

System	Huntsville City Schools		Private Daycares		Head Start
Program	First Class Pre-K	Blended Classroom (Formerly KidSkills)	First Class Pre-K	4 Year Old Class	Head Start Preschool
Description	The Alabama First Class Pre-K is a grant funded program operated by the Office of School Readiness.	Blended program includes 50% of children ages three and four with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and 50% typically developing four-year-old (typical four-year-olds will be screened to determine readiness level as a model peer).	The Alabama First Class Pre-K is a grant funded program operated by the Office of School Readiness.		The Head Start Preschool and Alabama Office of School Readiness Pre-K classrooms promote school readiness by offering a socially stimulating learning environment that encourages children, ages 3 to 5, to engage in hands-on experiences and explore the world around them.
Eligibility	4 years old by September 1; Resident of Huntsville City (can only apply for the school you are zoned for)	Students with IEPs: 3 or 4 years old Model Peers: 4 years old by September 1; Resident of Huntsville City (can only apply for the school you are zoned for)	4 years old by September 1		3-5 year olds from low income families. Children in foster care, homeless children, and children from families receiving public assistance are also eligible. See the specific requirements here: https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1895
Locations (Note, First Class locations are 2019-2020 classrooms, classrooms may be added)	Blossomwood, Chaffee, Challenger, Chapman, Dawson, Farley, Goldsmith-Schiffman, Hampton Cove, Highlands, Jones Valley, Lakewood, Martin Luther King, McDonnell, Monte Sano, Montview, Morris, Mountain Gap, Providence, Ridgecrest, Rolling Hills, Sonnie Hereford, Weatherly, Whitesburg	Various Huntsville City Schools	UAH Premier Preschool Research Park Holy Family School Huntsville Village of Promise YMCA Downtown YMCA Northwest YMCA Southeast		Chaffee Farley Harvest Highlands Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Rolling Hills UAH – Early Learning Center Williams YMCA
Tuition	Sliding scale based on income (\$40-\$300/month)	Students with IEPs: Free Model Peers: Sliding scale based on income (\$40-\$300/month)	Sliding scale based on income (\$40-\$300/month)	Many daycares offer an alternative preschool classroom, for students who are unable to secure a space in a First Class classroom. Contact the schools directly for specific details.	Contact Head Start directly for more information.
Application Procedure	Complete First Class Online application AND Huntsville City Schools Pre-K online application	Students with IEPs: Special Ed Services will contact directly Model Peers: Complete the First Class Online application AND Huntsville City Schools Pre-K online application. If your child is placed on the waitlist for First Class, then HCS may contact you to see if you are interested in the Blended Class. If so, your child will be evaluated and may be offered a placement based on the results of that evaluation	Complete First Class Online application		Begin the application online here. Once received, parents will be contacts to make an appointment to complete the application.
Applications Accepted	January – March, Applications received after the deadline will be added to the waiting list	January – March, Applications received after the deadline will be added to the waiting list	January – March, Applications received after the deadline will be added to the waiting list		Contact Head Start directly for more information.
Selection Process	Random selection & needs based placement in March. Parents will be notified by email on April 16th -18th	Random selection & needs based placement in March. Parents will be notified by email on April 16th -18th	Random selection in March. Parents will be notified by email on April 16th -18th. Schools may choose to reserve up to 20% of classroom spaces as guaranteed spaces for parents who are willing to pay an additional fee to skip the lottery process.		Contact Head Start directly for more information.
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* All info compiled in 2020 and subject to change.