



Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

If you are receiving this letter it is because our census records show that you have a child living in your home that meets the age requirements to attend our PreK Count and Head Start programs for the 2021-2022 school year. Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School hopes to have two programs in our school for the upcoming school year to help meet the needs of our preschool age children: Head Start and the UDAES PreK Counts program. Please see the enclosed flyer (front and back) that explains the two programs.

Per the grant guidelines, there are income requirements for both PreK Counts and Head Start. For PreK Counts, you must be below 300% of the poverty level in order for your child(ren) to qualify for this program. Head Start has more strict income requirements. I encourage you to apply if you are interested in free preschool for your child and are below 300% of the poverty level. The federal poverty level income chart is included on the enclosed application for your reference.

Please note that returning the application does NOT guarantee your child a spot in one of these classrooms. Applications will be screened as they are received and you will be contacted if your child has been selected for one of the programs or if there are any questions about your application or qualifications. Please complete and return the application at your earliest convenience. We hope to make decisions for the 2021-2022 school year approximately mid-March so that the selected families have time to plan for the upcoming school year.

You can mail your completed application to: Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School, 5668 State Route 209, Lykens PA 17048 (Attn: Jessica Megonnell), scan it to email address megonnellj@udasd.org or drop it off at the elementary school office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

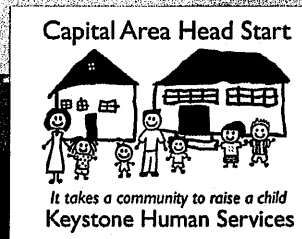
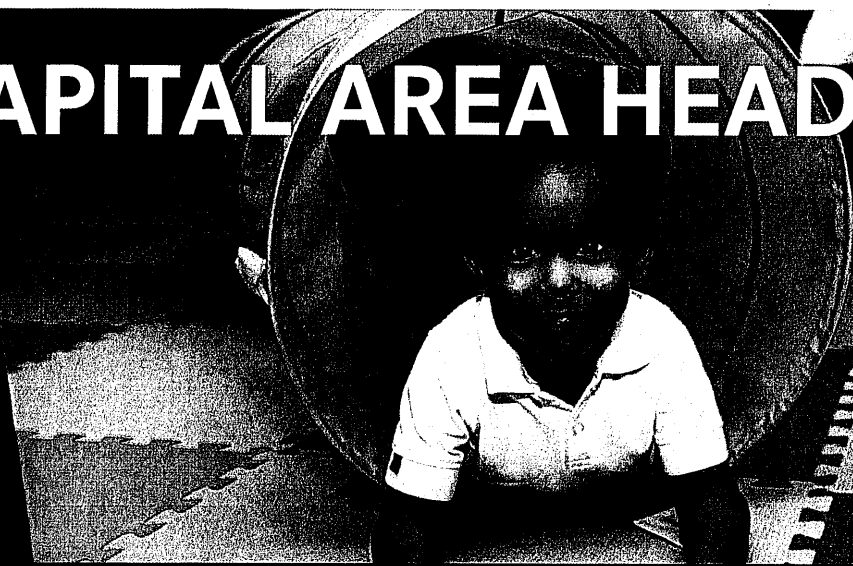
Sincerely,

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Our mission is to empower our students to be lifelong learners in order to reach their greatest potential.

CAPITAL AREA HEAD START



Leaders in Early Childhood Education Somos Líderes en Educación Temprana

Early Head Start

- Home Based
- Available to Pregnant Women and Children 1-3 Years of Age
- Serving Harrisburg, Steelton, and Carlisle

Preschool

- Center Based Program, Part-Day/ School Year
- Available to Children 3-4 Years of Age
- Serving Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry Counties



Educación Temprana


- Servicios directamente en su casa
- Disponible si está embarazada o sus hijos están entre 0 y 3 años
- Servimos en Harrisburg, Steelton, y Carlisle

Pre-escolar

- Programa basado en el centro, día parcial / año escolar
- Disponible para niños entre 3 y 4 años
- Se ofrecen servicios en los condados de Dauphin, Cumberland, y Perry



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We offer Early Childhood Education for children ages zero to five and their families. Qualified and experienced staff provide children with learning experiences and services that help them grow educationally, physically, socially and emotionally.

Support for health and nutrition needs; daily meals are provided.

We believe that parents are the first and most important teachers of their child. We encourage family participation in Head Start activities and work as partners with parents to help their child reach their highest potential.

Ofrecemos educación temprana para familias con niños de 0 a 5 años. Nuestro personal capacitado provee a sus niños experiencias positivas y servicios de aprendizaje que les ayudan a crecer en las áreas social, emocional, física, y educativa.

Tenemos, servicios de enfermería y el programa también incluye los alimentos diariamente.

Creemos que los padres son las personas más importantes en la educación de los hijos. Queremos que las familias participen en las actividades de Head Start y que todos trabajemos juntos para ayudar a su niño a alcanzar su máximo potencial.

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Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is bringing quality half-day and full-day pre-kindergarten to nearly 19,000 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania.

Why does my child need to attend a high quality pre-kindergarten program?

