

CHILD ELIGIBILITY

What children are eligible for the ABC program?

To be eligible for the District's Pre-K program, a child must live in the North Little Rock School District and be three OR four-years old by August 1st of the year they are entering the program.

Children/Families must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for free services:

- Low-income
- Low birth weight
- Mother or father without high school diploma
- Parent below the age of 18 (teen parent)
- Child has demonstrable developmental delay identified through appropriate screening
- Family with documented history of substance abuse
- Family with documented history of abuse or neglect
- Income eligible under Title I
- Eligible for IDEA services
- Limited English proficiency
- Parent actively deployed
- Incarcerated parent
- Living with someone other than the Biological Parent
- Foster Care
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Families that do not meet any of the above criteria may participate in the District's Pre-k Program but must pay for services. Fees are based on income with families paying from 20% to 100% of the State's contribution.

To participate in the District's Infant and Toddler Program, the parent must be a student in the North Little Rock School District.

What do I need to bring?

The child's:

- Birth Certificate
- Current, Updated Shot Record
- Social Security Card (if applicable)
- Insurance/MediCaid/ ARKids 1st card (if applicable)
- Proof of Address
- Proof of Income
- Documentation of Other Qualifying Factor(s)

Documentation that the child meets grant criteria:

All income earned by household adults 18 and over must be documented. The following items are acceptable to document that a family's income is at 200% of FPL or below:

- Copies of paystubs (take an average of 3-4)
- Copies of last year's W-2 or 1040 Tax Return
- Copies of 1040 Schedule C or Schedule F, if self-employed
- Signed letter from DHS employee stating the amount of income earned by household
- Copies of school district Free/Reduced Lunch verification form (signed by school official)
- Copies of ARKids A or B Identification cards*
- Copies of Food Stamp card*

*-If these items are used, parent/guardian must still supply amount of annual household income.

Are other sources of income counted?

In addition to earned income, the following sources of unearned income should be counted in the household total:

- Unemployment benefits

Educational benefits (Pell Grant, Student Loans), TEA Benefits, Child Support, SSI, and Disability are NOT included in household total.

Documenting Other Qualifying Factors

Parents without a high school diploma

- a. Letter from high school parent last attended stating that the parent did not graduate
- b. High school transcript sent by high school
- c. Letter from GED program that parent is in process of earning a GED

Low Birth Weight

- a. Birth certificates
- b. Letter from hospital or doctor verifying birth weight
- c. Hospital birth card or announcement sent home with baby from hospital

Teen parent at child's birth

- a. Birth certificate of child (if parent age is listed)
- b. Birth certificate of mother/father and birth certificate of the child
- c. Letter from hospital or doctor verifying parent's age
- d. Driver's license/picture ID card

A family with history of substance abuse/addiction

- a. A letter from doctor or treatment center treating family member
- b. A letter from social worker assisting family
- c. Law enforcement or Court Records

Be income eligible for Title I

- a. Child qualifies for free or reduced lunch in a public school ABC program
- b. Sibling in public school qualifies for free or reduced lunch

Be eligible for services under IDEA

- a. IEP
- b. Letter of conference decision
- c. Evaluation of Programming Conference Decision
- d. Letter from Educational Cooperative serving the child

A family with a history of abuse or neglect or be a victim of abuse or neglect

- a. Documentation from DHS
- b. Law enforcement or Court Records

Demonstrable developmental delays as identified through an appropriate screening

- a. Screening Report from an Early Childhood Special Education Program
- b. Letter from DHS Developmental Disability Services
- c. IEP
- d. Letter of conference decision
- e. Evaluation of Programming Conference Decision
- f. Letter from Educational Cooperative serving the child
- g. Psychological Evaluation

Limited English Proficient

- a. Birth certificate
- b. Letter from social worker
- c. Letter from Bureau of Citizenship (INS)
- d. Parent's green card
- e. Letter from adult education program that parent is enrolled in adult education class
- f. Observation of child during screening

APPLICATION AND CHILD PLACEMENT PROCESS

Pre-K Classroom Sites

We have Pre-K Classrooms at the following schools

Amboy – 2 classrooms

Boone Park – 3 classrooms

Glenview – 7 classrooms

Meadow Park – 3 classrooms

Pike View – 12 classrooms

Located at North Heights until construction is completed

Seventh Street – 3 classrooms

Infant Toddler Program

We offer Infant Toddler Care for children 6 weeks – 3 years for children of NLRSD student only. These classrooms are located at the Early Childhood Center

How are children placed?

- A child will not be considered for placement until the application is complete and the following documents are attached.
 - Birth Certificate
 - Shot Record
 - Proof of Address
 - Proof of Income
 - Completed Lunch Form
 - We ask for the child's Social Security Card and ARKids/Medicaid card but that will not keep the application from being processed.
- Children are placed according to “need” and not on a first come-- first serve basis.
- Four year olds have priority in all school based sites.
- Applications are taken and children are placed throughout the year – as slots become available
- Enrollment for the upcoming school year will begin when Open Enrollment for K-12 begins – the end of January
- Acceptance letters for the upcoming year will be mailed in early June.

