

Education and Workforce Development (EWD)

Committee Meeting

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Kindergarten Readiness Briefing

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Outcomes



This briefing aims to provide the Education and Workforce Development (EWD) Committee with the following information:

- Blueprint Pillar I mixed-delivery opportunities available to eligible families with three- and four-year-olds
- Readiness gaps observed in children entering prekindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year
- Kindergarten readiness data for children entering Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) during the 2025-2026 school year, as measured by the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)
- Available resources and supports for families of young children



Prekindergarten Opportunities for Eligible Families



Pillar I Outcome: Expansion of full-day prekindergarten at no cost for three- and four-year-olds from **eligible families** (families living at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level through a **mixed delivery system**).

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*Under the Maryland Blueprint for Education, eligible private providers must account for at least 30% of state-funded pre kindergarten slots in each county by FY2027. The proportion of eligible private provider prekindergarten slots must increase by 10 percentage points each school year until the 2028–2029 school year, when eligible private providers must account for at least 50% of state-funded pre kindergarten slots in each county, and maintain that level thereafter.

Private Providers



For the 2025–2026 school year, Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) has partnered with the following private providers to offer **408 free** prekindergarten seats for **eligible three- and four-year-old children**, expanding access to prekindergarten across the county:

- Above and Beyond Schoolhouse Family Child Care (Bowie)
- EasterSeals Head Start (Camp Springs)
Montgomery County applicant/MSDE grant recipient with seats in Prince George’s County
- Family Child Care Alliance of Maryland (ASPIRE PreK- 16 Family Child Care Providers)
- Firm Foundation (Temple Hills)
- Future Leaders (Brandywine)
- Greenbelt Children’s Center (Greenbelt)
- Ideal Child Care (District Heights)
- Monarch Preschool College Park (College Park)
- Perfect Harmony II (Camp Springs)
- Reid Temple Christian Academy (Glenn Dale)
- Seela Kids (Capitol Heights)
- Themba Creative Learning Center (Lanham)

How do prekindergarten children enter PGCPS?

