

Hopatcong Borough Schools

Preschool

Information Night

February 2024





Welcome to Preschool

Preschool Education Aid

- Funded by the NJ Department of Education
- Free preschool to Hopatcong residents
- High-quality programs
- 15 students per classroom
- One teacher and one paraprofessional
- Multiple in the community



Preschool Vision Statement

The Hopatcong School District general education preschool program strives to provide a high quality preschool education for each child through responsive care and developing relationships with families. Students will build a foundation for lifelong learning through exploration in a supportive environment.





Creative Curriculum



- Aligned with the NJ Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards
- Positive interactions with adults provide a critical foundation for learning
- Social-Emotional competence is a significant factor in school success
- Constructive, purposeful play supports essential learning
- Physical environment affects the quality and type of learning
- Teacher-family partnerships promote development and learning



A Typical Preschool Day

- Arrival
- Group Time
- Choice Time/Snack
- Read Aloud
- Small Group
- Outdoor Choice
- Lunch
- Read Aloud
- Rest
- Choice Time
- Read Aloud
- Outdoor Choice
- Group Time
- Departure

Areas of Development

- Social Emotional Skills
- Communication Skills
- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Fine Motor
- Gross Motor
- The Arts



Student Progress



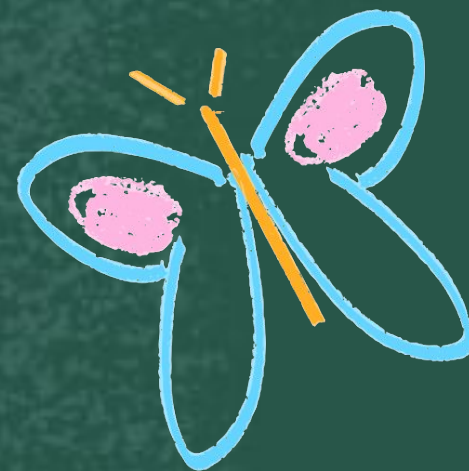
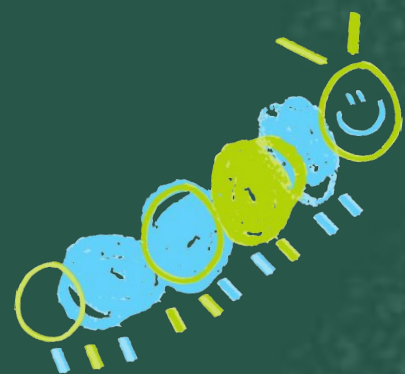
- Formal and informal student assessment
- Preschool progress reports
- Teacher/parent conferences
- Frequent ongoing communication between school and home

Preschool Intervention and Referral Team (PIRT)



PIRT is a team of school staff that provides support for students who exhibit challenging behaviors, have difficulty with communication, or struggle with classroom routines and/or academics.

- Meetings are scheduled to develop a plan which includes strategies to support the student's needs.
- The student is monitored closely with ongoing updates for further strategies when needed.



Early Childhood Advisory Council

Early childhood advisory council or “ECAC” means an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district. (N.J.A.C.6A:13A-1.2)

Its purpose is to review preschool program implementation of high-quality programs, serve as advisory support for the local school district’s preschool program, and support transition as children move from preschool through grade three.





Registration Process



- New student registration begins March 11th
- Preschool program is free to Hopatcong residents
- Child must turn 3 prior to October 1, 2024
- Child must not be eligible for Kindergarten
- Click on the Registration tab on the district website
www.hopatcongschools.org
- Required paperwork must be submitted along with online registration in order to be officially enrolled



Preschool Locations

- Durban Avenue School
 - 8:40 am – 3:10 pm
- First Impressions Lake Hopatcong
 - 8:30am – 2:30pm
- First Impressions Linden Avenue
 - 8:30am – 2:30pm & 9:00am – 3:00pm
- First Impressions Stanhope
 - 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Head Start
 - 8:30 am – 3:30 pm



Let's Keep in Touch....

- Preschool Information:
 - Email Mrs. Tammy Miller, Director of Special Services
 - tmiller@hopatcongschools.org
- Registration Information:
 - Call Mrs. Ana Marrazzo
 - 973-398-8805, prompt 7



Questions ?

