**Northampton Public Schools -- 2019-2020 School Year**

**Integrated Preschool Program for 3 and 4-year old children**

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|  | **Bridge Street & Leeds Programs** | **Limited Full-Day Program for 4 Year Olds (Lottery Placement)** |
| **Days/Hours:**  **Mon-Thurs only** | **Morning 1/2 Day Session:** Mon-Thurs, 8:50 – 11:20  **Afternoon 1/2 Day Session:** Mon-Thurs, 12:20 – 2:50 | Mon-Thurs, 8:50 am– 2:50 pm |
| **Age of Students** | * Children must be 3 years old or older by August 31 * Full Day program is only available for students turning 4 by August 31 | |
| **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** | * 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 and are only open to 4-year-olds * Parents should indicate program preferences on the preschool application | |
| **Tuition** | * 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 * The maximum tuition fee is $60/week for half day and $120/wk 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** | * Applications are required for all students. Applicants will be chosen according to our lottery procedure.   + **Early Admission** – deadline February 8; placements made by February 15   + **2nd Admission** – deadline May 17; placements made by May 24   + **Rolling Admission** – after May 17 through the school year * Acceptance Letters with Confirmation Forms, or Waitlist Letters, will be mailed after each lottery. * Waiting List: 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 * Confirmation forms must be returned by parents to our program by the deadline on the acceptance letter to hold the spot | |
| **Student Registration** | After Early Admission, each school holds a registration morning in late March. If you cannot attend that date, you may call the Registrar Jennifer Towler (413-587-1328) to schedule an individual registration time. 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** | * 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:** | Parents and guardians can visit our classrooms, learn about our program and the enrollment process and meet our teachers. Preschool visits for parents can be scheduled by calling the Early Childhood Center to make an appointment at 413-587-1471. | |