

Northampton Public Schools – 2021-2022 School Year
Integrated Preschool Program for 3 and 4-year old children

	Bridge Street & Leeds Programs	Limited Full-Day (Lottery Placement)
Days/Hours: Mon-Thurs only	Morning 1/2 Day Session: 2.5 hours/day Afternoon 1/2 Day Session: 2.5 hours/day	<u>4-day</u> : 6 hours/day <u>5-day</u> : 6 hours/day
Age of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children must be 3 years old or older by August 31 • 4-Day Full Day program is only available for students turning 4 by August 31 • 5-day Full Day program is grant-dependent and subject to change; currently for students turning 3 by August 31, 2021, with priority to low income/high needs families 	
Residency	Must be a resident of Northampton, Florence or Leeds	
Curriculum & Assessment	The Northampton Public Schools Preschool program is accredited with the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC). 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 will be determined by lottery • Parents should 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 is \$60/wk ½ day; \$120/wk 4 day full day; \$150/wk 5 day 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 – March 15; placements made by early April 2021 ○ Rolling Admission – <u>after March 15</u>; through the school year until Feb 2022 ▪ <u>Decision Letters</u> with either Acceptance or Waitlist will be mailed after the lottery ▪ <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 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 bill. 	
Visiting our Program:	Usually, parents and guardians can visit our classrooms, learn about our program and the enrollment process and meet our teachers. These visits are suspended during 2021 due to COVID-19.	