

Talbott Springs Preschool

The HCPSS newest preschool program provides a high-quality, half-day preschool program for our youngest learners. This four-day, 2 ½ hour program serves eligible children who live in the Talbott Springs and Stevens Forest [attendance areas](#). The comprehensive curriculum is co-taught by certified staff including both general and special educators. Lessons support early learning and school readiness, fostering academic, social, emotional and physical development. Family training and support are provided through periodic Family Connections conducted virtually, in the school setting, community setting, and/or in homes as appropriate.

Is my child eligible for the program?

Children must live in the Talbott Springs and Stevens Forest [attendance areas](#) and meet either of the following qualifications:

- Three years old by September 1 and meet first priority criteria: [income eligible](#), homelessness and foster care; or,
- Three years old and found eligible by an IEP team decision.

How do I apply?

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of students found eligible for special education and related services will be notified by the IEP team if they are eligible to participate in this program based on IEP needs and services. No application needed.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of prospective preschool students who meet [first priority criteria](#) (link) must complete an application. For an application, please contact:

- Talbott Springs - (410) 313-6915
- Stevens Forest - (410) 313-6900
- The Office of Early Childhood Programs - 410-313-5693
or hcpss_pk@hcpss.org

At this time, families that qualify for first priority criteria are placed first into preschool and second priority applicants are placed on the waitlist until mid-August. At that time, the Office of Early Childhood Programs will review enrollment and space availability to see if the second priority criteria applicants can be considered for placement into preschool.

Applying for the Talbott Springs preschool program, regardless of the time of year, does not automatically guarantee enrollment. Every attempt is made to provide space for as many children as possible, but because of funding restrictions, spaces are limited.