

Preschool Screening

The Brown School preschool staff conduct preschool screenings that are available to all children in Newburyport who are three and four years old. This developmental screening can indicate whether more specific information or evaluation is needed in a particular area of development. Screening is announced in the local news media and posted at local preschools. This year's screenings are scheduled for December 9th and March 23rd. Screenings are also available throughout the year by appointment on Friday afternoons.

Placement Criteria

Students are enrolled in the Brown School preschool based upon their development, age, ability and availability.

1. Typically developing students seeking a preschool experience are granted placement in the program on a first come, first serve basis. If there are more student applicants than spaces available a wait list is developed. Typically developing students pay tuition to attend the program based upon the model they are enrolled.

2. A student may be referred for an evaluation by a parent or any person in a care giving or professional position concerned with the student's development. Eligibility for the program is determined by a team of professionals qualified to evaluate preschool age children. Once eligibility is determined the team determines goals prior to a placement decision and then a classroom and teacher match is made.

Our Integrated Team

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School Psychologist



Jennifer Bingham
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Overview

The Newburyport Public Schools' preschool program is an inclusive, developmentally appropriate preschool program. The program is designed to meet the needs of children ages three to five years. Participants in the program are children who represent a wide variety of backgrounds, skill levels and abilities. Additionally, our integrated staff provides a full service model offering inclusive instruction and therapies that insure best practices for all students.

Our preschool program provides a unique opportunity for students to transition to the kindergarten program at the G. W. Brown Early Childhood Center, which is the only Newburyport Public School building providing quality programming for the city's preschool and kindergarten students. A child who participates in the Brown School preschool program will have the advantage of being exposed to similar instructional programs and experiences that will also be used in kindergarten as well as participate in our program and become familiar with our staff and building for multiple years.



Philosophy

Our integrated program follows the Massachusetts Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences as well as the National Common Core Standards.

We believe

- All young children are capable of learning.
- Children show individual differences in development.
- Young children learn by **doing!**
- Learning is structured through play and meaningful activities in a developmental sequence.
- A rich variety of learning experiences— visual, auditory, and physical are integrated in the curriculum through individual, partnered, small group and large group activities to help children engage in academic and social experiences.
- Classroom teachers, specialists, therapists and assistants provided a comprehensive program designed to match the individual student needs.

Programs

Preschool Model: Designed for 3 year olds and younger 4 year olds who are experiencing their first year in school. It is an integrated program structured through play and meaningful activities in a developmental sequence that is center-based and includes skills embedded during circle time.

Pre-Kindergarten model: Designed for 4 year olds and younger 5 year olds who miss the kindergarten cut-off. The pre-kindergarten model also follows the integrated model the students are introduced to as 3-year olds but also incorporates more advanced academic skills and kindergarten readiness skills in alignment with the national common core standards.

Tuition and Days Offered

The Brown School is considering changing its preschool model for the 2012-2013 school year based upon current educational research, best practices, information gathered from local preschool models and the new common core curriculum frameworks for preschool. Specific information about our programs and tuition rates will be made available in January 2012. Stay tuned!

**A sliding fee scale is available for eligible families who may need financial assistance.*



Registration

Preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year is
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
at 6:00 pm at the Brown School.