

# Montgomery County Schools North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Update

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# What does NC Pre-K look like in Montgomery County?



NC Pre-K is a state-wide initiative to provide high-quality educational experiences for at-risk four-year-olds in North Carolina. It is a voluntary, community-based program that builds on the existing early childhood care and education system.





Working as a team during centers!



Play Doh fun!







# Healthy Alternatives for Little Ones



# Stanly YMCA Water Safety and Swimming Lessons



Troy Elementary,  
Mt. Gilead Elementary,  
and Wescare  
participated in classes  
this past year.







## Swimming at the YMCA

Students received 8 lessons with trained instructors. We have all students attending the swimming lessons this upcoming year at Stanly YMCA and FirstHealth Pinehurst.



## Swimming Awards Day



On the final day of lessons, parents were invited to see what was learned during the program and were able to participate in an awards program.







## Learning to Ride a Bike

We were able to purchase Strider Bikes for all schools/sites. Each school/site received 4 Strider Bikes and 1 Regular Bike with helmets.







Check out this HOT RIDE!



Keep it under the speed limit!



These are great for all children learning to ride a bike. Pre-K Teachers and Staff are providing bike safety with hands-on experiences. These bikes are awesomeness on wheels



Check us out.....

Getting our  
daily mile in  
Strider Style!





## Learning to ride....



Lightweight,  
With Foot Rest (No peddle),  
No Flat Tires, Padded Seat,  
Handle Bar Pad, Helmets,  
Adjustable Seats

Great Fit for the Growing  
Pre-K Child!



# Who is responsible for administering the program?

The administrator of the NC Pre-K program is Montgomery County Schools. Montgomery County Schools will work closely with the program sites to ensure that the program guidelines and standards are met. A local advisory committee helps to develop the local NC Pre-K plan, ensuring the shared responsibility in the community and maximizing the identification and recruitment of at-risk children.





# Who is eligible to participate?

- Children must be 4 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> and eligible to start Kindergarten the following year. The program targets children who are at-risk of falling behind when they start Kindergarten; first priority goes to children from low income families and children of eligible military families. Other eligibility factors include children with an identified disability as indicated by the child having a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP), limited proficiency in English, a chronic health condition, and priority given to those who have not had an early childhood setting.



# How much does it cost?/ When does it start and end and where are classrooms now?

- There are no costs to parents for the regular school day. However, parents may be required to pay for before and after-school care if needed. Parents should check with the Department of Social Service to see if they qualify for DSS subsidy to help offset the cost of wrap-around care. Sites may also include a nominal fee for meals and/or transportation.
- NC Pre-K classrooms will follow an August-June school calendar. Slight variations on start and end time of the program day may occur at each site. Sites currently hosting classrooms are Candor Elementary, Green Ridge Elementary, Mt. Gilead Elementary, Star Elementary, Troy Elementary and Wescare Center for Children.





# What special guidelines do NC Pre-K classrooms meet?

## 2018-2019 Monthly Attendance 172 Children

- Classes must use one of the state-approved, research-based curriculums designed to teach early academic skills. Classes may have a maximum of 18 children, a teacher, and an assistant. Teachers must have a minimum of a BA/BS degree and hold or be working toward NC B-K.



## 2019-2020 School/Site Assignments

- Candor Elementary-3 Classrooms (1 is Developmental Day)
- Green Ridge Elementary-2 Classrooms (1 is Developmental Day)
- Mt. Gilead Elementary-1 Classroom
- Star Elementary-1 Classroom
- Troy Elementary-2 Classrooms (1 is Developmental Day)
- Wescare Center-2 Classrooms



# The Goals of Pre-Kindergarten

To provide a rich, child centered, literacy and math focused learning environment.

To ensure that all children in Montgomery County enter kindergarten ready to learn.

To offer experiences that ensure children's learning of academic, personal and interpersonal skills essential to school success.





# Building Pre-Kindergarten Capacity

It will benefit children throughout school and as they grow.

Provides economic and social benefits to the community.

Closing the achievement gap.

Children success in school and family support.

Return on investment and advance existing systems.



# NC Pre-Kindergarten

Moving forward.....

2019-2020 School Year



# Continue Partnerships With.....

Health Department

Cooperative Extension Office

A.D.S.

Montgomery County Library

Local Fire Departments and Police Departments

Sheriff's Office

Partnership for Children

Stanly YMCA

FirstHealth of the Carolinas







Go Glow Grow with the  
Cooperative Extension Service



When I grow up.. I want to be a...



Fostering those early childhood minds each day.

# End of One Year and Beginning of the Next



Increase the number of children served.

Increase spending on each child.

Promote transition programs to get each child Kindergarten Ready and Life Long Learners.





Parents can still complete an application to be considered for the 2019-2010 school year.

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