

# HARMONY PRE - K COUNTS



\* FULL DAY  
Monday-Friday

\*FULLY CERTIFIED  
ELEMENTARY TEACHER

\*Transportation in district  
provided.

\*Creative Curriculum  
Gold aligned to early  
learning standards.

\*Keystone Star 4  
Recognition

## Pre-K Program Enrollment

Harmony School District is very fortunate to be able to offer your child a Pre-K Counts Program with a Keystone Star 4 recognition. This highly qualified Pre-K preparation program fills up quickly.

For more information and/or a registration packet, please call the Elementary Office at (814) 85-2300 Ext. 124. Deadline is May 19, 2017.



## Early Education is Important!

Tammy Hoyt – Kindergarten Teacher

Why is an early education so important? Academic, social, and emotional skills that are acquired in preschool stand as the building blocks throughout each individual child's educational experience. Children are provided with benefits in language, literacy, social, and academic skills in preschool. It is a place where young children can learn through active exploration, build relationships with others, develop self-help skills, and learn how to solve problems. Skills that need to be acquired are not only the academic, but social and emotional as well.

All these skills are an importance when entering kindergarten today. These skills provided in preschool carry through into adolescence. Children who enter kindergarten with an enriched preschool experience may decrease many discrepancies students may show in their academic abilities and social skills. Why not give your child the enhanced early learning experience? An enriched preschool will not only provide these opportunities for your child but will help them to build skills and background knowledge needed to determine their readiness for kindergarten. What a difference preschool makes!!!!

**"What a difference  
Pre-K makes!!!!"**

**–Tammy Hoyt  
Kindergarten  
Teacher**

**Limited Space...  
Call today!**



# Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is bringing quality half-day and full-day pre-kindergarten to nearly 19,000 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania.

## Why does my child need to attend a high quality pre-kindergarten program?

Quality pre-kindergarten prepares children for reading and math, but also for paying attention, following directions and getting along with others.

## Pre-kindergarten gives children a chance to learn, become excited about school and be better students.

By enrolling your child in quality pre-kindergarten, your child has a better chance of being ready for kindergarten and grade school. This strong early start in pre-kindergarten means they have a better chance of doing well in school, going on to college or career training, and getting a good job. **All of this can start by enrolling your child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom!**

## What can I expect from a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Pennsylvania *Pre-K Counts* classrooms will:

- have teachers with the education and expertise to teach young children;
- use a curriculum that will help your child grow, academically and socially;
- regularly review your child's progress and choose teaching and learning activities that are best for your child;
- help you and your child adjust to pre-kindergarten and smoothly move on to kindergarten;
- offer a small class size (no more than 20 students per one teacher and one aide) so that your child can have plenty of one-on-one time with the teachers.

**By enrolling your child in PA Pre-K Counts, you can give your child a great start to a bright future.**

\* The portion of the day that is funded through Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts is free to families; the program may charge for additional portions of the day (wrap-around child care, etc.)



For more information visit  
[www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov).



## Who is eligible for PA Pre-K Counts?

PA Pre-K Counts is designed for children who

- are between age 3 and until the entry age for kindergarten; and
- live in families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level, (or a family of four earning \$72,900).

Each program offering PA Pre-K Counts classrooms will have their own guidelines. If your child falls into these categories, you may be eligible to apply.

## How much does PA Pre-K Counts cost?

PA Pre-K Counts is free to families.\*

## How can I enroll my child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Contact the PA Pre-K Counts program directly for enrollment information. There are PA Pre-K Counts classrooms in most of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. To find one near you, visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) and click on "Early Learning and Development Programs," "Find a Provider," "Preschool," and PA Pre-K Counts.

**Helping Pennsylvania's children reach their promise  
through Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts**