

Bedminster Township School Integrated Preschool Program 2023-2024

The Bedminster Township Integrated Preschool Program educates children that are typically developing and those with special needs in a fun hands-on learning environment. Research supports the benefits of an inclusive education for ALL students. The Preschool Integrated Program supports 3 and 4 year old students of every level of learning and ability.

The program utilizes the Creative Curriculum for Preschool focusing on exploration and discovery. The Creative Curriculum for Preschool enables children to develop confidence, creativity and lifelong thinking skills. Learning activities are based upon the New Jersey Department of Education's Preschool and Teaching Learning Expectations and are responsive to the individual needs and abilities of each child. This is an award-winning, research-based curriculum. Children learn through movement, art, science, literacy, math, music, cooking, dramatic play, and sensory activities related to various themes. Students participate in whole group activities, learn in small groups, and gain independence while they follow the routines of the class and play with peers during center time.

The integrated preschool program is held <u>five days a week</u>, with a morning and afternoon half-day session. The class size ranges from 6-15 students. Preschoolers with special needs are those identified by the Child Study Team and found eligible for special education and related services under the New Jersey Administrative Code. Preschoolers who are typically developing are enrolled on a first come, first serve basis when registration opens. Requests for morning or afternoon sessions may or may not be able to be accommodated.

To be eligible, preschoolers must be residents of Bedminster Township. Preschoolers must be <u>3 or 4</u> <u>years of age on or before October 1, 2023.</u> The preschool morning session will be 9:00 to 11:45am and the afternoon session will be 12:30-3:15pm. The preschool program follows the district school year calendar.

The tuition for students without IEPs is \$425 per month. Tuition is due the 15th of each prior month. Children must be fully toilet trained prior to entering the program in September. Proof of birth and Bedminster residency will be required for registration. Medical forms will also need to be completed prior to start date.

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