

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Edgefield County School District provides a great start for our youngest learners. The goal of the 4K/CERDEP program is to provide developmental and learning support that children must have in order to be ready for kindergarten. The program is a full-day learning experience, following the regular arrival and dismissal times of your child's school.

Students meeting one of the risk criteria- **documented family income 185 percent or less of federal poverty or Medicaid eligibility** and who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2022 are **eligible and given priority for this program**. Please provide a copy of the child's proof-of-age eligibility (long-form birth certificate), provide up-to-date immunization documentation, and provide proof of residence. In addition, family income eligibility must be shown for enrollment into the 4K/CERDEP Program: an annual family income of 185 percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines as promulgated annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; or Medicaid eligibility. Acceptable forms of verification include the following: a completed free and reduced lunch form with verification of family income, or a copy of a current Medicaid card. Verification of family income may include pay stubs, tax returns, or W-2 forms. Students will be given a testing date upon completion of the registration process. Registration does not guarantee enrollment into the 4K/CERDEP program as spots are limited.

After July 1, and placement of all the **income-eligible students**, those who **qualify based on the readiness assessment will be given consideration for placement into the program, if space permits**. If any vacancies remain after all eligible students have been placed, Edgefield County School District may then consider enrolling non-eligible students based upon the SCDE CERDEP Guidelines.

Initial registration for Edgefield County School District's 4K Child Early Reading Development and Education Program took place on Friday, March 25 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at each of the district's four elementary schools. **You may still register your child by contacting your child's zoned school to schedule an appointment**. See below for documentation to take with you to be able to register. You **must register your child in the appropriate attendance area**, see chart below.

*Students residing in Douglas Elementary School
zone register at:*

**Douglas Elementary School
215 S. E. Diggs Road
Trenton, SC
Beth Blum, Principal
803-275-1752**

*Students residing in Johnston Elementary School
zone register at:*

**Johnston Elementary School
514 Lee Street
Johnston, SC 29832
Tammy Martin, Principal
803-275-1755**

*Students residing in Merriwether Elementary School
zone register at:*

**Merriwether Elementary School
565 Springhaven Drive
North Augusta, SC 29860
Bruce Lee, Principal
803-279-9993**

*Students residing in W. E. Parker Elementary School
zone register at:*

**W. E. Parker Elementary School
41 Crest Road
Edgefield, SC 29824
Jaime S. Creasy, Principal
803-637-4020**

The parent/legal guardian must pre-register the child and must bring the following documents in order to register a child for the ECSD 4K/CERDEP Program.

- **Photo ID** of the parent or legal guardian.
- **State Issued Birth Certificate: Please provide a copy of the child's proof-of-age eligibility (long-form birth certificate)** The birth certificate issued at the hospital is not the legal birth certificate. Legal birth certificates /long forms may be obtained for children born in South Carolina from the DHEC offices in Aiken and Greenwood. You can also order a birth certificate online for any state at usvitalrecords.org (select the state). There will be an associated charge for this service.
- **Child's Certificate of Immunization:** The most current and properly signed Certificate of Immunization, Conditional Certificate of Immunization or Religious Exemption (Certificate provided by the Health Department)
- **Child's Medicaid Card or Proof of Income** - If your child does not receive Medicaid, proof of income for **all** parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required. Acceptable forms of verification include the following: a completed free and reduced lunch form with verification of family income. Verification of family income may include pay stubs, tax returns, or W-2 forms for the past 12 months. This includes stepparents if they assume responsibility. Verification of income or copy of Medicaid card must be on file before the child can enroll.
- **Two Proofs of Residence. (Select one from each category)**

Category A: Choose one proof from this section and provide a copy for documentation:

1. Tax receipt showing that both property and dwelling are located in the Edgefield County School District.
2. Mortgage Statement or Receipt
3. Rental or Lease Agreement-showing the address of the dwelling, the property owner's name, address, and telephone number. (Statements from apartment complexes or other multiple family dwellings need to be on letterhead stationery showing the appropriate information as mentioned. RENT RECEIPTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Category B: Choose one proof from this section and provide a copy for documentation:

1. Electric/gas bill
2. Water/sewer bill
3. House insurance invoice

Due to the district's limited number of 4K programs, completion of the registration process does not guarantee a child's enrollment in the program. However, a child cannot be considered for placement in a 4K program unless he or she is registered and meets the criteria. If a child is registered on March 25, 2022 for a 4K program, the parent/guardian will receive a letter no later than July 1, 2022 stating the status of the child's application.

If you have any questions about the registration procedures, please contact the principal of the school in the zone of your legal residence.