



Where are the Dwight School campuses located?

- Riverside Campus (Small Wonder - Pre-K) - 144 Riverside Boulevard at 67th Street
- 94th Street Campus (Preschool - Grade 4) - 705 Columbus Avenue at 94th Street
- Central Park West Campus (Grades 5-12) - 18 West 89th Street

How do students travel between campuses?

An inter-campus shuttle runs between our campuses for convenient drop-off and pick-up options for families.

What are the program options and schedules for each age group?

Young 2s **2 years old between** September 1 and December 31 of the academic year
Two, three or five mornings, 8:30-11:30 am

Preschool 2s **2 years old before** September 1 of the academic year
Two, three, or five mornings, 8:30 am-12 pm

Preschool 3s **3 years old before** September 1 of the academic year
Five mornings, 8:30 am-12 pm | Five full days, 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Pre-K **4 years old before** September 1 of the academic year
Five full days, 8:30 am-2:30 pm

After-school programming that extends the day until 5:30 pm is available.

Typically, how many students and teachers are there in each class?

On average, 2s classes have ten students, 3s classes have 15 students, and Pre-K classes have 18 students. All of our classes have at least two teachers.

What curriculum does Dwight follow?

Dwight is an [International Baccalaureate](#) (IB) World School. The IB is an inquiry-based curriculum with a balanced approach, incorporating both teacher-led and student-initiated activities in the classroom. Dwight's Preschool 3s through grade 5 students follow the IB [Primary Years Program](#) (PYP). The framework of the PYP begins with the premise that students are agents of their own learning and partners in the learning process. Preschool 2s follow an [inquiry-based curriculum](#) modeled after the PYP.

How does Dwight handle the separation process?

Before the school year begins, parents are invited to attend a seminar outlining effective strategies for a successful transition to school. In the **Young 2s & Preschool 2s**, the separation process begins with teachers visiting each of their students at home. Young 2s & Preschool 2s students and their parents are then invited to visit their teachers in their classrooms. Both of these visits happen prior to the first day of school. Once school begins, separation happens gradually during a phase-in period. Preschool 2s classes reach their full schedule over the course of the first several weeks of school, allowing for a gentle transition and settling in. **Preschool 3s and Pre-K** students visit their teachers in their classrooms prior to the first day of school and follow an age-appropriate phase-in schedule, with classes reaching their full schedule over the course of their first several days.

How does the school communicate with parents?

Teachers email weekly highlights and photos on Friday afternoons. Teachers compile an electronic portfolio of student work, anecdotal records, photos, and teacher notes for parents to review throughout their





child's Young 2s, 2s, 3s, and Pre-K years. Formal parent-teacher conferences are scheduled twice per year. E-mails, phone calls, or additional parent-teacher meetings take place as needed. Dwight Administration has an "open door" policy.

Does Dwight have a potty-training policy?

We do not require 2s students to be potty-trained. Our preschool teachers change their students' diapers, as the School firmly believes that meeting this very basic need helps each child to develop a trusting relationship with their teacher. Teachers assist children in the bathroom while they are working toward being fully potty-trained.

Are lunches and/or snacks provided?

We provide a daily snack for all preschool students. A catered lunch is provided for all full-day students; half-day students who extend their day in after-school programming bring a packed lunch from home. Students eat lunch in their classrooms with their teachers. Dwight is vigilant about maintaining a nut- and seed-free environment.

What activities are available before and after school?

Early morning drop-off is available daily between 7:30-8:20 am for families of 3s and Pre-K students who need flexibility in their morning schedules. Our Clubhouse Program provides students a place to enjoy open play with friends, snack and story, and gym time with a flexible pick up time until 5:30 pm. After-school classes, such as art, music, sports, dance, foreign language, and cooking are offered throughout the school year. [After-school and extended day programs](#) are fee-based.

Does Dwight offer summer programs?

Our Early Childhood Division [summer program](#) is led by our caring and experienced teachers. Children enjoy hands-on, creative activities, both indoors and outdoors. Lessons are planned around weekly themes and registration is available for two, three, or all five weeks of the summer session.

What classes are available for younger children?

[Small Wonder](#) programming is available for students from 3 months to 2.5 years of age. Registration for these programs is on a first-come, first-served basis. Small Wonder Childcare (1-2 years) is a separated, full-day program. Wee Wonder (3-12 months) and Small Wonder (1-2.5 years) are for children to attend with a parent or caregiver. Email smallwonder@dwight.edu to schedule a trial class or tour.

What parent volunteer opportunities exist?

Dwight Preschool is fortunate to have an active and involved parent community. The Parents Association sponsors events to bring our community together, including our Book Fair, Art Show, Spring Festival, and community service projects. Parent volunteers play an important role in the planning and execution of these events. PA class representatives act as liaisons between parents and the School.

Within the classroom, numerous opportunities exist for parents to visit, share, cook, present, read, and celebrate! Teachers welcome suggestions for parent involvement and often request parent participation in specific classroom activities and on class field trips.

Where do Dwight Preschool students attend kindergarten?

Pre-K students who are developmentally ready for kindergarten and who meet the September 1st birthday cutoff are offered re-enrollment into Dwight's Kindergarten. No application, testing, or interview is necessary for these students.

Families who wish to explore other options for kindergarten are supported throughout the admissions process by our experienced [placement team](#).