



**King George County Schools**  
Preschool Programs  
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## **PRESCHOOL PEER MODEL PROGRAM**

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The Early Childhood Special Education program is a curriculum based special education preschool that serves children 2- 5 who have special needs.

The Peer Model Program allows preschoolers without disabilities the opportunity to participate in the early childhood class and to learn through the experiences in the classroom.

By participating in classroom activities, the peer model serves as a role model to the other students by demonstrating appropriate play, communication and social skills.

***The purpose of the Peer Model Program is:***

- To provide high-quality, inclusive learning environments
- To develop age appropriate peer relationships
- To promote community relationships during early childhood
- To provide a learning environment rich in diversity
- To educate children with disabilities with typically developing peers
- To develop, within the learning environment and learning within the community, the understanding that all children have strengths and make contributions to their world
- To provide a literature-rich, language-based environment that supports the development of children with varied strengths and abilities.

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## **PROGRAM DETAILS**

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The 3 year old program will meet Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm with an annual fee of \$500.

The 4 year old Pre-K program will meet Monday – Friday, 8:30 am- 1:30 pm with an annual fee of \$600.

- ❖ Please note, these fees go towards curriculum, classroom materials and supplies, and other preschool needs. Payment options discussed in detail on back.

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## CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE PRESCHOOL PEER MODEL PROGRAM

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1. Must complete a Peer Model application and a 3-4 hour observation in one of the Preschool classrooms.
2. Must reside in King George County (or work for KGCS) and meet age requirements (3 for the 3's class and 4 for the Pre-K class by September 30, 2024).
3. 4 year old peer models should be toilet trained. 3 year old peer models need to be almost potty trained. (only a few accidents weekly)
4. Must demonstrate good social skills and speak in complete sentences.
5. **If accepted**, King George County School registration paperwork (birth verification, registration, school physical and immunizations, and residence verification) and Payment Agreement form must be completed before the start of school.

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## PRESCHOOL PEER MODEL PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

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1. Peer model student behavior should not impede learning of other students.
2. Potty Training in place for 3s peer model and completed for 4s peer model.
3. Payment should be received by due date(s).

*We reserve the right to discuss placement with you, should these, or any situation, impact your student in the program.*

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## PAYMENT OPTIONS

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There will be an annual fee of \$500 for the 3 year old program and \$600 for the 4 year old program. These fees go towards curriculum, classroom supplies, and other materials.

### **OPTIONS:**

1. Full amount to be paid when school starts, or
2. Monthly installments for the first semester
3. Other options must be discussed and approved by Coordinator, Laurie Wages
  - ❖ *If your child is dismissed or withdrawn from the program, and you have already paid, you will receive a partial refund.*

**I have read and understood all the above information.**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**

## PEER MODEL PROGRAM APPLICATION

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Child must be 3 or 4 by September 30, 2024)*

Parent (s)/ Guardian (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ King George, VA 22485

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Preschool Sibling or Current KG County Staff & Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please answer the following questions:

1. Please describe your child's personality, temperament, and learning style.
  
2. Describe any setting(s) where your child has opportunities to interact and play with same age peers and how your child typically interacts:
  
3. Has your child ever been dismissed from another daycare/preschool?  Yes  No Why?
  
4. How does your child typically communicate?
  - a. Does your child ask questions?  Yes  No
  - b. Is your child able to speak in clear sentences?  Yes  No
  - c. Does your child respond accurately to yes and no questions?  Yes  No
  - d. Does your child respond appropriately to redirection?  Yes  No
  
5. What would you like your child to gain by participating as a peer model in the KGCPs Preschool Program?
  
6. Has your child had the opportunity to interact with individuals with special needs?  Yes  No
  
7. Why would your child be a positive role model for a child with a disability?
  
8. Do you have any developmental, behavioral or language concerns for your child?

9. Please check the appropriate answer for the following questions.

Skill	Independently	With Help	Not Yet
Uses the bathroom (potty trained)			
Washes and dries hands			
Pull pants up and down			
Puts on & takes off coat			
Drinks from an open lid cup			
Feeds self with utensils			
Waits patiently for your attention			
Follows simple directions			
State name and age			
Responds to yes/no questions			
Entertains self, at least 5 minutes			
Can work in small group for 10 minutes			
Attends to story from a book			
Answers who, what, where questions			
Comments on things in his/her environment			
Waits for turn with a toy			
Initiates interactions with peers			
Shares with peers			
Shows empathy for others			
Participates in an activity when invited by peer			
Uses toys appropriately			
Follows basic safety rules			

Peer Model Application Process:

*Once applications have been received, a teacher will contact you to schedule a time for your child to participate in a preschool observation visit. After all observations have been conducted, the applications and observation notes will be reviewed and selections will be made using the peer model program purpose and criteria detailed on the first page. All applicants will be notified by **May 24, 2024 through email.***

**I verify that the above information is accurate. I have read and understand the application process.**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**