



## 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](http://smartstarttransylvania.org).

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- **How do I apply for an NC Pre-K slot for my child?**  
*The easiest way to apply for NC Pre-K is to contact your preferred provider and submit the application and required documents to them.* If you have not chosen a location or provider, please contact Smart Start of Transylvania County at 828-877-3025 or email [rebeccasnurr@smartstarttransylvania.org](mailto:rebeccasnurr@smartstarttransylvania.org).
- **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](http://smartstarttransylvania.org)

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

Email: [rebeccasnurr@smartstarttransylvania.org](mailto:rebeccasnurr@smartstarttransylvania.org)

Mail to: PO Box 1676, Brevard, NC 28712

### NC PRE-K PROVIDER CONTACT LIST

**Transylvania County Schools:** Locations at Pisgah Forest Elementary School, Brevard Elementary School, Rosman Elementary School and T.C. Henderson Elementary School

**Contact:** Desired School or Audrey Reneau at: 828-884-6173

**WCCA:** Locations at Hillview Head Start and Pisgah Forest Children's Center (Calvary Baptist Church)

**Contact:** Margaret Hannon, 828-693-1711 [mhannon@wcca.org](mailto:mhannon@wcca.org)

### Lisa's Kiddiegarten

Contact the Center at: 828-877-3707

### New Adventure Learning Center

Contact the Center at: 828-884-3242

### Nanna's and Mommy's Too

Contact the Center at: 828-877-2555