Head Start
- ✓ Based upon the number of NC Pre-K slots awarded to Transylvania County, more sites may be added during the year. For the most up-to-date list of providers and sites, please refer to smartstarttransylvania.org.

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- **How do I apply for an NC Pre-K slot for my child?**

The easiest way to apply is to contact Smart Start at 828-877-3025; staff will guide parents through the process.

Please Note: If you are applying for an NC Pre-K slot at Hillview Head Start, please contact them directly to apply at 828-884-2255.

- **How long is the NC Pre-K school day?**

The school day is 6.5 hours, the same length of the public school day, but each provider sets its own hours. Each provider has options for paid wraparound child care service (before and after the official NC Pre-K) school day.

- **What is the difference NC Pre-K and other preschool options available?**

- ✓ NC Pre-K is free to qualifying students.
- ✓ NC Pre-K sites, teachers and curricula meet strict guidelines for quality.
- ✓ NC Pre-K classes give students an introduction to the kindergarten experience.
- ✓ NC Pre-K classes have low teacher to child ratios.
- ✓ NC Pre-K connects with families via required parent conferences.
- ✓ NC Pre-K serves those who have been previously unserved by the education community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

SMART START OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

828-877-3025 smartstarttransylvania.org

Located at: 147 E. Main Street, Suite 302, Brevard

Email: rebeccasnurr@smartstarttransylvania.org

Mail to: PO Box 1676, Brevard, NC 28712

CURRENT PROVIDERS:

HILLVIEW HEAD START (WCCA)

Stacey Gash, Director, 828-884-2255 181 Hillview Cir, Brevard, NC 28712

NANNA'S AND MOMMY'S

Mi Thompson, Director, 828-877-2555 1131 Wilson Rd, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

NEW ADVENTURE LEARNING CENTER

Ann Canon, Director, 828-884-3232 260 S Gaston St, Brevard, NC 28712

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Rosman Elementary School: Robert Dinsdale, Principal 828-862-4431

167 Rosman School Rd, Rosman, NC 28772

T.C. Henderson Elementary School: Audrey Reneau, Principal, 828-862-4463

11839 Rosman Hwy, Lake Toxaway, NC 28747