



# STEPS TO APPLY FOR PRESCHOOL



## CHESAPEAKE PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE (CPI)

Please follow these steps to have your child considered for the 2022–2023 CPI preschool program.

### INFORMATION

On the CPS home webpage, select Academics, Early Learning, and then Preschool Opportunities.

Read information about the CPI program and submit an application from the preschool webpage.

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### APPLY

Submit an online application with required documents. Applications and directions are available in February for the upcoming school year.

(Paper applications are available at all primary and elementary schools and by email request to [cpscopy@cpschools.com](mailto:cpscopy@cpschools.com))

### SCREENING APPOINTMENT

The CPI office will contact you to arrange a screening appointment.

(Please note that before a screening appointment can be scheduled, an application with all required documents has to be submitted and verified.)

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### NOTIFICATION

In the beginning of July, you will be notified via email of your child's acceptance, waitlist, or not-eligible status.

(Please note selection is determined by eligibility criteria, not on a first-come, first-served basis.)

### REGISTER AND ENROLL

If accepted into the CPI program, directions will be provided by email to complete online registration and enrollment through your child's CPI school.

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#### QUESTIONS?

If you have other questions about the Chesapeake Public Schools CPI FREE four-year-old preschool program, please email us at [cpscopy@cpschools.com](mailto:cpscopy@cpschools.com) or call the CPI Office at (757) 842-4099.

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# FREE

## FOUR-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

## WHAT IS CPI?

The Chesapeake Preschool Initiative (CPI) is a **FREE FULL-DAY** program for eligible children who will be four years old by September 30th and who live in Chesapeake. The program is designed to give eligible children opportunities to create a firm educational foundation that can be used to achieve academic and social success.

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The Chesapeake Preschool Initiative serves students who are exposed to factors and situations that are likely to have an adverse impact on their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. Risk factors include, but are not limited to, family income, level of parent/guardian education, housing or homelessness, and special needs or disability.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Program acceptance is determined by the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) eligibility criteria
- The Chesapeake Public Schools Academic Calendar will be followed
- There is a maximum of 18 children per classroom with two highly-qualified educators
- Teachers and assistants are employed by Chesapeake Public Schools
- Bus transportation will be provided by Chesapeake Public Schools for children residing in the designated CPI zone
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be required to participate in school activities and events
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Chesapeake Public Schools

*(If eligible to participate in CPI, parents are encouraged to submit an application for breakfast/lunch assistance.)*

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must provide original documents of each of the following before an eligibility screening appointment can be scheduled:

- Child's original certified birth certificate
- Parent/legal guardian photo ID
- Proof of Residence: an electric, gas, or water utility bill in parent/legal guardian name showing usage within the last 30 days
- Proof of Income: W2 (prior year), SSA, 1099, SSI, or two most recent pay stubs for each employed parent/legal guardian(s) living in the home

#### Other Essential Screening Documents:

- Unemployment income determination letter
- SNAP and/or TANF documentation
- WIC Card
- Court Custody documents
- Court Child Support documents
- Child's current IEP

### MORE PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

- **Early Childhood Intervention** program please call the Office of Exceptional Learning at (757) 494-7600
- **Reverse Mainstream** program please call your zoned primary/elementary school
- **HRCAP Head Start Preschool** programs for three, and four-year-olds, please call the Head Start office at (757) 673-0548

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