



**Joint Meeting of the Durham Public Schools’ Board of Education and Durham Board of County Commissioners**  
 Durham Public Schools’ Update on PreK Enrollment  
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Durham Public Schools PreK programs operate in 30 of 32 elementary schools (excluding Club Blvd and Mangum) and the Whitted School.

The district has PreK programs in 81 classrooms including 35 PreK general education/inclusion, 28 exceptional children’s (EC) separate programs, and 18 Montessori Primary Years Programmes.

Currently, there are a total of 933 students enrolled; enrollment continues to grow through *Child Find* and the universal application process.

**Table 1: Number of PreK Classrooms and Enrollment**

Program Type	Classrooms	Students
<b>PreK General/Inclusion</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>541</b>
<i>Title I (Federal, NC PreK, DPK, EC Inclusion)</i>	25*	390
<i>Murray Massenburg (DPK &amp; EC Inclusion)</i>	3	54
<i>Lyons Farm (DPK &amp; EC Inclusion)</i>	1	17
<i>Whitted Classrooms (Local, DPK, NC PreK, EC inclusion)</i>	6	80
<b>Exceptional Children’s Separate Programs:</b> Developmental Needs, Autistic, Hearing Impaired, Group (Speech/Language/OT/PT)	<b>28</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>Montessori* Primary Years Programme (PreK / K)</b>		
Watts, Morehead, Little River PreK only	<b>18</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>933</b>

\*Note: One classroom held in reserve pending enrollment needs

**Table 2: Status of Filled Seats and Classroom Capacity**

Funding Sources:	Fill	Seat	%
<b>Federal Title I, NC PreK, Durham PreK, EC, Local</b>			
<b>General PreK (Title I, EC, NC PreK, DPK) by Student</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>89%</b>
NC PreK Seats	53	54	98%
Elementary Schools DPK Seats	65	67	97%
<b>General PreK (Title I, EC, NC PreK, DPK) by Site</b>	<b>28 Classrooms</b>		Full
	16 classrooms		100%
	6 classrooms		83-94%
	6 classrooms		under 80%
Exceptional Children’s Program (Separate AU, DN)	<b>28 classrooms</b>		NA
Whitted (Local, DPK, NC PreK, EC inclusion)	<b>102</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>77%</b>
Whitted (General PreK, EC Inclusion)	80	108	74%
Exceptional Children’s Program (Separate)	22	24	94%