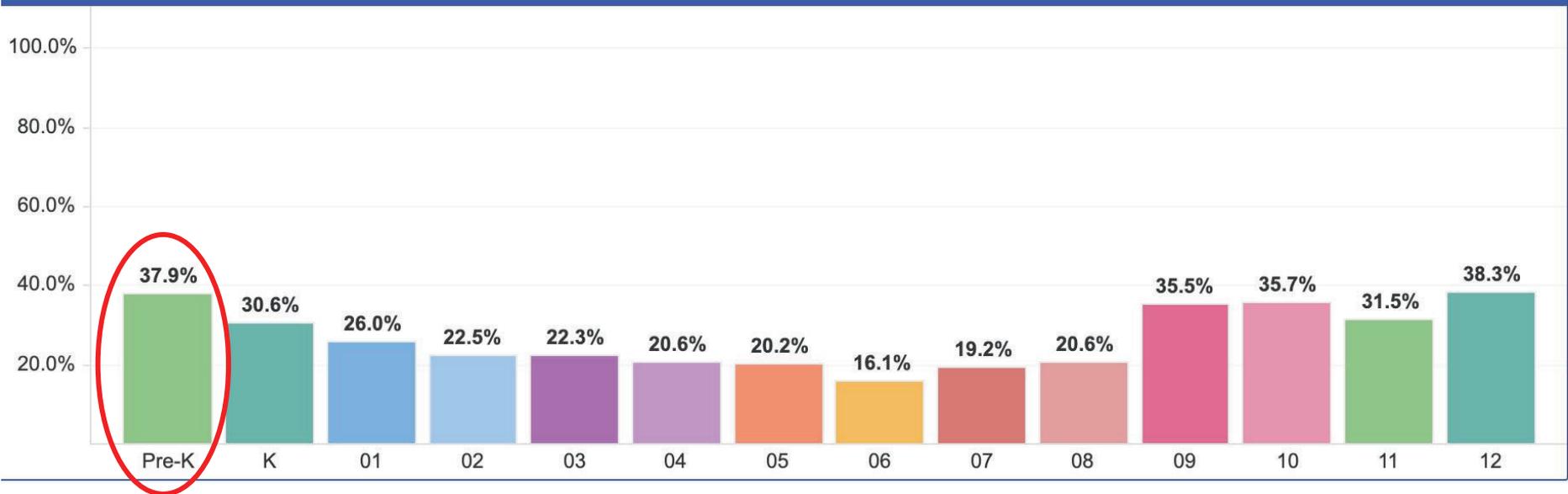


Academic & Social Emotional Standards	Beginning of the Year Average Score in Yrs/Mo.
Phonological Awareness	2y 5mo
Alphabet (Uppercase)	3y 8mo
Alphabet (Lowercase)	3y 7mo
Classification - Sorting	4y 2mo
Classroom Rules, Routines, and Use of Materials	4y 3m
Comprehension of Text	3y 5mo
Connects Numbers to Quantities	3y 5mo
Counting	3y 8mo
Emergent Writing	3y 11m
Letter-Sound Correspondence	3y 11m
1 to 1 Correspondence (Counting Totals)	3y 1mo
Relationships with Peers	4y 1mo
Rhyming	3y 9mo
Self-Control of Feelings and Behavior	4y 0mo
Shapes	3y 7mo
Social and Emotional Understanding	4y 0mo

Chronic Absenteeism in PGCPS



Chronic Absenteeism % By Grade



How is kindergarten readiness assessed?



The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) is administered to all kindergarten students in Maryland during the first few weeks of school.

The KRA includes a direct assessment of **early literacy** and **math skills** as well as an observational assessment of **social and emotional development**.

KRA Early Literacy Results by LEA



57%

LEA	Percent Scoring Established	Tested Count
Allegany	64.0	539
Anne Arundel	60.4	5,703
Baltimore City	45.4	5,095
Baltimore County	53.0	7,249
Calvert	66.8	962
Caroline	53.2	389
Carroll	75.2	1,628
Cecil	63.7	994
Charles	54.6	1,714
Dorchester	56.3	304
Frederick	62.9	3,141
Garrett	58.9	236
Harford	68.0	2,513
Howard	71.2	3,410
Kent	73.3	131
Montgomery	59.7	9,473
Prince George's	46.3	8,382
Queen Anne's	66.5	472
Saint Mary's	58.0	1,125
Somerset	67.9	187
Talbot	59.9	339
Washington	61.7	1,517
Wicomico	33.3	1,195
Worcester	72.0	418

KRA Mathematics Results by LEA



55.3%

LEA	Percent Scoring Established	Tested Count
Allegany	58.7	537
Anne Arundel	49.2	5,738
Baltimore City	48.0	5,237
Baltimore County	50.9	7,354
Calvert	61.3	955
Caroline	55.6	390
Carroll	65.6	1,631
Cecil	56.4	994
Charles	57.4	1,705
Dorchester	61.3	300
Frederick	51.5	3,150
Garrett	52.8	235
Harford	61.6	2,505
Howard	67.2	3,404
Kent	71.0	131
Montgomery	61.1	9,594
Prince George's	54.1	8,643
Queen Anne's	60.7	471
Saint Mary's	46.1	1,127
Somerset	66.7	189
Talbot	60.2	339
Washington	61.1	1,500
Wicomico	35.3	1,192
Worcester	61.8	416

