Get your Child Off to a Great Start

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) Programs at PPS provide a supportive learning environment that fosters social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth in children. They are designed to reinforce and respond to the unique strengths and needs of each child and each family.

You’ll find there are up to 20 students in each class, led by a teacher with Early Childhood certification and one educational assistant.

Our Big Day for PreK curriculum prepares your child for Kindergarten. It focuses on oral language, literacy, writing, and mathematics, and embraces the natural curiosity of children by encouraging them to explore and connect to the world around them.

As a parent, you play an important role in our programs. We welcome your participation in our activities, and invite you to volunteer in the classroom if you can. And be on the lookout for innovative technology that delights and engages both children and parents! Learn about our volunteer clearance policy at www.pghschools.org/volunteering.

Our ECE Programs follow the PPS school calendar. Students attend class Monday–Friday for six hours, and receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch each day. Additional services, including health and social services are available.

When Should You Apply?

We welcome applications for Early Childhood Education Programs all year long, however, we encourage families to apply before the end of March if they would like their child to start school in the fall.

If there is a greater interest in one location than spaces available, your child’s name will be entered into an electronic lottery, which is held in mid-April.

When a classroom fills up, children are placed on a waiting list for the next available opening.

This is why it’s important to select your top three location preferences when you apply.

Who is Eligible?

Any child who lives in the City of Pittsburgh and is between the ages of three and five may enroll in the Early Childhood Education Programs. PPS also offers an Early Head Start Program for children ages birth to three. Children may enter the program after they turn three, regardless of the time of the year. You can get more information at www.pghschools.org/ecprograms.
Apply Online or in Person

Simply visit www.pghschools.org/ecenrollment and follow the directions to apply. If you don’t have access to the internet, you may visit one of the Early Childhood Centers listed here. A staff member will assist you with the application.

Chartiers Early Childhood Center
3799 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204  •  (412) 529-6792

Conroy Early Childhood Center
1398 Page Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233  •  (412) 529-4291

Crescent Early Childhood Center
8080 Bennett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15221  •  (412) 529-7842

Peabody Early Childhood Center
515 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206  •  (412) 529-8702

Spring Garden Early Childhood Center
1501 Spring Garden Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212  •  (412) 529-4591

Please have the following documents on hand:
- A copy of your child’s birth certificate or passport
- Verification of your income (one month copy of current pay stubs, W-2’s, TANF, etc.)
- Two current proofs of residency (valid PA driver’s license, state ID, utility bill, official public assistance documentation or letter)
- A copy of your child’s current immunization records

You will be notified by email in early May if your child has been accepted into a classroom.

Thanks to federal, state, and local funding support, many of our students qualify for scholarships so they can attend our Early Childhood Education Programs at little or no cost.

Unique partnerships with organizations such as the Carnegie Science Center, the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, Gateway to the Arts, and many others allow your child to discover and learn more about the world around them.

Need more information? Contact the Early Childhood Education office at 412-529-4291 or earlychildhood@pghschools.org.

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