



# Maryland State Department of Education Prekindergarten Experience

Department of Policy, Records, and Reporting  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

MCPS Form 345-17  
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**INSTRUCTIONS:** The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requires Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to collect information about the early care experiences of all newly enrolling kindergarten students. Using the definitions provided below, please provide the following information and return to the school in which your child will be enrolled along with MCPS Form 560-24: *New Student Information*.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(completed by school staff)

1. Has your child been cared for exclusively at home or by a relative since last September?

Yes  No

2. If **No**, in what kind of early care did your child spend most of his/her time since last September? (Check only 1 box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start                | <input type="checkbox"/> Prekindergarten   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center         | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Child Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublic Nursery School  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption to Kindergarten |  |

In addition to the experience selected above, has your child had any of the following services? (Check as many as may apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start                       | <input type="checkbox"/> MCPS Prekindergarten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center                | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Child Care    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublic Nursery Preschool      | <input type="checkbox"/> Even Start           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIPPY                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents as Teachers  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCPS Preschool Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Others not listed    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCPS Judy Center                 |   |

## MSDE Defined Categories of Early Care Experiences

**Head Start.** Preschool program for 2- to 5-year-olds from low-income families provided by local public school system or nonpublic organization. (Licensed by Maryland Child Care Administration or another state's licensing entity.)

**MCPS Prekindergarten.** Preschool education program for 4-year-old children. (Administered by local board of education and regulated by MSDE or another state's department of education.)

**Child Care Center.** Care provided in a facility, usually non-residential, that for part or all of the day provides care in the absence of the parent (Licensed by the Maryland Child Care Administration or another state's child care administration.)

**Family Child Care.** Care provided in a residence other than the child's and for which the provider is paid. (Licensed by the Maryland Child Care Administration or another state's child care administration.)

**Nonpublic Nursery School.** Preschool program with an "educational" focus for 3- and 4-year-old children, usually part-day, nine months a year. (Regulated by MSDE or another state's department of education.)

**Kindergarten.** Student who repeats kindergarten.

**Exemption to Kindergarten.** One-year exemption to delay child's entry into Kindergarten due to immaturity, full-time attendance in a licensed child care center, or registered family child care. (MCPS Form 560-19)

**Even Start.** Family literacy program that includes early childhood, parenting, and adult education services. Administered by local boards of education and monitored by MSDE.

**HIPPY.** Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters. Home visiting program for parents to support their children's early learning. Administered by public and nonpublic organizations.

**Parents as Teachers.** Home visiting program for parents to support their children's early learning. Administered by public and nonpublic organizations.

**MCPS Preschool Special Education.** Services for children with disabilities.

**MCPS Judy Center.** School readiness support provided to young children (0-5 years) and their families.

**Others not listed.** Any program or service not listed above, including those attended in another country.