

What You Should Know about Durham PreK

DPK Site Benefits

- **\$1,350-\$1,400** monthly reimbursement rate
- A pre-service payment issued before the SY
- Follow DPS Schedule
- No family income restrictions
- Teacher compensation support payments
- Teacher financial assistance for education attainment

How TA Helps Sites Reach the DPK Standards

- Professional development opportunities for instructional staff and directors
- Family engagement and support
- Curriculum support

RFA Process & Expectations

The Durham PreK RFA process opens every two years (at minimum). Sites are expected to attend an information session during the RFA process. Following submission, RFAs are informally reviewed by CCSA and DPfC staff and formally reviewed by a non-conflicted review committee. Sites who meet the criteria will then be assessed through the Classroom Assessment Scoring System® (CLASS®). Child Care Services Association provides information, training, and technical assistance on the RFA process to sites interested in applying.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to have a stand alone 4-year-old classroom to be considered?

Answer: At the time of application, sites are not required to have a stand alone 4-year-old classroom, however, once sites are chosen, they will be required to have a stand alone classroom for every classroom allocated by Durham PreK.

Can I apply if I don't have a BK-Licensed teacher?

Answer: Yes, but if selected, your lead teacher will be required to have or be working toward a Birth-Kindergarten License. CCSA can assist in connecting teachers & child care centers with financial support through our Apprenticeship Program and T.E.A.C.H. scholarships.

Am I obligated to reserve slots for Durham PreK Children?

Answer: When a child care center is selected for Durham PreK, a total number of seats will be allocated to that site (up to 18 per classroom). Those seats will be filled through the Durham PreK application process and must be reserved for that purpose. The Durham PreK Partners determine eligibility and place children who are eligible into your classroom.

