

Pre-K3 and Pre-K4

Transit

Students in DC ride public transportation for free, transportation will only be provided by the school as part of special education services.

Before/ After Care

Some schools allow parents to drop students off early or pick students up later. Some of the schools that offer before/after care charge a fee. In some cases, that fee can be covered or supplemented by a voucher.

Language

Some elementary schools offer a language other than English as a program or class option.

Uniforms

Not all public schools require students wear uniforms. A school that requires uniforms may not allow a student who is not in uniform to attend his/her classes.

Specialized Schools

Montessori and Reggio Emilia approaches utilize a type of learning that focuses on supporting students as they learn more freely and independently. Most Montessori elementary schools require that the student have attended a Montessori pre-kindergarten.

Feeder Schools

Each DCPS elementary school has a middle and high school to which its students automatically receive an invitation to attend. Some charter schools have similar partnership/agreement in place.

Factors to consider:

Charter Schools

Each charter school develops its own curriculum for pre-K3 and pre-K4. Some charters use the federal Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

DCPS

DCPS uses the federal Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework which sets the curriculum and the student/teacher ratio requirements.

Community-Based Organizations

Service providers that are not DCPS or within a charter school use the OSSE Early Learning Standards which set the curriculum and the student/teacher ratio requirements.

For more information, visit

<https://osse.dc.gov/page/how-find-pre-kindergarten-program/> or
<http://www.myschooldc.org/>.

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