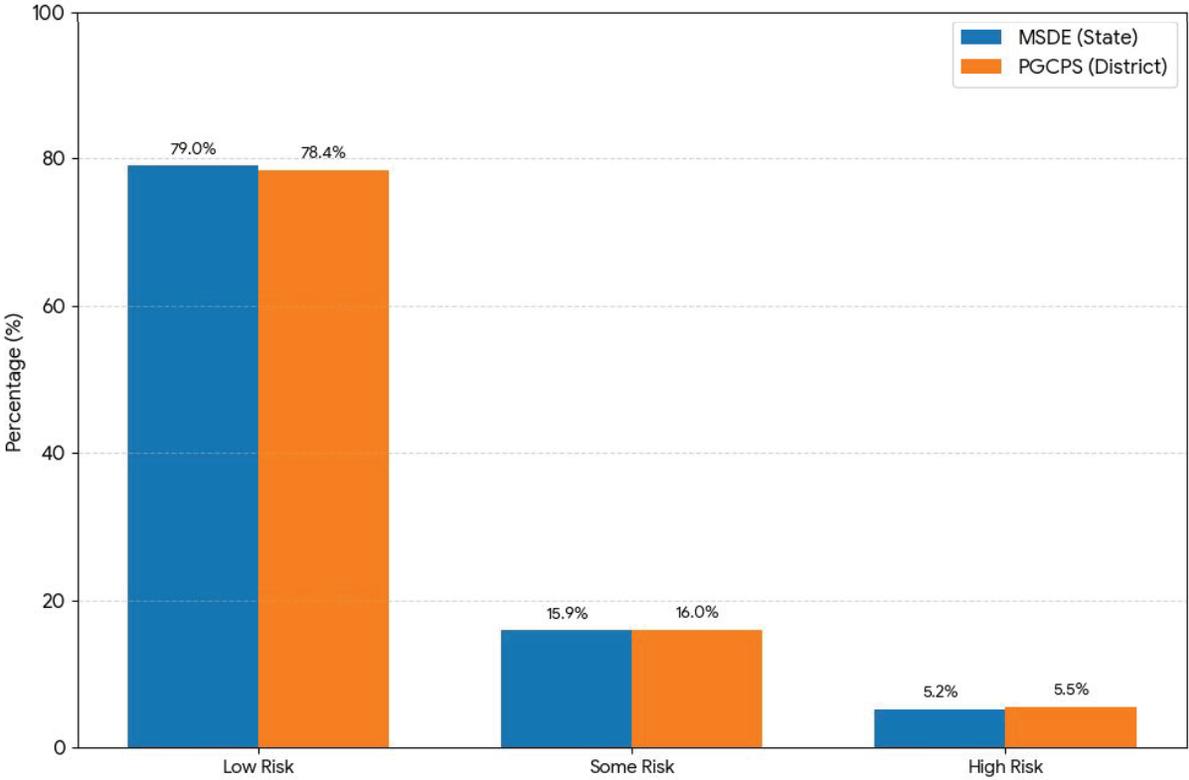
KRA Early Literacy (Spanish) Results by LEA



50%

LEA	Percent Scoring Established	Tested Count
Allegany	*	*
Anne Arundel	49.1	632
Baltimore City	51.1	614
Baltimore County	46.9	798
Calvert	*	*
Caroline	47.5	80
Carroll	57.1	63
Cecil	40.0	35
Charles	45.9	185
Dorchester	75.0	28
Frederick	47.3	74
Garrett	*	*
Harford	*	*
Howard	48.1	235
Kent	84.6	13
Montgomery	53.0	1,884
Prince George's	50.0	2,766
Queen Anne's	48.8	41
Saint Mary's	41.5	53
Somerset	*	*
Talbot	46.2	78
Washington	50.7	134
Wicomico	31.4	86
Worcester	*	*

KRA Social Emotional Development



Kindergarten Readiness Resources



Prince George's County Memorial Library System

Rhyming Across the Day

Parents will have an opportunity to gain fun ways to help their child with rhyming through read aloud time, singing songs and finger plays.

April 13, 2026 (6 pm – 7 pm)

Register for Zoom: <https://bit.ly/47g2y5V>

Books are our Friends: Exploring the Basics of Print with Your Child

This session introduces families to the essential early reading skills known as "concepts of print"- how books work, where to start reading on a page, the difference between letters and words, and the purpose of punctuation. Parents will learn fun, simple ways to model print behaviors at home during shared reading.

April 16, 2026 (6 pm – 7 pm)



Family Math

Questions

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