FIRST STEP PRESCHOOL
Newport News Public Schools

Screening Appointments
are now available for the
2015 - 2016 School Year

Go to the NNPS Home Page
(http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us)
and click on Preschool Screening to make an appointment

or

Call (757) 283-7788, ext.12183 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., if assistance is needed.

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Classes begin September 8, 2015.

This does not apply to students currently enrolled in First Step.

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First Step Preschool Program  
(2015-2016 School Year)

First Step is an optional program that provides early childhood instruction for 4 and 5 year old children. It is a federally funded program offered by Newport News Public Schools. The goal of the program is to give students an early start in education.

To be eligible for the program, the child must:
- live in Newport News
- Be born between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011
- Be completely toilet trained
- Have a NNPS Preschool Screening. (The Preschool Screening is used to determine school readiness. A ranking list is used to invite students with the greatest need for school readiness.)

About the First Step Program:
- NNPS operates four (4) Early Childhood Centers.
- The program is free and all centers provide the same full-day program.
- Children are assigned to a school based on the home address of the child’s parent/legal guardian.
- 18 students are assigned to each class which is taught by a certified teacher with an instructional assistant.
- Parent participation is expected. Workshops and activities for parents are an important part of the program.
- Transportation is provided to and from the First Step Early Childhood Center, based on the home address. Bus stops at day care providers may be available if the location is within the assigned school zone.

The sites for First Step Centers for the 2015-2016 school year are:
- Denbigh Early Childhood Center
- Marshall Early Learning Center
- Lee Hall Early Childhood Center
- Watkins Early Childhood Center

You may use the zone finder to determine which center your child would be assigned to attend. Zone Finder is available on the NNPS website: [http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us](http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us). Students if eligible are invited to enroll at zoned centers only.

Additional information will be provided at the Preschool Screening.

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