

SY26-27 Wake ThreeSchool Site Selection Timeline

updated 1/15/26.

Action Item	Target Date(s)
WTS Manager and WTS Specialist will meet to determine how to oversee SY26-27 Site Application Process, Site Selection and Site Observations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site application process meeting occurred on November 12, 2025, to determine how site application will be received for SY26-27.
WTS 26-27 Community Interest Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X525RND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Interest Survey will be emailed to 4- & 5-star sites in Wake County. The Survey will collect information needed to better understand a site's interest, capacity, and support needs. Survey will need to be completed by January 23, 2026
WTS SY26-27 Site Application Info Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Session: Tuesday 2/24, 6 – 7:30 pm In Person Session: Friday 2/27, 12 – 1:30 pm session will take place at Wake County Smart Start Training Room. Flyers will be sent out to the 4 & 5 star sites in Wake County to encourage community attendance
WTS Intent to Serve (Existing Site Interest Survey) <div style="background-color: yellow; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTS Existing Sites will be emailed the WTS Intent to Serve survey to inquire about capacity for 26-27 SY and interest in WTS Sites for upcoming school year. Survey will need to email out January 23, 2026, and will need to be completed by February 6, 2026 @ 5:00pm
Release SY26-27 Site Application Sites will be given 4 weeks to complete. Site Applications will be prioritized based on the program's needs, such as zip codes, current or applying NC Pre K site, and 5-star rating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites will be notified via email of this expectation from the WTS program and will be provided with the language around the needs of the WTS program.
SY2-27 WTS Site Application sent to all 4- and 5-star private childcare centers in Wake County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTS Staff will check Site Applications and determine the next steps for all Wake County sites that applied for SY26-27. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EC-Impact: March 23, 2026, @ 8:00am Deadline for completion: April 24, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTS Team will review and provide feedback on site applications submitted by April 6, 2026 <div style="background-color: yellow; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
WTS Staff reviewed missing documents and completed site applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove any applications that: Are incomplete/missing information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final list for site observations will be identified by: Friday May 1, 2026 Sites emailed to schedule site observations by: Monday May 4, 2026
WTS Staff will complete site observations. Observations will be planned for 2 hours. WTS staff will each have an identified role during the observation.	<p>Sites will be notified 48 hours before their full observation takes place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The score threshold of site observations and rubric are a score of 70%. Plan for applying Site observations to occur starting 5/6/26-5/29/26.
Sites will be notified of approval of 0 slots given for program.	Tentative Deadline: June 2026.
Final site selection decision made	Tentative Deadline: June 2026
Sites are notified of acceptance into WTS program for SY26-27	Tentative Deadline: June 2026

****This timeline is subject to change based on the timelines and information given to use from Funders****