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2025-2026 Catawba County NC Pre-Kindergarten Application

You must complete this application to apply for NC Pre-Kindergarten Program (formerly the More at Four program). Birth date verification (**birth certificate**) and **income verification must be attached** for the application to be complete. You must use your child's legal name that corresponds with the birth certificate. If you change your address or your phone number, it is **your responsibility** to let us know so that we have a way to contact you. Please remember to provide accurate information and **sign** this application, or else it is not complete and can't be considered! While we accept applications throughout the year, you must turn in a completed application by **Friday, May 23, 2025**, to be considered in the first selection process. Questions? Call Leslie at 828-695-6506 or email NCPK@catawbacountync.gov.

Your application AND all required documentation (**birth certification and income verification**) must be turned in before your child will be considered for a slot. You can either:

- 1) Mail application to the Catawba County Partnership for Children - P.O. Box 3123, Hickory, NC 28603, OR
- 2) Deliver application to the Partnership for Children Early Childhood Resource Center at 738 4th Street SW in Hickory (Phone: 828-695-6506)

To avoid confusion, please do not turn in your application to any of the NCPK locations. All applications are processed by staff of the Catawba County Partnership for Children.

This is NOT an application for Head Start. For information about Head Start, please call 828-464-1108. For fee payer applications, please contact the preschool department in your school system.

Information about the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program

Age Requirements	Must turn 4 by 8/31/2025
Eligibility Requirements	Based on income; significant priority given to those who have not been in a child care/preschool program before and other factors such as English proficiency, special needs, health needs, etc. Continuity of services for children already receiving support services for special needs will take precedence in site selection. <i>(Information on application will be verified as much as possible to ensure accuracy of issues that relate directly to eligibility.)</i>
Transportation	No, transportation is <u>not</u> provided.
Hours	Same as the site where the classroom is located. Call location for more information. <i>(Some locations may operate on a different schedule.)</i>
Calendar	Same as school calendar.
Fees	No fees for classroom. Families will be assessed separately for the free/reduced lunch program. Depending on eligibility, a fee may be assessed for meals provided at school. All families <u>must</u> complete the school's Free/Reduced Lunch application at the beginning of the school year.
Classroom Structure	Generally, classrooms will have a combination of NCPK children, children with special needs, and fee paying children. All classrooms use <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> .
Required Documentation	Birth date verification (birth certificate) and income verification (2 pay stubs, tax forms).
Selection Process	Selection committee meets in mid-June and families will be informed in July.
Before and After-School?	Call the Children's Resource Center (828-695-6565) for possible locations & other info.

Tentative 2025-2026 Classroom Locations *(subject to change)*

A New Beginning Child Development Center	Balls Creek Elementary	Bandys High School Pre-K
Catawba Elementary	Claremont Elementary	Clyde Campbell Elementary *
Conover School	Fred T. Foard High School Pre-K	Hickory High Child Development Center
Longview Elementary	Lyle Creek Elementary	Maiden Elementary
Oakwood Elementary	Sherrills Ford Learning Academy	South Newton Elementary
Southwest Primary	Startown Elementary	St. Stephens High School Pre-K
Tyndall Center at Sipe's Orchard Home	Viewmont Elementary	Webb A. Murray Elementary

*- This is a dual language classroom



*Catawba County's NC Pre-Kindergarten Program is administered by the
Catawba County Partnership for Children*

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APPLICATION #: _____ TOTAL POINTS: _____

Date Received: _____ Complete Incomplete Date Complete (if different) _____

Postcard Sent: _____ Eligible: Yes No If not, why: Age Over Income Other: _____

Currently Enrolled (Star - _____) Not Currently Enrolled



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Child's Full Name: _____
First Middle Last Nickname

Child's Birth Date: _____ Male Female County: _____
Month - Day - Year (Copy of Birth Certificate must be submitted with application)

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Apt. # City State Zip Code

Email address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

If you don't have a phone, can you provide another number for us to reach you? _____

Is the child Hispanic? Yes No

Please check all that apply: Asian Black or African American Native American or Pacific Islander
 Native American or Alaska Native White/European American

Is English spoken in the home? We speak fluent English Some English No English

What other language(s) does your child speak at home? _____

When did you move to your current address? _____ (month/year)

Has your family ever been homeless? Yes No

Is your child a United States citizen? Yes No (Citizenship status does not affect eligibility for NCPK.)

What elementary school will your child attend? _____ I don't know

LOCATION INFORMATION (These locations are tentative and are subject to change based on funding and other factors.)

Please write your **top 3** location choices, with a **1** for 1st choice, a **2** for 2nd choice, and a **3** for your 3rd choice.

