

Welcome to Hackensack Preschool!

BOE Meeting January 22, 2025



**HACKENSACK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Our Core Values



∞ Community

∞ Inclusivity

∞ Experiential Learning

∞ Scholarship

∞ Engagement

∞ Whole Child

Our Mission

The Hackensack Public School program provides our students with a nurturing, safe, culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate environment that promotes linguistic, social, emotional, cognitive, academic, and physical growth. Our highly skilled preschool faculty nurtures the development of each child's sense of self and sense of community in an intellectually stimulating, language rich, and joyful environment.



Our Vision

We hold that preschool plays a critical role in the formation of a child's development. Our vision is to cultivate inquisitive, kind, and confident children who love to learn. We are devoted to providing a strong foundational curriculum, preparing students with the mindset, skills, and dispositions that will enable all children to have a successful transition to Kindergarten and Elementary School. We honor the vital role that families and our community play in the development of the child and seek to build strong partnerships with them. Our preschool staff continuously seeks to build content and pedagogical knowledge to improve student learning.



Hackensack Preschool Program

- The Preschool Program offers:
185 spots for **4 year old students** in district and Private Provider Classes
- 75 spots for **3 years old students** at Private Providers
- General Ed Pre-K 3 Classes will only be available at Private Providers



Hackensack Preschool Program

- Tuition Free Preschool for Hackensack Residents.
 - Full Day (9:00am – 3:00pm) for Students who turn 4 years old and 3 years old by **October 1st**.
 - Half Day (9:00am – 11:30am or 12:30pm – 3:00pm) for Students with Disabilities who turn 3 years old **AFTER** October 1st.
- District classes **do not** offer a before and after care option.
- Private Providers offer before and after care along with summer care options. Please keep in mind that there is a **cost for families**.



Preschool is provided to all Special Education Students who qualify.

Hackensack Preschool District Classes

Fairmount School

**2 General Education/Inclusion
Preschool Classes of 4 year olds**

**1 Special Education Preschool Class
of 3 and 4 year olds**

Fanny Meyer Hillers School

**1 General Education/Inclusion
Preschool Class of 4 year olds**

Jackson Avenue School

**1 General Education/Inclusion
Preschool Class of 4 year olds**

**1 Special Education Preschool Class of
3 and 4 year olds**

Nellie K. Parker School

**2 General Education/Inclusion
Preschool Classes of 4 year olds**

**1 Special Education Preschool Class
of 3 and 4 year olds**



Hackensack Preschool District Classes

Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)

7 General Education/Inclusion Preschool Classes of 4 year olds

**9 Special Education Preschool Classes
of 3 and 4 year olds**

**2 Special Education Preschool Classes
of 3 year olds
(students who turn 3 years old
AFTER October 1st)
(half day program)**



Private Provider Classes

Bright Adventures
547-555 Main Street

Mrs. Suha Hassan, Director

I General Education Preschool
Class of 4 year olds

4 General Education
Preschool Classes of
3 year olds

Bright Seedlings
150 Hudson Street

Mrs. Nania Kumar, Director
Mrs. Angelina Park,
Assistant Director

I General Education Preschool
Class of 4 year olds

I General Education Preschool
Class of 3 year olds



NEW Preschool Registration Process

- **NEW** preschool registration for the 2025–2026 school year will begin on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**.
- Parents/guardians will complete a **Google Form** for registration. Documents must be uploaded on the form.
- **If families do not have access to the internet or a computer, families can call (201) 646-1062 to schedule an appointment to come in person on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.**



Preschool Registration Process

- This includes the completion of information in our online system and an in person appointment to verify residency.
- Once registration is complete families will receive a letter confirming their placement and additional information will be provided via the school the student is registered.



Preschool Registration Fliers



HACKENSACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

STARTING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Space is Limited | Enrollment on first-come, first-served basis

REQUIREMENTS

- Must reside in Hackensack
- Child must be 3 or 4 on or before October 1, 2025

NEW THIS YEAR: Registration Will Be Done ONLINE!



MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

Student Information
Birth Certificate, Passport OR Immigration Card
Immunization Records since birth
Physical within past year

Parent/Guardian Information
Driver's License or State/County ID, Passport or Immigration Card

Residency Documents
Must submit one of each of the following:

Primary: Current lease or deed, mortgage statement, property tax bill or landlord affidavit

Secondary: Recent utility bill, bank statement or other government-issued document

Statements, bills and dated documents must be within 30 days

(Documents must be received by 3/27/2025)



**Apply online
beginning
2/12/2025
@ 10 a.m.**

NEED HELP?

In-person assistance will be provided on 2/12/2025 for those without computer/Internet access. Contact us now to schedule an appointment.

☎ 201-646-1062

🌐 hackensackschools.org/preschool

📍 Central Office, 191 2nd Street, Hackensack, NJ

✉ preschool@hackensackschools.org

Project Child Find

If you are concerned your preschool child is developing or learning differently, you can call us to request an evaluation for preschool special education and related services. For information, call (201) 646-8012.



ESCUELAS PÚBLICAS DE HACKENSACK

INSCRIPCIÓN ABIERTA PARA PREESCOLAR

A PARTIR DEL MIÉRCOLES, 12 DE FEBRERO DE 2025

El espacio es limitado | Inscripción por orden de llegada

REQUISITOS

- Debe residir en Hackensack
- El niño debe tener 3 o 4 años antes del 1 de octubre de 2025

NUEVO ESTE AÑO: La inscripción se hará EN LÍNEA



DOCUMENTOS OBLIGATORIOS

Información del estudiante
Acta de nacimiento, pasaporte o tarjeta de inmigración
Registro de vacunas desde el nacimiento
Examen físico hecho en el último año

Información del padre/tutor
Licencia de conducir o identificación del estado/condado, pasaporte o tarjeta de inmigración

Documentos de residencia
Debe presentar uno de cada uno de los siguientes:

Primarios: Contrato de alquiler o escritura actual, declaración de hipoteca, factura de impuestos sobre la propiedad o declaración jurada del propietario

Secundarios: Factura reciente de servicios públicos, estado de cuenta bancario u otro documento emitido por el gobierno

Los estados de cuenta, facturas y documentos fechados deben tener menos de 30 días

(Los documentos deben recibirse antes del 2/13/2025)



**Inscríbase en
línea a partir
del 12/2/2025
a las 10 a. m.**

¿NECESITA AYUDA?

Se ofrecerá ayuda en persona el 12/2/2025 para quienes no tengan acceso a una computadora o a Internet. Póngase en contacto con nosotros para programar una cita.

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Proyecto Child Find

Si le preocupa que su hijo en edad preescolar se esté desarrollando o aprendiendo de forma diferente, puede llamarnos para solicitar una evaluación para educación especial preescolar y servicios relacionados. Para obtener información, llame al (201) 646-8012



Registration for Students Enrolled in Pre-K 3

- Students who are enrolled in the preschool 3 program **DO NOT** have to re-register for preschool 4. **However, they must verify residency.**
- Each Private Provider will have 1 preschool 4 year old class. All other preschool 4 year old classes will be in district classes.
- **Pre-K 3 Families will complete a survey in March, ranking their choices for preschool 4.**
- All students enrolled in Pre-K 3 are guaranteed a spot at ECDC or the elementary school buildings for Pre-K 4, **however we will review parent's requests (via the survey) and attempt to accommodate placements as much as possible.**



Preschool Attendance Policy

- The district carries a Preschool Waitlist each year.
We strictly adhere to the following attendance policy.

If your child accumulates 10 consecutive unexcused absences at any given point during the school year, he/she will be removed from the program and your child's place will be offered to a child on the waiting list.



**THANK
YOU!**

