

## What is Durham PreK?

Durham PreK is Durham's investment in high-quality education for all four year olds in Durham County.

The goals of Durham PreK are:

- To improve classroom instruction
- To support family engagement
- To build capacity for more high-quality pre-K seats

Families can apply for all publicly-funded 4-year-old classrooms in Durham Public Schools, Durham Head Start and community-based programs funded by NC Pre-K and Durham PreK through the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Application.

Read more about Durham PreK on the About [webpage](#), or click [here](#) to view Durham PreK in the news.

## Why is preschool important for children and families in Durham County?

Durham County has committed to providing high-quality preschool experiences to all families by:

- Expanding eligibility to include all 4-year-olds that live in Durham County, regardless of household income.
- Increasing the number of free seats and introducing a sliding-scale for middle- to higher-income families.
- Requiring all Durham PreK lead teachers to hold or be working toward a Birth to Kindergarten teaching license.
- Paying all Durham PreK teachers on the Durham Public Schools Certified Salary Schedule.

Research finds high quality preschool programs can be expected to produce large and lasting gains in outcomes such as achievement, educational attainment, personal and social behavior (e.g., reductions in crime), and adult health and economic productivity. Many studies have even shown a \$7 return on investment for every dollar invested in early childhood education.

## REGISTER TODAY!

Call 1-833-PREK-EDU today to schedule an application appointment or fill out an [interest form](#) online. Our Pre-K Appointment Counselor reviews the interest forms and calls each family to set up an appointment.

Application appointments will take place at the Jim and Carolyn Hunt Child Care Resource Center, 1201 S. Briggs Ave, Durham, NC 27703, or complete an application with EDCI, Book Harvest or Welcome Baby.

Please bring the following documents to your application appointment:

- Your applying child's birth certificate
- Proof of current address
- Proof of your current income.

Additional documentation may be needed to complete your application.

To learn more, visit the [Family FAQ](#) webpage.



## CONTACT US

Fill out the contact form on the [Contact](#) webpage and one of our Durham PreK staff members will get back to you soon.

For questions about becoming a Durham PreK site, please call Child Care Services Association at 919-403-6950 or [email us](#).

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