(We cannot guarantee your top choices.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A New Beginning Child Development Ctr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Balls Creek Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Bandys High School Pre-K |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catawba Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Claremont Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Clyde Campbell Elementary* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conover School | <input type="checkbox"/> Fred T. Foard High School Pre-K | <input type="checkbox"/> Hickory High Child Development Ctr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Longview Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyle Creek Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Maiden Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oakwood Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherrills Ford Learning Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> South Newton Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest Primary | <input type="checkbox"/> Startown Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Stephens High School Pre-K |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tyndall Center at Sipe's Orchard Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Viewmont Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Webb A. Murray Elementary |
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Has anyone in your family ever attended a Head Start or a NCPK/More at Four classroom? Yes No

If you checked yes, who? _____ Which program did they attend? _____



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FAMILY INFORMATION

Child lives with: Both Parents Mother Father Other: _____

Marital Status of Parents: Single Married Separated Divorced

If you have any formal or informal custody arrangements, please let us know: _____

Are either of the child's parents or legal guardians an active duty member of the armed forces? Yes No

Mother or Guardian: Mother/Guardian's Date of Birth: _____

Please choose which of these apply: Unemployed Employed full-time Employed part-time
 In school full-time In school part-time

Mother's Place of Employment (if applicable): _____

Mother's School (if currently enrolled): _____

Mother's Education Level: Mother has not completed high school Mother has high school diploma
 Mother has GED Mother has attended some college Mother has graduated from college

Father or Guardian: Father/Guardian's Date of Birth: _____

Please choose which of these apply: Unemployed Employed full-time Employed part-time
 In school full-time In school part-time

Father's Place of Employment (if applicable): _____

Father's School (if currently enrolled): _____

Father's Education Level: Father has not completed high school Father has high school diploma
 Father has GED Father has attended some college Father has graduated from college

List all other **adults** living in the household:

Name Relationship to Child (who is applying)

List all **other children** in your household:

Name Gender Birth Date School Grade



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Emergency Contact Person: _____
(someone other than parent or guardian)

Relationship to Child: _____ Phone: _____

Does your child receive any of the following services? (Please check all that apply.)

- Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy ABA Therapy Play Therapy
- Home Visits from Early Interventionist Early Childhood Support Team Clinical Specialist
- Other (please describe): _____

Has your child been identified with any of the following? (Please check all that apply.)

- Autism Hearing Impaired Speech/Language Impaired Visually Impaired
- Orthopedically impaired Preschool Development Delayed Other (please describe): _____

If yes, which agency or school system are you working with? _____
When was the disability identified? _____

Does your child have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? Yes No Unsure

If yes, what school system or agency is it through? _____

NC Pre-K and the school systems' exceptional children's programs are separate, but sometimes they can overlap. If your child qualifies for NC Pre-K, we want to work with your family and your school system to find the best possible placement for your child. However, federal, state, and local guidelines regarding exceptional children must take precedence over NC Pre-K guidelines.

Does your child have any chronic health problems? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Does anyone else in your immediate family have any special needs, disabilities, or chronic health problems? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Is your child currently enrolled in a preschool or child care program? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

Have you applied for child care subsidy/scholarships through the Department of Social Services? Yes No

If so, please check one:

- We currently receive subsidy We are on the subsidy waiting list We don't qualify for subsidy

If not currently enrolled in child care, has your child ever been enrolled in a child care program? Yes No

When did your child attend? _____

Where did your child attend? _____

Who currently takes care of your child during the day? _____



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do you get support from any of the following services? (You must check all that apply.)

- Food Stamps Medicaid/Medicare/Health Choice
- WIC Public Housing Assistance
- Child Care Subsidy Child Support Payments – amount received: \$ _____

AFDC/Work First – amount received: \$ _____

Social Security – amount received: \$ _____

Unemployment – amount received: \$ _____

Other: _____ – amount received: \$ _____

At this time I do not receive any type of income from any of the above sources. (If you check this box we will send you additional paperwork that must be completed and returned before your application is considered complete.)

Your **TOTAL** household income is: \$ _____ Weekly Monthly Yearly
(including **all** sources listed above)

Do any children in your household qualify for (please check): **Free Lunch** at school **Reduced Lunch** at school

OTHER INFORMATION

Has your family ever (currently or in the past) received support from Child Protective Services? Yes No

- Who referred you to the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program? FamilyNet CDSA Children’s Resource Center
- Parents As Teachers Mental Health Public Health / Child Service Coordination
- Social Services Schools Other _____

Is there any other information you would like to share with us? _____

*** PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED ***

I certify that all of the information on both sides of this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand I am responsible for **calling the NCPK Office (828-695-6506)** with any changes to information on this application (phone number, address, work status, income, etc.). I give my permission for the information on this application and any other documentation that I submit with this application to be released to the selection committees, the classroom staff, the Division of Child Development and Early Education, and others as necessary to verify accuracy. I understand that knowingly providing inaccurate information will result in this application being rejected.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date