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.

CPI Locations
- B. M. Williams Primary School
- Camelot Elementary School
- Georgetown Primary School
- Rena B. Wright Primary School
- Southwestern Elementary School
- Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
- Western Branch Primary School

Screening Location
(By Appointment Only):
Instructional Services Center
304 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322
(757) 842-4099

The CPI team will begin taking phone calls to schedule eligibility screening appointments for the upcoming school year the last week of February. Applications and instructions may be picked up from any primary or elementary school, from the Instructional Services Center, or from the CPS website (www.cpschools.com) beginning the last week of February.

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

- Acceptance into the program is determined by the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) eligibility criteria.
- The Chesapeake Public Schools Academic Calendar will be followed.
- There will be a maximum of 18 children in each classroom.
- Teachers and assistants are employed by Chesapeake Public Schools.
- Transportation will be provided by Chesapeake Public Schools if the child resides or has childcare in a 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.
  (Parents are encouraged to submit an application for breakfast/lunch assistance if eligible to participate in the Chesapeake Preschool Initiative.)
- To obtain the CPI application and program information visit any primary or elementary school, the Instructional Services Center, 304 Cedar Road, or the CPS website (www.cpschools.com).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide original documents of each of the following before the application can be accepted:

- Child's original certified birth certificate or birth certificate affidavit
- Parent/Guardian identification
- Proof of residence: an electric, gas, or water bill in your name showing usage within the last 30 days, or a CPS approved Special Enrollment Detail Report from the Office of Student Enrollment, Attendance, & Residency.
- Current proof of income: W2 (previous year), SSA, 1099, SSI, or two most recent pay stubs for any employed parent/guardian(s) in the household
- Unemployment income determination letter if applicable
- SNAP and/or TANF documentation and case number if applicable
- WIC ID number if applicable
- Court Custody documents if applicable
- Court Child Support documents if applicable
- Current phone numbers and addresses for two (2) emergency contacts

If you are interested, please call the CPI Office at (757) 842-4099 to schedule a screening appointment beginning the last week of February.