



Maryland State Department of Education Pre-Kindergarten Experience

Department of Policy, Records, and Reporting
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland 20850

MCPS Form 345-17
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INSTRUCTIONS: The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requires the Montgomery County Public Schools 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 his/her time since last September? (Check only 1 box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start | <input type="checkbox"/> Prekindergarten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Child Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Public Nursery School | <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start | <input type="checkbox"/> Prekindergarten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Child Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Public Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Even Start |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hippy | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents as Teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Others not listed |

MSDE Defined Categories of Early Care Experiences

Head Start. Preschool program for 2 to 5 year olds from low-income families provided by local public school system or non-public organization. (Licensed by Maryland Child Care Administration or another state's licensing entity)

Prekindergarten. Preschool education program for 4-year-old children. (Administered by local board of education and regulated by the MSDE or another state's department of education)

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 Md. Child Care Administration or another state's child care administration)

Family Child Care. Care provided in a residence other than the child's and for which the provider is paid. (Licensed by the Md. Child Care Administration or another state's child care administration)

Non-Public Nursery School. Preschool program with an "educational" focus for 3 & 4 year old children, usually part-day, nine months a year. (Regulated by MSDE or another state's department of education)

Kindergarten. Student who repeats kindergarten.

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

Hippy. Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters. Home visiting program for parents to support their children's early learning. Administered by public and non-public organizations.

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

Preschool Special Education. Services for children with disabilities

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