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2026-2027 NC Pre-Kindergarten Information

Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Orange, Person, Vance and Wake Counties

Below please find information on the administering agencies of the NC Pre-K application process for the nine counties served by Child Care Referral Central. Information includes registration dates, how to apply, and contact information for each county.

County	Agency Name	Dates of Registration	Application Access	Appointment, Virtual or Walk-in	Contact Name	Phone Number/ Email
Alamance	Alamance County Partnership for Children Alamance-Burlington School System	Registration starts: February 2, 2026	Alamance-Burlington School System	Appointment, walk-in, or drop off (at Alamance Partnership for Children, any elementary school, Central Office, either Head Start location or Ray Street Academy)	Di'Quasia Champ or Ana Vazquez	336.513.0063 336.438.4000 ext. 20160 abss_prek@abss.k12.nc.us dchamp@alamancechildren.org avazquez@alamancechildren.org
Caswell	Caswell County Partnership for Children, Caswell County Schools, & RCS Head Start	Application will be available Spring or Early Summer 2026	Caswell County Partnership for Children	Appointment or walk-in parents can drop applications off at the preferred site	Sandra Hudspeth	336.694.1538 ccp4child@esinc.net
Durham	Durham PreK	March 2, 2026 application will be available	Durham PreK	Walk-in, in-person, or virtual application appointment	Kathy Guerrero	833.773.5338 prek@earlyyearsnc.org
Franklin	Franklin-Granville-Vance Partnership for Children	Application opened December 4, 2025	Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start	Online application : may reach out to Kendra if difficulty or no access to internet. Spanish and English available.	Kendra Davis	252.433.9110 ext. 227 kdavis@fgvsmartstart.gov Prek@fcschools.net
Granville	Granville County Schools	Winter/early spring 2026	Granville County Public Schools	The online application is in English and Spanish. There is also QR Code for downloading/printing the application. For in-person application parents can go to any Neighborhood Elementary School.	Latasha Hargrove, Early Childhood Coordinator	919.693.4613 ext.101203 hargrovel@gcs.k12.nc.us
Orange	Orange County Smart Start	Families are encouraged to submit their applications at any time throughout the year	Orange County Partnership for Young Children	Application online; email submissions accepted, drop off or mail in	Arlene Owens, NC Pre-k Manager	919.967.9091 (office) 984.677.2211 orangesmartstart.org
Orange	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) Pre-K/Head Start	Registration starts: February 9, 2026	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	Appointments and email submissions accepted	Fernando Solno	919.918.2153 ext. 20291 919.918.2153 ext. 20284 prekapplications@chccs.k12.nc.us
Person	Person County Partnership for Children	Mid-February 2026	Partnership for Children of Person County website	Drop off or in-person or at any Person County NC PreK Site	Courtney Harding	336.599.3773 charding@pcpfc.org
Vance	Vance County Schools	Registration starts: December 1, 2025	Vance County Public Schools	Walk-in (any elementary school or district office) dropped off at 1724 Graham Avenue	Diane Mccann Stephanie Alston	252.492.2127 ext.2403 salston@vcs.k12.nc.us dmccann@vcs.k12.nc.us
Wake	Wake County Smart Start	Paper or Online Application Available January 2026	Wake County Smart Start website	Office Walk-in Application Events Thursdays	Ana Gallo	919.723.9283 919.851.9550 agallo@wakesmartstart.org