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Barrow County School System Announces Plans for Pre-K Lottery

Applications for the Barrow County School System 2019-2020 Georgia Pre-K Program Lottery will be accepted March 1-29 from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM (Monday through Friday) at the Barrow County School System (BCSS) Professional Development Center, located at 179 West Athens Street in Winder. Children must be four years of age on or before September 1, 2019, in order to apply for the Pre-K program. Children who are five years of age on or before September 1, 2019 and have not attended Georgia’s Pre-K Program as a four year old may also enroll in the BCSS Pre-K program.

Families should come to the Barrow County School System Professional Development Center to pick up and complete a lottery application. This information will also be available online at www.barrow.k12.ga.us/pre-k.html starting March 1, 2019. **Parents will be required to show current proof of residency to verify their elementary school attendance zone.** Proof of residency is a utility bill (electric, gas, water, cable/satellite, garbage or house phone), settlement statement, or a rental/lease agreement. **Parents will also need to bring a copy of their child’s birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age and identity** to verify the child’s birthday/age. All applications submitted for each Pre-K class will be assigned a lottery number based on the elementary school attendance zone.

The Pre-K Lottery application information must be turned in to the BCSS Professional Development Center Pre-K Program by the end of the day on March 29, 2019. No faxes will be accepted. Any applications received after March 29, 2019, will be placed on the waiting list and will not be eligible to participate in the lottery. Completion of an application does not guarantee that a child will be enrolled, but instead places the child on the list for the BCSS Pre-K Lottery for 2019-2020. **On April 12, 2019**, nine separate lottery drawings will be held to determine the class lists and waiting lists for each elementary school. These drawings are open to the public and will be held at the BCSS Professional Development Center. **Families who are interested in attending these drawings may attend according to the following schedule:**

Auburn Elementary (AES)	9:00am	Kennedy Elementary (KES)	11:30am
Bethlehem Elementary (BES)	9:30am	Statham Elementary (SES)	12:00pm
Bramlett Elementary (BRES)	10:00am	Yargo Elementary (YES)	12:30pm
County Line Elementary (CLES)	10:30am	Winder Elementary (WES)	1:00pm
Holsenbeck Elementary (HES)	11:00am		

The Barrow County School System will have 18 Pre-K classrooms located at the nine elementary schools. All Pre-K students must attend a Pre-K class within their elementary school attendance zone. The number of pre-k classes located at each elementary school will be determined based on the number of applications taken in the lottery and other factors such as space available, etc. The first 22 students drawn in the lottery from each elementary school attendance zone will be in Pre-K Class A. The next 22 students drawn will be in Pre-K Class B. If there is a need for a class C in that school attendance zone, then the next 22 students drawn will be in Pre-K Class C. The rest of the students drawn in the lottery will establish the order of the waiting list for that school attendance zone. Enrollment is limited to twenty-two students per class. Any openings that become available in the 18 elementary Pre-K classes will be filled using the waiting list from that school attendance zone. The Pre-K Director will keep documentation of the progression of the waiting lists. **All Pre-K classes are pending state budget/funding and approval of the BCSS Pre-K Grant Agreement by Bright from the Start, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.**

We allow for a range of documents to demonstrate age, residency, identity and immunization status; exceptions will be made where appropriate; and no document will be required that would cause or result in discrimination based on race, color, national origin or immunization status.