

Virginia Preschool Initiative

Rockbridge County Public Schools

Preschool Program for 4 year olds

2025-2026



RCPS offers free full day preschool to qualifying families through the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI).

Students must turn four years old by September 30, 2025 and the family must meet state and/or local criteria to be eligible for the program.

Program Highlights

- Classroom locations- Central Elementary, Fairfield Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, and Natural Bridge Elementary with licensed and properly endorsed teachers.
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum that facilitates language development, social skills, problem-solving skills, and physical development.
- Literacy, math, science, social studies, art, music, and physical activities are incorporated into all aspects of the daily routine.
- Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are available.
- Transportation provided within school attendance zones.

Apply online at <http://smart2start.org>

Please fill out the application and upload as much of the requested documentation that you have available at the time.

Smart2start will contact you by phone or email to verify the application and they will then notify RCPS of your interest in the program. RCPS will contact you to determine eligibility, finish the application process if necessary, and gather other forms that we may need.

*If your family is not eligible under the state criteria of VPI acceptance, you may be placed on a waitlist to be considered for local eligibility.

*If you would like specific information or have additional questions, please contact our family services representative Theresa Bishop. theresa_bishop@rockbridge.k12.va.us