

# Polk County Schools PreK School Readiness Program

## Who is eligible to receive state subsidized funding?

Families must meet the Florida Office of Early Learning Income Eligibility Guidelines. As an example, the gross income for a family of 4 cannot exceed approximately \$31,000.

- Priority is given to 4-year-olds if at least one adult is working or going to school full time.
- Next 3-year-olds, if all the household adults are working or going to school full time.
- Other ways to qualify may include: TANF or WAGES clients; protective services and foster care clients; and children of families with special needs, severe disabilities or a terminal illness.  
**(Official documentation MUST be attached to your application.)**

## To apply for subsidized funding:

- Complete the application.
- Attach all required documents.
- **Do not send originals – copies only!**
- Return completed packet to the

<b>Mail: PreK School Readiness</b>	<b>Contact Numbers:</b>
<b>Polk County Schools</b>	<b>863-648-3045</b>
<b>P. O. Box 391</b>	<b>863-648-3048</b>
<b>Bartow, FL 33831</b>	<b>863-648-3043</b>
<b>Para Espanola:</b>	<b>863-648-3047</b>
<b>Delivery: 3425 New Jersey Road · Lakeland, FL</b>	

address in the box. Although you are welcome to bring your application to our office, we do not determine eligibility for state subsidized child care funding. Your application must go through the eligibility process just like those that are mailed.

## Points to Remember!

- Incomplete applications are **not** processed. All required documentation **MUST** be attached to application.
- Do **not** send physicals and shot records with the application.
- There is **no** before or after school care for PreK children in the public schools.
- There is **no** transportation for PreK children to and from public schools.
- Your choice of site is **not** limited to your zoned school.
- PreK children are **not** required to wear school uniforms.

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## Full pay spaces are also available!

If you do not think your family will qualify under the income guideline, full pay spaces are offered based on space availability. These spaces are not filled until qualifying families have been placed.

- Priority is given to 4-year-old children of employees of Polk County Schools.
- The cost of \$21.00 per day **does not** include lunch costs.
- Payment is required at the beginning of each month for the number of school days in that month (ex: 10 days of school in August @ \$21 per day = \$210.00 due by Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>).
- There are no registration or supply fees.

## To apply for a full pay space:

- Complete page one and two of the application. Sign and date the bottom of the second page.
- Attach a copy of your child's birth certificate and social security card and your photo identification.
- Attach **a separate letter** that includes the following information:
  - You are aware of and agree to pay the rate of \$21.00 per school day at the beginning of each month.
  - Your first and second choice of school sites.
  - Your signature (live) and the date.
- Mail the packet to the address above.