

Polk School District provides Georgia Bright From the Start Pre K with funds provided from the state. In order for a child to be entered into Pre K, they must meet the following guidelines.

### **Residency Requirement**

The child must be a Georgia resident. For purposes of this program, Georgia resident is defined as a child who resides in the state of Georgia. **Proof of residency should be part of a child's on-site file prior to or on the first day of Pre-K.** Examples of proof of residency include the following: current lease, property tax notice, homeowner's insurance bill, mortgage statement, current vehicle registration form, letter from shelter, letter from employer if employer provides housing, any utility bill listing the residence as the service address, and current PeachCare eligibility documents for the child. A cell phone bill or a driver's license is not an acceptable proof of residency. If a student's family is living with someone else, parents should provide a notarized affidavit from the property owner stating where the child's family is residing, plus a copy of the property owner's proof of residency (any items listed above). Active duty military families can support Georgia residency with a copy of official military orders verifying Georgia residency during the school year.

### **Open Enrollment**

Every Spring, Polk School District holds an open enrollment for Pre K for the following year. One location is chosen in Cedartown and one location is chosen in Rockmart for parents to come and register. Registration is held for three days in Cedartown and three days in Rockmart. Parents can still register their children at the school they are zoned for or the Central Office after the three days in each city.

### **Lottery**

Polk School District uses the lottery system to choose who will be able to attend Polk School District Pre K. Georgia Bright From The Start Operating Guidelines state that 22 children can be in a Pre K classroom. After all of the registration is complete, if a school has more children registered than the amount of spaces they have in Pre K, a date is chosen by the Pre K Director and the school principals to have the lottery drawing for

each school. The lottery drawing will be held at the school. Those students who are zoned for a particular school will be entered in the drawing first. It is not a first come first serve basis. The students zoned for a particular school are placed in a box to be drawn out. Names are drawn until the number of slots available is reached. After this, names are drawn to determine what number they will be on the waiting list. After all of the children zoned for the particular school have been drawn, then those students who are out of zone are placed into a box and drawn out to go at the bottom of the waiting list.

Once the names have been drawn, the administration of the school places the students in classes. They try to get an even amount of boys and girls in each classroom.