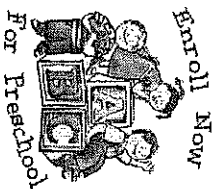


Dartmouth Public Schools



Preschool Programs at the Andrew B. Cushman School and the George H. Potter School Informational Night/Registration/Screening

Now enrolling for September 2017

Tuition Based Program: Tuition is collected monthly. For the 2017-2018 School Year the tuition is \$450.

Full day multi-age classrooms (3 & 4 year olds): Monday – Friday 9:05-3:05 – Limited slots available

Applicants must be three years old prior to September 1st and a Dartmouth resident to be eligible.

A Preschool Informational Night will be held on Wednesday, March 15th from 6:00-7:00 at the Cushman School, 746 Dartmouth Street, and on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-7:00 at the Potter School, 185 Cross Road. All families and community members are welcome to join us to learn more about the Integrated Preschool Program. Preschool registration will be held on Monday, March 20th and Tuesday, March 21st from 9:30-2:30 at the Cushman School and on Wednesday, March 22nd from 9:30-2:30 at the Potter School. Registration packets are available online at <http://dartmouthps.schoolfusion.us>, at the Administration Building, 8 Bush St., or at the Cushman or Potter School. No incomplete packets will be accepted at registration. Screening appointments will take place the week of March 27th and will be given when registration has been completed. Program eligibility is based on the results of the screening. If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of slots available, names will be drawn through a lottery system.

DARTMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ANDREW B. CUSHMAN SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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WHAT IS AN INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL?

The Dartmouth School District's Integrated Preschool Program brings together children who have special needs with those who exhibit developmentally appropriate skills and can serve as peer partners. Each child in the group is a unique individual. Together the children learn, grow, play and form friendships. Our preschool classrooms utilize research-based curriculum for all academic areas. Our programs emphasize high-quality, developmentally appropriate activities which address literacy, math, social, language, fine and gross motor skills.

HOURS

Full-day multi-age three/four year old program: Monday through Friday, 9:05 A.M. - 3:05 P.M.

INFORMATION FOR PEER PARTNERS

All applicants must reside within the Dartmouth School District. Proof of residency must be provided along with a completed registration packet *before* being considered for our preschool program. Once your completed registration packet is returned to Cushman School, your child will be scheduled for a screening appointment. Registration will be held on Monday, March 20th and Tuesday, March 21st from 9:30-2:30 at the Cushman School and on Wednesday, March 22nd from 9:30-2:30 at the Potter School.

Screening appointments will be scheduled the week of March 27th. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Donna Lamontagne, Cushman Secretary, at 508-996-3926.

Each year there are a limited number of slots available in our preschool programs. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of slots available, names will be drawn through a lottery system.

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PEER PARTNER CRITERIA

- Child must reside within the Dartmouth Public School District.
- Child must be three years old or four years old **prior to** September 1, 2017.
- Child enjoys playing with other children: interacts well with others, manipulates toys and engages in activities without assistance.
- Child follows simple directions, makes his/her basic needs known and answers simple questions.
- Child speaks in complete sentences and can be understood at least 80% of the time.
- Child separates easily from parent/guardian.
- Child is cooperative, respectful and demonstrates safe behavior.
- Child must be toilet-trained.

The results of the screening will consist of one of the following:

- If your child demonstrates age appropriate skills in all of the above mentioned developmental areas, he/she can be accepted as a peer partner into our preschool program.
- **If your child demonstrates possible delays in one or more of the above mentioned developmental areas, he/she cannot be accepted as a peer partner into the pre-school program. However, he/she may be referred for further evaluation if appropriate.**



TUITION

There will be a monthly fee charged for peer partner participation in the Integrated Preschool class. **The fee will be due and payable the first week of each month from September 2017 to June 2017, payable to *Town of Dartmouth*.**

The tuition rate is \$450 per month for our full day multi-age program. The district has implemented a sliding fee scale for families who seek tuition assistance. Families who choose to access the sliding fee scale need to verify their income by submitting the required paperwork available through the school. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

If you choose to withdraw your child from the program, tuition that has already been paid is non-refundable and there is no partial reimbursement of tuition for withdrawing your child midway through a month.



TRANSPORTATION

Parents of peer partners are responsible for the transportation of their child to and from school.