



Early Care Experience

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requires St. Mary's County Public Schools to collect information about early care experiences of all newly enrolled Kindergarten students. Please use the information provided below to indicate the early care experiences of your child. Return this document to the school in which your child will be enrolled.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Elementary School: _____

In what kind of care did your child spend **most** of his/her time since last September (i.e., **the year before entering SMCPS kindergarten**)? Please check one full day box OR two half day boxes.

Full Day	Half Day AM	Half Day PM	Type of Care Description of Care
			Informal Care Care provided in a home by a relative or non-relative.
			Head Start Program A federal pre-school program for 3 to 5 year olds from low income families: funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and licensed by the Maryland Department of Education, Office of Child Care.
			Prekindergarten in a public school Public school prekindergarten education for four year old. Administration by local boards of education and regulated by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) according to COMAR 13A.06.02 Prekindergarten Programs
			Child Care Center Child care provided in a facility, usually non-residential, for part or all of the day that provides care to children in the absence of a parent. The centers are licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.
			Family Child Care Regulated care given to a child younger than 13 years old, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours, in a residence other than the child's residence and for which the provider is paid. Family child care is regulated by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.
			Non-public Nursery Schools Pre-school programs with an "education" focus for 2,3, or 4 year olds; approved or exempted by MSDE; usually part-day, nine months a year.
			Kindergarten Student participated in kindergarten and will be repeating the grade.