



Maryland State Department of Education Prekindergarten Experience

Department of Elementary Curriculum and Districtwide Programs
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 (Last, First, Middle) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

School _____

In what kind of care did the child spend most of their time since September of the previous year?

Place one check in the correct box for full day or two checks in the correct half day boxes.

Include the name of the school, center, or provider on the line.

PRIOR CARE	NAME OF PRIOR CARE SCHOOL, CENTER, OR PROVIDER	FULL DAY	HALF DAY—1	HALF DAY—2
Informal Care		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Head Start		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prekindergarten in a public school (general education or special education)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Care Center		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Child Care		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic Nursery School		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kindergarten (repeated)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MSDE Defined Categories of Early Care Experiences

Informal Care	Care provided in a home by a relative or non-relative.
Head Start Program	A federal pre-school program for 3- to 5-year olds from low income families: funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and licensed by the Maryland Department of Education, Office of Child Care.
Prekindergarten in a public school	Public school general or special education prekindergarten for four year olds administered by MCPS and regulated by MSDE according to COMAR 13A.06.02 Prekindergarten Programs school (general education or special education in a public school)
Child Care Center	Child care provided in a facility, usually non-residential, for part or all of the day that provides care to children in the absence of a parent. The centers are licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.
Family Child Care	Regulated care given to a child younger than 13 years old, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours, in a residence other than the child's residence and for which the provider is paid. Family child care is regulated by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.
Non-public Nursery Schools	Pre-school programs with an "education" focus for 2,3, or 4 year olds; approved or exempted by MSDE; usually part-day, nine months a year.