



Program Facts

Calvert County Public Schools Head Start Program offers a program for three-year-olds that features a home visiting component as well as community play groups. Four-year-olds are introduced to a school environment as well as the center-based program that Head Start is known for.

Head Start is located at the following schools: Sunderland Elementary in the northern region of the county; Barstow Elementary in the central region of the county; and Patuxent Elementary in the southern region of the county.

During the 2017-2018 school year, the program has served 100% of all eligible children in our demographic area which includes the entire county. The program maintained a waitlist that included over income applicants only. In 2016, the program completed the Federal Review of Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance demonstrated that the program was in compliance in *all* areas of the review. Average monthly enrollment is 172 participants.

Three-year-old program 36 participants received 90-minute weekly home visits with a Head Start Home Visitor who provided curriculum, books, and supplies for fun and easy lessons. Parents then spent time daily helping their child to develop school readiness skills. Group socialization was provided in each community. As a result, parents were empowered to become their child's first teacher. Participation in the three-year-old program guarantees enrollment for qualifying families in the four-year-old program. To qualify, children must be ***three by September 1 and meet the Head Start income requirements.***

Four-year-old program 136 participants were offered half-day Head Start and half-day Pre-K instruction for a full day of services Monday through Friday. Families were also offered before and after care through Calvert County Public Schools. Additionally, children received round trip transportation from home to school and free breakfast, lunch, and snacks. To qualify, children must be ***four by September 1 and meet the Head Start income requirements.***

In order to accept a Head Start scholarship, parents must provide the following information:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Child's Physical
- Original Social Security Card
- Proof of Income
- Valid State-Approved Picture Identification
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency in Calvert County
- Proof of Medical Insurance
- Child's Current IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or recent information regarding child's special need (if applicable)