



Maryland State Department of Education Prekindergarten Experience

Department of Elementary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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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 their time since last September? (Check only 1 box)

Child Care Center

Nonpublic Preschool

Family Child Care

Preschool Special Education

Head Start

Public Kindergarten

Nonpublic Kindergarten

Public Prekindergarten

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

Child Care Center

MCPS Judy Center

Even Start

Nonpublic Preschool

Exemption to Public Kindergarten

Others not listed

Family Child Care

Parents as Teachers Program

Head Start

Preschool Special Education

HIPPY

MSDE Defined Categories of Early Care Experiences

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.)

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

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](#))

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.)

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.)

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.

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

Nonpublic Kindergarten. State approved kindergarten programs not held in, or sponsored by, public schools systems.

Nonpublic Preschool. 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.)

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

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

Preschool Special Education. Services for children with disabilities.

Public Kindergarten. Student who repeats kindergarten.

Public 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.)