

Northampton Public Schools – 2023-2024 School Year
Integrated Preschool Program for 3 and 4-year old children

| | Bridge Street & Leeds Programs | Limited Full School Day (Lottery Placement) |
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| Days/Hours: | Morning 1/2 Day Session: 8:10-10:40, 2.5 hrs/day Afternoon 1/2 Day Session: 11:30-2:00, 2.5 hrs/day | <u>4-day</u> : MTWTh 8:10-2:00, 6 hrs/day (students turning 4 by August 31) |
| Age of Students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children must be 3 years old or older by August 31 • 4-Day Full School Day program is only available for students turning 4 by August 31. | |
| Residency | Must be a resident of Northampton, Florence or Leeds | |
| Curriculum & Assessment | Activities and curriculum are based on children's needs and interests, guided by the district aligned curriculum and EEC Early Learning Standards. Developmentally appropriate assessments given throughout the school year measure how students are growing in key curriculum standards. | |
| Admission & Placement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS reserves the right to balance our classes based on age, gender, siblings, home school and high needs status (as defined by Department of Early Education and Care) • Full day slots are determined by lottery in early spring for the fall preschool • Parents indicate program preferences on the preschool application | |
| Tuition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fees are assessed only for typically developing peers (not those with special needs) ▪ Tuition Fee is based on family income with a sliding fee scale ▪ Current full tuition fee for Mon-Thurs is \$80/week for half-day; \$192/week for full day ▪ To receive free or reduced tuition, provide income documentation with your application ▪ Bills are mailed once in early fall for the entire year's fee. Payment options include paying once for the full year or paying in monthly installments. | |
| Applications & Confirmations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applications are required for all students. ▪ Applicants will be chosen according to our lottery procedure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Admission – apply by Feb 28; placements made by early March 2023 ○ Rolling Admission – after lottery; through the school year until Feb 2024 ▪ <u>Lottery results</u> will be emailed two days after the lottery is held to allow for processing ▪ <u>Waiting List</u>: If there are more applicants than available spaces, applicants will be placed on a waiting list to be considered for future openings as they become available ▪ <u>Confirmation forms must be returned</u> by parents to our program by the deadline on the acceptance letter to hold the spot | |
| Student Registration | Registration may be completed online and via email. You may call the Registrar Jennifer Towler (413-587-1328) or email jtowler@northampton-k12.us with questions and completed forms or required documents. Preschool Registration forms and a list of required documents are available online or by mail by request, and are provided at Registration. All preschool students who have been accepted and confirmed must be registered in the Northampton Public Schools to attend. | |
| Deposit Required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Your tuition rate will be shown on your acceptance letter. ▪ For families who will pay tuition, one month's tuition deposit is required at the time of registration. This is a non-refundable fee and will be applied to your first month due. | |
| Visiting our Program | TBD: pre-covid, parents and guardians could visit our classrooms, learn about our program and the enrollment process and meet our teachers. These visits are TBD for this year. | |