

2024-2025 Plumsted Township Preschool FAQ

Application/Registration Process

How do I apply for a seat in the 2024-2025 preschool program?

Simply complete the Google Form that is linked to the district website. Please be sure to completely fill out the application as partial applications will not be eligible.

My child already attends Plumsted's preschool. Do I have to apply/register again?

No. If your child already attends the preschool program, there is no need to apply or register again. They will be automatically rolled over to the next school year.

Is there a cost associated with attending the district's preschool?

No. During the 2022-2023 school year, the Plumsted Township School District was a recipient of the Preschool Expansion Aid provided by the State of New Jersey. This aid allows the district to provide FREE preschool to those students who reside within Plumsted Township.

How old does my child have to be in order to attend the district's preschool?

All children must be 3 years of age before October 1, 2024. All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible. Any child who turns 5 before October 1, 2024 must register for kindergarten.

What are the residency requirements to attend preschool?

All students MUST reside in Plumsted Township to attend the district's preschool. Please note, due to the stipulations of the Preschool Expansion Aid the district receives, we cannot accept out of district OR School Choice students.

Aside from age and residency, what other factors does the district consider for acceptance in the preschool program?

Acceptance into the district preschool program is based on a lottery system.

When will I find out if my child has secured a seat in the 2024-2025 preschool program?

After the application window closes, district administration will begin to review applications for competition. During the week of March 18, 2024 notifications will be sent out via email. It is very important that we have an up-to-date email address for this purpose.

What happens if my child does not get into the preschool program for the 2024-2025 school year?

The district will maintain a waitlist for the duration of the 2024-2025 school year. In the event a parent declines their child's seat, or a child moves out of the district, the next child on the waitlist will be offered a seat.

What information will I need to provide at my verification appointment?

All parents/guardians will need to provide 2 proofs of residency (government issued - such as, drivers license or tax bill), their child's ORIGINAL birth certificate with a raised seal, and a completed registration packet (to be provided once your child is accepted into the program).

Day-to-Day

What are the hours for preschool?

The preschool operates on a 6-hour day (currently 9:30-3:30). The exact hours for the 2024-2025 preschool program have yet to be determined. The hours will be dependent upon transportation. This information should be available towards the end of the current school year.

Can my child attend preschool part-time?

No. Due to the stipulations of the Preschool Expansion Aid the district receives, students must attend full day, five days a week, and regular attendance is required to maintain a seat..

What do I need to send my child with each day?

Your child should bring a snack and a lunch each day, along with a drink. Breakfast and/or lunch are available for purchase or for those who qualify for free or reduced cost. In addition, students should bring a Nap Mat to leave at school during the week. Students will take their Nap Mat home on the weekends to be washed and returned.

What curriculum does the New Egypt preschool use?

The Plumsted Preschool program has adopted the Creative Curriculum. For more information about Creative Curriculum, please click [HERE](#).

What does a typical preschool day look like for my child?

Below is a typical preschool day during the 2023-2024 school year:

9:30-9:40	Arrival
9:40-9:55	Snack/Breakfast/Limited Choice
9:55-10:10	Morning Meeting
10:10-10:40	Gross Motor
10:40-11:00	Large Group
11:00-12:00	Choice
12:00-12:20	Small Group
12:20-12:30	Read Aloud
12:30-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Rest
2:00-2:45	Limited Choice
2:45-3:00	Read Aloud
3:00-3:20	Large Group Round Up

How many students are in a class?

There are 15 seats available per classroom.

Does the district offer before or after school care?

Yes. The New Egypt Extended Day (NEED) Program is available to district students for a fee. For more information regarding the NEED program, including pricing, please [CLICK HERE](#) or visit the school district's website.

Staffing

How many classrooms will there be and will my child have a certified teacher?

For the 2024-2025 school year, there will be a total of 8 classrooms. All teachers must hold a valid teaching certificate. In addition, each classroom will have a paraprofessional assigned to it to assist.

In addition to certificated teaching staff, what other support personnel work with the preschool program?

In addition to the teaching staff, the preschool program also has a Preschool Intervention & Referral Specialist (PIRS) as well as a Community and Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS). The main responsibility of the PIRS is to consult with the instructional coach and the preschool classroom teachers to adapt and modify teaching practices to help preschool children meet the Preschool Standards. The main responsibility of the CPIS is to coordinate family/school partnerships for the preschool program.

Transportation

Does the district offer busing?

Yes. The district does offer busing, however, your child does not have to take a bus to school. We recognize that this may be the first time many students will be attending school and some parents may prefer to take their child to school themselves.

How will I find out what bus my child is on and when/where they will be picked up?

In the spring, the district will seek to determine the total number of students in need of transportation. Later in the summer, the Transportation Department will reach out to those parents/guardians who opted for district transportation and inform parents of their child's bus route and the approximate time their child will be picked up and dropped off each day.