

**The Public Schools of
NORTHBOROUGH
and
SOUTHBOROUGH**



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Purpose / Philosophy

The Northborough and Southborough Schools offer preschool programming to children between the ages of three and five years old. Our classroom populations are diverse and include children with special needs, dual language learners, and typically developing general education children.

All preschool classrooms provide a rich, language-based curriculum with a multi-sensory, developmental approach to teaching. The curriculum encompasses a “total development” model to ensure that children develop their cognitive, motor, social, emotional and communication skills. There is a strong commitment to helping children develop self-respect, self-regulation and positive peer relationships based on mutual respect.

Each child's unique learning style is respected and nourished. The preschool teachers provide a flexible but structured approach to teaching and offer lessons and activities that align with the Massachusetts Common Core.

The preschool staff consists of certified teachers, instructional aides, speech and language therapists, speech and language aides, occupational therapists, COTAs (certified OT assistants), physical therapists, PTAs (PT Assistants) and specialized consultants as required.

Class Information

Classroom configurations vary in order to meet the diverse needs of the preschool population. Classes are housed at the Finn School in Southborough. The preschool follows the district's school calendar for all holidays, vacations, early release and snow days.

Finn School Classroom Options

4 day AM class: M - Th 8:30 - 11:00 AM

4 day PM class: M - Th 12:00 - 2:30 PM

4 full day class: M-Th 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

5 full day class: M - F 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

The classroom daily schedule typically includes:

- Free choice & directed free play
- Circle/Meeting time
- Snack
- Share
- Table Activity time
- Gross Motor/Outside Play
- Ending Circle/Story

Preschool Office

The preschool office is located at the Mary Finn Elementary School. The preschool's Early Childhood Administrator and Administrative Assistant can be contacted by calling the school at (508) 485-3176, x63104.

Admission to Preschool Programs

The preschool entrance requirements are as follows:

1. Children who have been identified as having special needs and are on an IEP will attend the preschool program recommended by the child's special education TEAM. The IEP TEAM includes the parent.
2. General education children who are not on an IEP need to be 3 years of age on or before the first day of the school year. General education children can participate in the preschool program until they are age eligible for kindergarten. Children must be residents of Northborough or Southborough. Children must be fully potty-trained and able to manage toileting needs independently.
3. General education children must be screened by the preschool team to assess their development. Not all children screened may be offered a slot in a preschool classroom. Enrollment is based on availability of slots and classroom composition. When there are more general education children than slots, a waiting list is created. Parents are notified when a slot becomes available.
4. General education children are screened on a designated day in January. Information about the screening day is publicized on the district's website, in elementary school newsletters, and in other community locations and publications..

Parents interested in enrolling their child in the preschool should call the Preschool Office. Children who are scheduled for the January screening are considered for classroom slots for the following school year's enrollment.

Parent's Role

Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom to volunteer. Parents who would like to volunteer should contact their child's teacher to arrange a time to do so.

Home/School communication is a very important component of a successful preschool experience. Parent conferences occur twice during the school year. Parents should contact the classroom teacher directly with any concerns.

Tuition 2025-2026 School Year

All general education children pay tuition.

\$3,805.00 per year	(4 day AM or PM)
\$7,610.00 per year	(4 full days)
\$9,450.00 per year	(5 full days)

A \$200 deposit is required to hold a spot after placement has been offered.

Tuition can be paid in 2 payments (due August 1 and January 1), or 10 payments due the first of each month August to May.

Illness Policy

As a courtesy to other children and staff in the classroom, children should be kept home when ill. If a child has been vomiting or has required medication to manage their illness, he/she needs to be home for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.

Toileting

General education children are expected to be toilet trained upon entry into the preschool program. The staff does understand, however, that children may have an occasional accident.

*The Northborough and Southborough Preschool Programs are only one of the options for children with special needs. For further information please contact the Early Childhood Administrator, Jennifer Henry, at (508) 485-3176 x63106.