



Virginia Preschool Initiative

Rockbridge County Public Schools

Preschool Program for 4 year olds

2024-2025

RCPS offers free full day preschool to qualifying families through the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI). Our classrooms are located in Fairfield Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Natural Bridge Elementary and Central Elementary.

Students must turn four years old by September 30th to be accepted into the program. A student's family must meet state and/or local criteria to enroll.

Program Highlights

- Highly qualified and licensed teachers
- A research-based curriculum that facilitates language development, social skills, problem-solving skills, and physical development.
- Literacy, math, science, social studies, art, music, and physical activities are incorporated into all aspects of the daily routine
- Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are available.
- Transportation provided within school attendance zones.

Please use the link to begin the enrollment process. <http://smart2start.org>

You will need a copy of your child's birth certificate, and proof of income to complete the application. To speed up the application process, please upload as much of the requested information that you have available.

After receiving your application, Smart2start will call families for an application review and then RCPS will be notified of your interest. RCPS will contact you to finish the application process and gather other forms that we may need locally. (School physical, shot record, etc)

****If your family is also eligible for Head Start and you live within an attendance area that is served by Head Start, your application will be shared with Head Start first. Feel free to discuss this with the Smart2Start staff during your review phone call.*

*If you would like specific information or have additional questions, please contact our family services representative Theresa Bishop. theresa_bishop@rockbridge.k12.va.us