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Preschool Lottery Packet

Welcome to the Medway Special Education Integrated Preschool Program located at the McGovern Elementary School. This packet is meant to provide you with information you will need to have in order to enter your child into the community peer lottery. It also provides an overview of the program.

Our Special Education Integrated Preschool is designed to meet the needs of three/four year old children who have been found eligible for special education services as well as a limited number of community peers. Community peers are children who are not eligible for special education services and are not experiencing delays in their development.

McGovern's Integrated Preschool aligns with the Department of Education's preschool curriculum standards. Our Integrated Preschool has low student-to-teacher ratios, highly qualified teachers, knowledgeable paraprofessionals, and experienced related service providers working with children. The Preschool Team works to provide ongoing communication with families and offer opportunities such as Orientation, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Parent Events as a way for parents to be involved with the program.

Overview:

If your child meets the definition of a community peer and meets the age requirement, you will need to complete the Preschool Lottery Form. If we have more children interested in the program than we have slots, we will conduct a lottery. If your child is selected for a preschool community peer slot in the lottery, you will need to register them with the Medway Public Schools and submit a nonrefundable deposit as well as sign a tuition agreement. The information below explains the process and required forms/documentation in more detail.

Entrance Requirements for Community Peers:



Children who are three years old by August 31, 2023 and turn four years old **AFTER** Jan 1, 2024 will be considered for the AM sessions. Children who are four years old by August 31, 2023 or will turn four years old **by** Dec 31, 2023 will be considered for the PM sessions. If there are open AM slots after all three year old children are assigned, AM slots could be opened up based on age with the first opportunity given to the youngest child(children) in this category. Children who will turn four years old by Aug 31, 2023 can be considered for the limited number of full day community peers slots at parent request.

Community Peers currently enrolled in the program will be given first consideration for the community peer slots next year and be placed in am or pm sessions based on age. Currently enrolled community peers who meet the age requirement will be given first consideration for the full day lottery slots.

Community peers are children who are not eligible for special education services and are not experiencing delays in their development. Community peers should have age appropriate language skills, be toilet trained or have made significant progress towards being toilet trained (understanding accidents happen and this is a process). If you have questions regarding whether your child may have developmental delays, please contact Susan Frederick, the Assistant Director of Student Services. We can arrange to conduct a Child Find screening.

The link to the online Preschool Lottery Form can be found below. Community Peer Lottery applications are being accepted from **February 8, 2023 to March 8, 2023**. Applications received after March 8, 2023, will be added to the waiting list.

- ❖ [Link to online Preschool Lottery Form](#)

- ❖ Paper

Preschool

Lotte <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lkw3x8rloJZRjSk2qGCpJhufeu1ygLTij7VeA32u1dg/edit> Form can be found at the end of this document

Preschool Lottery

If necessary, we will hold a preschool lottery for eligible students on **Thursday March 9, 2023 at 12:30 pm**. This lottery is open to the public and prospective parents are welcome to attend to watch the lottery. The lottery will be held at the McGovern School. We will inform families of the preschool lottery results by **Friday, March 10, 2023 via email**. Students who



are not selected to join the preschool will be added to a wait list. If your child is selected you will need to notify us if you are accepting the slot or not by **March 24, 2023**.

Once your child is accepted and you have notified us that you are accepting the slot, you will need to complete the online registration and submit a non-refundable deposit by **April 10, 2023**. Students must be registered before they will be allowed to attend the Integrated Preschool Program. To help with your planning, the following electronic documents are required for online registration:

- ❖ Proof of Residency
 - Utility bill
 - Signed purchase and sale (occupancy must take place within sixty days)
 - Current tax bill
- ❖ Birth Certificate (Children must be 3 by August 31, 2023 to enter the lottery)
- ❖ Copy of most recent physical exam - should be within the last year
- ❖ An immunization record from the physician
- ❖ Legal court documentation of guardianship, if applicable. If divorced or separated, you will need to show legal or official court documentation indicating you are the custodial parent and have physical custody of your child.
- ❖ Free and reduced price school meals application, if applicable

Please note, all of the above must be submitted to complete the registration process.

