



## York America's Promise K-Prepare for 2016-2017

**Scope:** The York America's Promise K-Prepare Program provides backpacks full of supplies to pre-kindergarten students in the School District of the City of York and an incentive for their parents to help them get prepared for kindergarten during their pre-K school year.

**Goal:** Base year (2015-16) evaluations show only 5.7% of pre-K students in the District are fully ready for kindergarten by the spring of their pre-K year and 21.9% are 96% ready. The program's first year goal is to increase the at least 96% ready for kindergarten to 35% of the pre-K students.

**Description:** Backpacks filled with tools that a child can use to help with early learning, such as reading books, scissors, flash cards and crayons are provided to pre-kindergarten children in the fall of the child's pre-k school year. A packet for the parents is included with each backpack. This packet contains (1) a letter to the parents explaining the K-Prepare program and the incentive being offered to the parents, (2) research study results with tips to help parents guide their child during the year and (3) a checklist for parents to use to determine how prepared their child is for kindergarten.

Student end-of-the-year report cards, as provided by the School District of the City of York, will be used to determine how ready each child is for kindergarten. The parents of those children evaluated as at least 96% ready will receive a \$100 gift card through the K-Prepare program.

**Program Costs:** This program is expected to require a minimum of 260 backpacks this school year at a cost of about \$6,000. Additionally, major funding is needed to plan for the incentive to parents.

The committee estimates a need for the first year of this program of up to \$19,500. We hope to obtain a Club Foundation Grant from our Rotary District at the maximum amount of \$2,500. Our 2016-17 Club President Paddy Rooney has committed \$5,000 from his President's Fund. A goal of \$3,000 has been set to come from individual Rotary member donations. For the balance, we are seeking community business supporters.

### How Can You Help?

Individuals and businesses can make a tax-deductible donation by cash or a check made payable to The Rotary Club of York-CEF and designated for K-Prepare. Provide your donation to Executive Coordinator Bert Oberdick, drop it off at an America's Promise sign-up table or mail to Rotary Club of York, PA, c/o The Yorktowne Hotel, 48 E. Market Street, York PA 17401. If your business would like to be a major sponsor for K-Prepare, please contact Christopher Topf, America's Promise K-Prepare Coordinator or Karen Hansen, America's Promise Chair.

We welcome your questions and donations of any amount. Contact Christopher Topf at [ctopf@fox43.com](mailto:ctopf@fox43.com) or phone 419-260-1810. Contact Karen Hansen at [KHansen@HansenPS.com](mailto:KHansen@HansenPS.com) or phone 717-855-4258 (cell).

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