Quality pre-kindergarten prepares children for reading and math, but also for paying attention, following directions and getting along with others.

Pre-kindergarten gives children a chance to learn, become excited about school and be better students.

By enrolling your child in quality pre-kindergarten, your child has a better chance of being ready for kindergarten and grade school. This strong early start in pre-kindergarten means they have a better chance of doing well in school, going on to college or career training, and getting a good job. **All of this can start by enrolling your child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom!**

What can I expect from a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Pennsylvania *Pre-K Counts* classrooms will:

- o have teachers with the education and expertise to teach young children;
- o use a curriculum that will help your child grow, academically and socially;
- o regularly review your child's progress and choose teaching and learning activities that are best for your child;
- o help you and your child adjust to pre-kindergarten and smoothly move on to kindergarten;
- o offer a small class size (no more than 20 students per one teacher and one aide) so that your child can have plenty of one-on-one time with the teachers.

By enrolling your child in PA Pre-K Counts, you can give your child a great start to a bright future.

* The portion of the day that is funded through Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts is free to families; the program may charge for additional portions of the day (wrap-around child care, etc.)



For more information visit
www.education.pa.gov



Who is eligible for PA Pre-K Counts?

PA Pre-K Counts is designed for children who

- are between age 3 and until the entry age for kindergarten; and
- live in families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level, (or a family of four earning \$73,800).

Each program offering PA Pre-K Counts classrooms will have their own guidelines. If your child falls into these categories, you may be eligible to apply.

How much does PA Pre-K Counts cost?

PA Pre-K Counts is free to families. *

How can I enroll my child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Contact the PA Pre-K Counts program directly for enrollment information. There are PA Pre-K Counts classrooms in most of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. To find one near you, visit www.compass.state.pa.us and click on "Early Learning and Development Programs," "Find a Provider," "Preschool," and PA Pre-K Counts.

**Helping Pennsylvania's children reach their promise
through Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts**

2021 PA Pre-K Counts Enrollment Form

(This information is confidential to the PA Pre-K Counts program)

Date Form Completed: ____ / ____ / ____
MM DD YY

Last Name (Child)	First Name (Child)	Middle Initial
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Street Address		County	
City	State PA	Zip Code	
School District of Residence			
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	

Child's Date of Birth	Age <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Race (optional)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
Ethnicity (optional)	Primary Language
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> English
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)

Name of Parent or Guardian completing this application	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Relationship to Child <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)	(Select) <input type="checkbox"/> Biological <input type="checkbox"/> Foster <input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)
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Other Child Eligibility Risk Factor Criterion (*Must check all that apply*):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Behavioral Supports: A child who was referred to PA Pre-K Counts from an appropriately credentialed health or mental health practitioner who is not employed by the PA Pre-K Counts program; a child who is receiving mental health treatment. Additional verification beyond the interview is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Protective Services: A child who is a foster child, a kinship care child or receiving Children and Youth services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education Level of Guardian: Does not have high school diploma or GED or post-secondary degree.
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Language Learner: A child whose first language is not English and who is in the process of learning English is considered an English Language Learner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individualized Education Plan (IEP): A child who is currently enrolled in the Preschool Early Intervention program with an active IEP. Verification would be a copy of the IEP or other source of documentation from the parent or Early Intervention provider.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incarcerated Parent: A child for whom one of the child's parents is currently in prison.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Homeless: A child who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to one of the following:</p> <p>A. Children who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to lack of alternate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;</p> <p>B. Children who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;</p> <p>C. Children who are living in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Migrant (Non-Immigrant)/Seasonal Student: A migrant child has moved from one school district to another in order to accompany or to join a migrant parent or guardian, who is a migratory worker or migratory fisher, within the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in qualifying agricultural or fishing work including agri-related businesses such as meat or vegetable processing, working in nurseries such as Christmas and evergreen trees farming.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teen Mother: A child whose mother was under the age of 18 when the child was born.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application and the associated income documentation is accurate. I understand that I may be asked to verify or substantiate information provided.

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Name)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Income Verification

2021 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

Family Size	100% (Head Start Eligible)	300% (Pre-K Counts Eligible)
1	\$12,880	\$38,640
2	\$17,420	\$52,260
3	\$21,960	\$65,880
4	\$26,500	\$79,500
5	\$31,040	\$93,120
6	\$35,580	\$106,740
7	\$40,120	\$120,360
8	\$44,660	\$133,980
Each Additional	+\$4,540	+\$13,620

Actual Annual Verified Gross Household (Family) Income: \$ _____

*Attach copies of documents used to verify income prior to enrollment

Family Size (per PKC guidelines): _____

Family income is at or below 300% of federal poverty level relative to family size (required risk factor). Consider all sources of income. Must be verified prior to enrollment.

Staff Verifying Income and Risk Factors Signature

Date

For Head Start Eligible families (100% of FPL or below)

Check if not applicable

I have been informed of my child's eligibility for Head Start and given the following:

- Contact information for the following Head Start location _____
- Application and/or assistance with referral
- Brochure or website with information about Head Start

My signature below indicates that I have been informed about my options but may still choose to enroll in the Pre-K Counts program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date