



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 14TH

Anne Arundel County Public Schools pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year will start on April 14th 2008. - Parents are welcome to make their application at school during that week. Note: The registrations are based on the applications only. Not first come first served.

Hebron-Harman hours: 9:30-2:30 p.m.

Pre-kindergarten

The pre-kindergarten program in Anne Arundel County public elementary schools selects four-year-olds based on economic and education need. If applying due to economic need, proof of family income will be required. A non-mandated program funded by the state, pre-kindergarten opportunities are offered based on the economic need of the student and other Maryland State Department of education criteria. All four year olds are eligible to apply for the program. However, enrollment is limited because of funding, and some schools may have waiting lists. Public pre-kindergarten may not be used as an alternative to kindergarten.

Applications are evaluated for placement into four categories. Students will be selected from Category 1 before moving to Category 2, Category 2 before Category 3, etc., until all seats are filled.

Category 1 – Economically disadvantaged children

Category 2 – Children with: • Limited English proficiency • Prior participation in Head Start

Category 3 – Children with: • IEP from Child Find or Special Education • Emergency or health situations • Home and family circumstances

Category 4 – Children who are not eligible for Categories 1 – 3

Children who are four-years-old by September 1, 2008, are eligible to apply for the 2008-2009 school year. Parents should check with the school offering pre-kindergarten for specific registration times. A list of schools offering pre-kindergarten programs is available [here](#).

Recreation and parks does have a before and after school program held at Hebron-Harman, however, they do not take pre-kindergarten students. The contact number for them is 410-222-7856.

Kindergarten

Children who live in Maryland and are five-years-old on or before September 1, 2008, are required to attend kindergarten and must register at their assigned school. Anne Arundel County Public Schools offer Kindergarten programs in all elementary schools. Children must be five on or before September 1 to be eligible. While Maryland law requires kindergarten attendance, it does give parents the right to delay kindergarten for one year (waiver) or attend other kindergarten programs (alternative kindergarten).

When registering a child for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, parents must bring the following:

- Child's original birth certificate or birth record
- Copy of child's immunization record
- Two proofs of residency (rental agreement/lease/mortgage and a current utility bill)
- A Social Security card is NOT required any longer
- If applying for pre-kindergarten due to economic need – verification of total combined household income is required. The preferred document is the household 1040 statement. Temporary Cash Assistance, Food Stamp Number or Foster Care incomes are acceptable. Application is not complete until income verification has been provided.

For more information, contact Barbara Griffith, Coordinator of Early Childhood,
at 410-222-5441.