Head Start, Preschool, and Early Entrance to Kindergarten

The Early Childhood Screening is a free service offered to parents who wish to enroll their 3 or 4-year-old child in Head Start or Preschool in the fall. The screening helps determine each child's eligibility for the program. Areas that will be screened include vision, hearing, motor skills, concepts and language development. Children that are 3 or 4 years old by August 1st and reside in the *Henry County School District* are eligible for a screening. Screenings are held in April and/or May. To schedule your child for a screening please use this form: https://forms.gle/M8TXW3SCk5mgjbFcA

The first year for primary school for HCPS begins with students who turn 5 years old on or before August 1 for the 2023-2024 school year. In accordance with KRS 158.031 (6), HCPS has established criteria for early *entrance to Primary (P1), also known as Kindergarten*, for students who have mastered kindergarten benchmarks before age 5.

Criteria for Early Entrance (P1):

- Child must be a resident of Henry County, Kentucky; and
- Child must turn 5 years old between August 2nd and October 1st of the admission year; and
- Child must score at or above the 85th percentile on the DIAL-R Assessment.

Parents/guardians who wish to have their child screened for Early Entrance to Kindergarten must schedule an appointment using the link above. Early Entrance screenings are held at the same time as preschool screenings. There is a place on the linked form to indicate that your student should be screened for Early Entrance to Kindergarten.

Students wishing to be considered for Early Entrance must also have this application on file prior to their screening appointment:

https://na4.documents.adobe.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABLblqZhBXWWB3 VoLZjqIwjNPc21qUhbWli3I3UJix7hTspWvL6OaYrTbw_xejunvYNsWEAFQ*

Parents will receive an email prior to their screening appointment with a link and directions on how to complete the online registration process. Please do not complete the online registration until instructed to do so.