

4K & 5K Registration 2022-2023 Frequently Asked Application Questions

What are the qualifications to apply?

- The child must be **four(4)** years old by September 1, 2022. *Limited classroom space at Bells Elementary School, Cottageville Elementary School, and Hendersonville Elementary School.
- The child must be **five(5)** years old by September 1, 2022.
- The family must live in Colleton County (Proof of residency documentation is required).

Can my child apply for a school that is not their zone school?

When applying for the 4-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten, it is for your zone school.

Where do I go for help completing an application?

You may seek assistance at the zone school or the Office of Student Services located at the CCSD district office, 500 Forest Circle, Walterboro, SC 29488. Important dates to remember: Registration begins **February 22, 2022**; Registration ends **April 30, 2022**.

Incomplete applications cannot be processed until all information is received.

Are online registration options available?

Online registration options are not available at this time. However, you can access the 4K/5K registration application on Colleton County School District website:

<https://www.colleton.k12.sc.us/>.

Suppose you do not have access to a computer, mobile device or the internet, and cannot print a copy of the registration application. In that case, you may obtain a paper copy from the zone school or The Office of Student Services at the CCSD District Office.

What documents do I need along with the application?

- Child long-form birth certificate
- Medical card or Medicaid card
- Parent/family income documentation **(4-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Only)**
Income documentation is now required for Child Early Reading and Development Education Program (CERDEP) schools.

When can we apply?

The registration window is from February 22, 2022, to April 30, 2022. Applications are available through September 24, 2022. **However**, *parents are encouraged to apply early to ensure a qualification decision before the 2022-2023 school year begins.*

Can my child still participate in the 4K or 5K program if we move?

Yes, if you still live in Colleton County School District. Contact the Office of Student Services at 843-782-4524 or ehwilliams@colleton.k12.sc.us to provide updated proof of residency.

If there isn't space in the new attendance area, your child can be placed on the waitlist for the new attendance area.

What do I do if I need to make changes to my application after submitting it?

Email Mrs. Emily Williams at the Office of Student Services with the changes that need to be made: ehwilliams@colleton.k12.sc.us. Mrs. Emily Williams or the PowerSchool Clerk at the zone school will make the changes on the application.

My child barely missed the birthdate cutoffs established by the state. What provisions can be made to allow my child to enroll early?

None because school entry age is established under South Carolina state law. CCSD does not make exceptions to the legally defined entry deadlines for 4K & 5K enrollment requirements.

What is a Colleton County School District Attendance Zoned school?

The zone school is where students are assigned to attend because they live in the school's attendance area or attendance zone. You may look up your child's zoned school on the CCSD website:

<https://colleton.k12.sc.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=21782638&pageId=26157034>

How do I know if my application is completed and submitted through the registration application process?

4K Only-The zone school will notify you of a screening appointment.

Do all students who apply get admitted into the CCSD 4-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten?

At this time, CCSD is not universal Pre-K. We encourage families to apply for PreK early and complete the DIAL-4 screening process as soon as possible to ensure a qualification decision before the 2022-2023 school year begins.

What is DIAL-4 Screening, and what are you looking for during the DIAL-4 screenings? (4K Only)

DIAL-4 screening is a South Carolina State Department of Education requirement for 4-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten. Your child's motor, concept knowledge, language, self-help, and social-emotional skills are assessed during the DIAL-4 screening. DIAL-4 screenings appointment takes place after a completed Pre-Kindergarten application has been submitted.

How long will my child have to be on a waitlist?

All schools' waitlists are evaluated based on current availability in the schools. When space becomes available, you will receive notification of a date for your child to begin Pre-K

What if I apply after school starts?

If space is available, the child may start within a couple of days, and the school will determine the child's start date.

If my child leaves during the school year and then decides that I want to come back, what happens?

Your child will be placed on the waitlist if there is a waitlist.