Tuition:

Half Day: (Must by 3 years old by August 31, 2023)

The annual tuition for half day is **\$3,825.00** and an initial non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 is due by April 10, 2023. The remaining balance will be spread over eight months and a monthly payment of \$428.13 is due by the 15 of each month, prior to the month of attendance. The first installment is due on August 5, 2023.

Full Day: (Must be 4 years old by August, 31, 2023)

The annual tuition for full day is **\$7,650.00** and an initial non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 is due by April 10, 2023. The remaining balance will be spread over eight months and a monthly payment of \$906.25 is due by the 15th of each month, prior to the month of attendance. The first installment is due on August 5, 2023.

Summary of Dates:



Community Peer Lottery application open: February 8, 2023 to March 8, 2023

Preschool Lottery (if needed): Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 12:30 pm McGovern School Office

Notification of Acceptance: Friday, March 10, 2023

Parent emails Sue Frederick to confirm or decline slot by: Friday, March 24, 2023

Registration completed/deposit submitted by: Monday, April 10, 2023

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Frederick at the school at 508-533-3243 or via email sfrederick@medwayschools.org. We look forward to educating your child in the Special Education Integrated Preschool.

Sincerely,

Sue Frederick, Assistant Director of Student Services

Amy McDonald, Principal



Special Education Integrated Preschool Information

Medway Public Schools' Mission Statement:

The Medway Public School district, in partnership with the community, creates an academically challenging, safe and supportive learning environment that promotes the pursuit of excellence for all.

Medway Public Schools' Vision Statement:

The Medway Public School District aspires to provide all students with a comprehensive, equitable academic program that engages, challenges, and supports all students to apply knowledge, develop talents and skills, think independently, work collaboratively, and become informed, responsible, and productive citizens of a global community.

Integrated Preschool Mission Statement:

In partnership with students' families, we strive to create an inclusive environment where all children may realize their full potential. Our program enables each student to maximize his or her own personal strengths across all developmental domains: social emotional, communication, physical, and academic.

Program Highlights and Curriculum:

The Special Education Integrated Preschool Program is designed to meet the unique needs of all students, including students with an identified disability. Our curriculum provides robust learning opportunities for students that follows the Massachusetts Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences. We are committed to:

- Providing comprehensive IEP services to meet the needs of our students with special education needs
- Providing a language-based inclusive setting where children can learn, play, create, socialize, and grow while promoting each child's unique personality, developmental readiness, learning style, and self-esteem
- Facilitating evidence-based social-emotional skills throughout all preschool learning experiences
- Collaborating as a transdisciplinary team with school-based professionals to promote success for all learners



- Providing a solid foundation of early learning skills to help facilitate a smooth transition to Kindergarten
- Working together with families and providing ongoing communication as well as opportunities to take part in classroom activities

Program Schedule:

The Integrated Preschool Program primarily functions with a half day schedule:

AM- 8:35-11:05 am

PM- 12:30-3:00 pm

Full Day- 8:35 am to 3:00 pm.

Important Dates:

Starting in September, the first and third Fridays of each month there are no preschool classes, allowing for assessments, IEP meetings, and consultation. The assessments dates for the 2023-2024 school year are:

September 8 and 22

October 6 and 20

November 3 only

December 1 and 15

January 5 and 19

February 2 only

March 1 and 22

April 5 only

May 3 and 24

June 7 and 14 (Note first and second Friday)

Please note in November, February, and April there is only one Friday. This is to take into account the holidays/professional development days either in those months or in months before or after.

All other information pertinent to the Medway Public Schools and McGovern Elementary School can be found on our website [McGovern School](#).



Paper Preschool Lottery Form

Please fill out the paper Preschool Lottery Form to enroll your child in our Preschool Lottery for the 2023-2024. Applications must be received by **3pm on March 8, 2023** at the McGovern School. Please return to Sue Frederick at McGovern School.

Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please circle your responses:

My child is currently enrolled in the Integrated Preschool?

Yes No

I would like my child to continue to participate in the Integrated Preschool

Yes No

Please note that if your child is currently enrolled in the AM session, they will be moved to the PM session if they are at least 4 years old or will turn 4 by December 31, 2023.



My child will be four years old by Aug, 31, 2023 and I'd like them to be considered for a full day slot (8:35 am to 3:05 pm)

Yes No