Frequently Asked questions:

What are the age requirements for your preschool program?

To be eligible for placement in our preschool program, as a tuition paying student, children must be 3 years old by the first day of school. Please refer to the Preschool page on the SPS website for directions to add your child's name to our preschool waitlist. Tuition students who are not 3 years old by August 31st will not be eligible for admission to preschool.

Children who have received Early Intervention are referred to us by EI for evaluation to determine whether or not they require and are eligible for continued specialized instruction. Students found eligible for speech language small group services or integrated preschool will begin services when they turn 3 years old.

Are the preschool classes multi-age?

Yes, all of our preschool programs are designed to serve the needs of 3 and 4 year old students within the same classroom setting.

Who are the teachers in the preschool?

Our preschool teachers are highly qualified, caring, early childhood special educators. Teachers all have Master of Education degrees and are licensed special educators. Information about placement and which teacher your child will have is mailed to families in August.

What are the class sizes and teacher to student ratios?

Integrated preschool classrooms typically have 12-15 students. Every classroom has a highly-qualified special education preschool teacher and at least 1 paraprofessional. Our two substantially separate classrooms have up to nine students and are supported by a teacher, ESPs and ABA techs.

What is the tuition for preschool and how is the tuition collected?

Our tuition is set for $10,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. This is subject to change each year. There is a tuition schedule posted on our website. You will receive a tuition bill each month and you can pay tuition online through the school website, Unipay or send in a check to Rosalee Scozzari, 105 Central St, Attn. Student Services.

Can my preschool child attend the Before or After School Programs?

At this time, the Boys and Girls Club offers an after school program for our preschoolers. Please contact Amy Croce at amycroce@bgcmetronorth.org

What are the days/hours of preschool programming?

Our Integrated program runs five days a week, Monday through Friday. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays the hours are from 8:40am to 2:10pm. On Wednesdays students have a half day from 8:40 am to 11:40 am.

Will my preschool student be able to attend their home school?

The majority of our preschoolers attend the Stoneham Early Learning Center located at 149 Franklin Street. We also currently have two classrooms at Colonial Park. All placement is done with an eye towards balancing classrooms, therefore specific placement requests are unable to be honored.

What is the preschool Curriculum based upon?

The preschool curriculum consists of teacher created units and lessons based upon the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. You can view the frameworks on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Website here: https://www.doe.mass.edu/histandards/default.html
Preschool classrooms implement the Second Steps social emotional curriculum, the Wilson Fundations phonics curriculum and Heggerty phonemic awareness curriculum.