



March 1, 2026

To: Howard County Licensed Childcare and Family Childcare Centers
From: Howard County Transition to Kindergarten Workgroup
Subject: Learning Progress Forms

Each year, all licensed early care and education programs are invited to complete a Learning Progress Form (LPF) for each of the students they are sending to kindergarten. These forms create an avenue for communication between early education teachers and HCPSS kindergarten teachers and are based on the Maryland Early Learning Standards and the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment indicators. References to Maryland's Guide to Early Childhood Pedagogy are found throughout the document, as well.

The early childhood community remains focused on supporting a positive transition to elementary school for children and their families. We honor and value the work of the early care and education community, and value your voice in the transition process. These forms should be completed for the 4-year-olds who will attend HCPSS kindergarten this fall. Attached you will find the following:

- Parent Consent for Release of Information
- Learning Progress Form Writable PDF
- Learning Progress Form Introduction Letter

Please note the elementary school where the student will [attend kindergarten](#) is required, so we can distribute completed forms. Completed Learning Progress Forms can be emailed to Melanie_Facchiano@hcpss.org or mailed to the Howard County Public School System, Office of Early Childhood Programs, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043. We will disseminate forms to the appropriate elementary schools on your behalf. Parent Consent forms can remain on file at your program.

Thank you so much for your continued collaboration. Together we are doing great things for young children and their families!

Sincerely,

The Office of Early Childhood Programs
Howard County Public School System