

**West Deptford Township Schools
Full Day 4-Year-Old Preschool
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How old does my child need to be for this program?

Students need to be 4 years old by October 1, 2019.

2. Can I attend your preschool program if I am out of district?

No, the program is only for West Deptford Residents. Proof of residency will be required at the final registration process.

3. Who is required to submit an application to the program?

Applications are required for all regular education students who wish to be enrolled in the preschool program.

4. When is the application due?

Early applications are due on **Friday, March 8, 2019 by 4:00pm.**

- If applications received exceed the number of seats available, a public lottery will be held on Monday, March 18th.
- If all seats are not filled as of March 8th, then early applicants will be invited to formally register for the preschool program.

5. Is it permissible for districts to target and/or give priority to low income families for the program?

Yes, New Jersey Department of Education has encouraged districts to give priority to low income families. If you believe your child may qualify for our Free/Reduced Lunch Program, you are strongly encouraged to complete a Free/Reduced Lunch Form during the early application window of February 22-March 8.

6. Will all students who complete the application process have a seat?

This will be determined by the amount of students who register. If we have more students register than seats available, we will then hold a lottery March 18, 2019. Attendance at the lottery is not required. Once seats are filled, interested families will be put on a waiting list.



7. What is the start time and end time?

Students will follow the time schedule for the school assigned to them.

8. What are the key components of a typical day?

Sample schedule:

- Arrival, breakfast, & greeting time- 15-20 minutes
- Large group instruction- 15-20 minutes
- Small group instruction- 30 minutes
- Snack time- 15 minutes
- Plan-Do-Review- 60 minutes
- Outside time (Gross Motor Play)- 30 minutes
- Lunch time- 45 minutes
- Rest time- 45 minutes
- Closing time- 15-20 minutes



9. Will there be busing?

Yes, morning and afternoon busing will be available.

10. Is my child required to take the bus?

No, you may waive your right for busing.

11. Will breakfast and lunch be available to purchase?

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase daily through our school cafeteria. Students may opt to pack food items from home, but we do require that families respect our allergy policies if your child has a classroom with specific food allergies.

12. What do I need to pack for my child for a full day?

Your child will need a nut free snack, a nut free lunch, and a change of clothes. Children are also encouraged to bring in a small blanket and/or stuffed animal for rest time.

13. Is my child required to nap?

The law requires rest time for all preschool children. Each child will have their own cot

and time will be allotted for the children to either rest or nap during the rest period.

14. Will there be an open house planned for my child before he/she starts preschool?

Yes, we will have an open house at each school building to help students and parents acclimate to the teacher and learning environment.

15. Does the preschool application and/or lottery process apply to preschool students enrolled in the district's preschool disabled classes?

The preschool disabled classrooms will not be in the lottery or application process. Both of our current four-year-old preschool disabled classrooms, along with the preschool autism class, will operate on a full-day schedule with no lottery needed. Three-year-old preschool disabled students will be enrolled in half-day programming.

16. What are the class sizes in the preschool program?

There are 15 student seats available in each classroom.

17. How many days per week does the program operate?

The preschool will operate five days a week and will follow the district's Board of Education-approved school calendar for 2019-2020.

18. Will currently-enrolled three-year-olds be guaranteed program placement as four-year-olds?

Yes. Three-year-old students in the 2018-2019 program will automatically move to the four-year-old full day program for 2019-2020, should they choose to accept this placement.

