



PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Promoting Growth, Achievement, Success, and Direction for ALL Children!



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Pre-K Counts Enrollment Plan Free Preschool for Qualifying Families

Early education better prepares children to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the purpose of Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts is to help ensure pre-kindergarten opportunities are available to children (ages three to five) across the commonwealth. This program is free to eligible families.

The Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts program:

- Is based on the quality components adopted for pre-kindergarten by the State Board of Education
- Provides families with a choice in quality pre-kindergarten options in a school setting

Program Mission: To provide high-quality, comprehensive services to all enrolled Pre-K Counts children and their families. By forming a partnership with parents, staff, and community members, we offer services designed to promote the healthiest, safest environment in which children, families, and staff can thrive and reach their full potential.

- Collaborate with outside agencies (such as Child Development, Head Start, Local Child Care Centers, Early Intervention, etc.)
- Collaborate with health services (dental, eye exams, etc.)

Program Goals: Prepare and teach pre-k children the school readiness skills needed to be ready for school success.

- Foster intellectual, social, and emotional growth
- Provide opportunities for children and families in our program that will help prepare them for future school and life successes
- Increase the chance of doing well in school, attending college or trade school, and having a successful careers



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Program Eligibility: Pre-K Counts enrollment is dependent on specific requirements as set forth by federal guidelines.

- A resident of the Pine Grove Area School District
- Is between the ages of three and five
- Meets the income eligibility (families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level)
- Completes the application
- Submits all required documentation (see below)

Please note that an application will be required along with additional documentation such as the child's birth certificate, evidence of your previous year's income, proof of PGA residency, etc. Please contact the PGA Elementary School with any questions regarding eligibility or if you need assistance with the enrollment process. PGA Elementary School (570) 345-2731.

Non-discrimination statement: The PreK Counts program policy regarding discrimination shall be in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability will not be permitted in the delivery of service within the program. Any person who believes they have been discriminated against may appeal through the grievance procedures as designated.

[AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form \(ENG\)](#)

[AD-3027, Formulario de quejas por discriminación en los programas del USDA \(ESP\)](#)