



Pre-K Definitions:

Age Eligible – At this time, only children whose birthdates are from September 2, 2017 through September 1, 2018 are eligible for participation in the 2022-2023 school year.

Pre-K Lottery Drawing - The random drawing of names to fill the slots in classes.

Completed Folder- All required documents are completed and submitted.

Waiting List- The names of children who were not drawn to fill slots in one of the Pre-K classes. These names are kept in the order they were drawn to be called and offered a slot in case of a vacancy.

Pre-K Registration Form, Waiting List Information Form- Forms sent by Bright from the Start that parents must complete. The information is needed to register each child in the Bright from the Start database. **The entire form must be completed and signed.**

Pre-K Questions:



1. What does my child need to register for Pre-K? *See your copy of the Parent Checklist for exact documents.*

2. What is a completed EED?

Certificate of Eye, Ear, Dental & Nutrition Examinations (Form 3300) completed with:

- *Eye and Ear sections- Passed*
- *Dental section- "NORMAL APPEARANCE"*
- *Nutrition screened*

OR

- *Attached appointment card with child's next appointment date. A new form must be brought to school the day after the appointment.*
- *A doctor's letter explaining why the EED cannot be completed.*

3. What is a completed Immunization Form?

Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231) completed with:

- *"Date of expiration" **or***
- *"Complete for school attendance" block checked.*

Children must be up to date on all immunizations required for school entry plus Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) vaccine.

OR

- *Appointment card showing date for vaccinations to be given.*
- *A new, completed form must be presented to the school the day after the appointment.*

Contact your child's pediatrician or the Spalding County Health Department at (770) 467-4740.

4. Can my child be registered in a school outside of the home/zoned school?

No- A child may only be registered in the home/zoned school. Children registering for Pre-K are not eligible for transfer requests.

5. My child will be five years old before September 1, 2022 and has never been in a lottery funded Pre-K. Can I register him?

Contact Dr. Chris Bearden at 770-229-3710, ext. 10395

6. I do not want to give my child's SS#. Do I have to?

No- Sign the waiver for SS#

7. Why does attendance matter?

If your child is not at school your child cannot learn. Pre-K is a voluntary program that prepares your child for kindergarten. Upon enrollment, you agree to have your child at school on time, every day. If your child does not come to school regularly, the Pre-K slot will be given to another student. **GSCS does monitor and report attendance of Pre-K students.**

8. What happens if I move into another school zone in Spalding County during the school year?

You are not required to withdraw your Pre-K student. Your child may remain in his/her Pre-K class; however, you must provide transportation to and from school. In addition, excessive early dismissals, late pick-up, absenteeism, or tardiness will not be permitted.

9. I have twins or triplets. What if one child's name is drawn?

If one child of a multiple birth has his/her name drawn, the other child/children are automatically added. If there is not room in the class, the other child/children will be placed on the top of the waiting list and given priority if a slot becomes available.

10. Will full time GSCS employees (working 20 + hours on a full time basis) children go through the Pre-K lottery drawing?

No, children (*not grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.*) of full time employees will be enrolled in the Pre-K class prior to the lottery drawing if all required materials have been submitted. GSCS employees must provide one proof of residency.

11. When will I know if my child is in a Pre-K class or on the Waiting List?

Lottery drawings for class rosters will be held in each school the week of April 18th. The Pre-K Coordinator and a designee from the school will be present when names are drawn. Parent notification will be sent from each school no earlier than Friday, April 22, 2022. If notification has not been received by May 6, 2022, you should call the school.

12. I registered before another family did. Why did their child get in a class and mine did not?

Placement in Pre-K classes and waiting list positions are completely random through the lottery drawing. We do not have enough openings to serve all 4 year olds who wish to attend the program.

13. What happens if I do not register during the Pre-K Registration period in March?

Pre-K Registration is open throughout the school year. However, if you do not register during the registration period, your child's name will not be included in the lottery drawing. Once registration is complete, your child's name will be added to the Waiting List at his/her zoned school.

14. My child was placed on the Waiting List. How will I be notified of a vacant slot?

In the event that a slot becomes available, you will be notified using the information provided during registration. You will be notified based on the order your child's name appears on the Waiting List. **In the event that you do not respond within 24 hours, the slot will be offered to the next student on the Waiting List.**

For additional questions please call Dr. Chris Bearden at 770-229-3710 ext. 10395