



GCSS Pre-K
Frequently Asked Questions
(revised: 1/28/2021)

1. Q: Where can I sign up for the Pre-K Lottery?

*A: You can sign up at the Gainesville City School Board office located at 508 Oak Street Gainesville, GA 30501 or on our district website at www.gcssk12.net beginning **February 1st -February 23rd.***

2. Q: If selected, Will I have school choice for Pre-K?

A: Students can only attend the pre-k program in their attendance zone school. For example, if you live in the Mundy Mill school attendance zone, your child is only able to attend Mundy Mill for Pre-K.

3. Q: If I do not live in the Gainesville City School district, can I pay tuition for my child to attend Pre-K?

A: Only students who live in the Gainesville City School district are eligible to sign-up for the GCSS Pre-K Lottery.

4. Q: How old does my child have to be in order to be eligible for Pre-K for the 2021-2022 school year?

A: Your child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2021.

5. Q: I would like to keep my child in Pre-K 4 for another year. Can I request this?

A: If your child has been enrolled in a Georgia Pre-K classroom for 30 days or more, then your child is not eligible.

6. Q: I live in another county other than Gainesville City district; can I still sign up for Pre-K Lottery?

A: You must be a resident of Gainesville City School district in order to sign up for the Pre-K Lottery.

7. Q: My child was not selected for the Lottery. Can I still pick up a registration packet in the event a space becomes available?

A: Only students who were selected for the Lottery will be able to receive a registration packet. Students who were signed up, but not selected for the Lottery will automatically be placed on the waiting list for their attendance zone school. If you did not sign up for the Lottery, but wish to sign up for the wait list, you may come to the Gainesville City School Board office (address is listed in question 1.)

8. Q: When does registration begin?

*A: Registration will begin at the Gainesville City School Board Office on Monday, **March 1st (*BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)** until **April 2nd**. You may also register online on our district website. The link will be under "students and parents". All documents must be received in order for your registration to be processed (***you must be selected for the lottery in order to receive a registration packet**).*

9. Q: My Child is already 5, but has never attended Pre-K. Can they still attend Pre-K?

A: Your child may still attend Pre-K as long as they have not been enrolled in a GA Pre-K class for more than 30 days. You will have to sign an affidavit that your child has not attended previously.

10. Q: My child was selected for the Pre-K Lottery; can I register my child at any school?

*A: **NO.** If your child was selected for the Lottery, you must register at the School Board office (***BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**) or online at our district website. Due to the pandemic, registration will not be offered at any elementary school at this time.*

Q: My child was selected for the Lottery, but I have since moved into Hall County. Can I still register my child in GCSS Pre-K?

A: If you move out of Gainesville City School District, your child is no longer eligible to attend the GCSS Pre-K Program.

11. If my child is selected for the Lottery, is there an option to register online?

A. Yes. There will be an option to register online through the **Power Enrollment portal**. However, you **MUST** complete **ALL** required documents, including the separate **Bright From the Start Registration Form**. You must upload this with the rest of your documents into the power enrollment portal. Submitting incomplete information or not completing the BFTS registration form will place your child's registration in a "HOLD" status until ALL required information is submitted.

12. The GCSS GA Pre-K Program will follow all guidance, procedures, and any calendar changes as it relates to the district's response plan for the current Pandemic. Please continue to check for any updates or changes to our system openings at the [GCSS Return to School](#) link.

*****For more information on the Gainesville City Schools Pre-K Program, please contact: Dept. of Early Care and Learning@ 770-536-5275***