



Eastampton School District Preschool Expansion Information

2023-2024
&
Plans for 2024-2025

What is Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA)?

Research is clear – high-quality preschool can change the educational trajectories of young children and influence their lifetime achievement and well-being. Improvements in children’s school age readiness lead to increased achievement and long term success.

Governor Phil Murphy has proposed expansion of full-day, high-quality preschool to all three- and four year-old children in the state.

Currently, not all school districts offer free, full day programs for preschool children. However, the Eastampton School District has been approved to offer this program!

During the 2022-2023 school year, funding was awarded for the first time to begin the program.

School districts are required to meet 90% of “universe” of children **by year 5** after the initial funding is awarded.

The “universe” of children is a projection of all preschool age (3 and 4 year old children) that live within the district.

The “universe” is determined by doubling the number of students currently in grade 1.

For our district, this means by the 2026-2027 school year we intend to reach our projected 90% “universe”.

Overview of Student Eligibility

- Each preschool classroom is mixed age groupings of 3 year old and 4 year old children.
- Students are not separated by age (there are not 3 year old classrooms and 4 year old classrooms).
- There is a maximum of 15 students permitted per preschool classroom.
- Students that qualify for special education are automatically guaranteed placement.
- All students enrolled as a 3 year old will be automatically enrolled for the following year as a 4 year old.
- All students that turn 5 on or before October 1st of each year will be automatically enrolled in Kindergarten.
- Students are not permitted to be retained in preschool due to family preference.
- All students must provide proof of Eastampton residency.

All Eastampton Township children who are 3 years-old on or before October 1st
and/or
4 years-old on or before October 1st are candidates for our preschool program.

If your child is 5 years old on or before October 1st, they will be required to enroll in Kindergarten.

Mosaic Early Learning

Our district has partnered with Mosaic Early Learning and the Center for Family Services to offer preschool age students of the Eastampton School District the opportunity to be **guaranteed placement** in a free preschool program.

Although the Eastampton preschool program is currently at capacity, admissions at Mosaic are ongoing all year round.

All families are encouraged to apply.

Families must meet specific eligibility requirements.

This center is located at 100 Maple Grove Boulevard Lumberton, NJ 08048

For more information:

Please visit: <https://www.centerffs.org/early-learning>

Or call: 609.850.2222

Expansion Plans

Year 1 - 2022-2023

Three full day classrooms were opened to serve a total of 45 students.

Year 2 - 2023-2024

A fourth full day classroom was opened to serve a total of 60 students.

Year 3 - 2024-2025 - Projected Plans

A fifth full day classroom will be opened to serve a total of 75 students.

A partnership with Mosaic Early Learning is initiated to serve an additional 15 students.

Lottery Information

The number of interested students for our program greatly exceeds the number of seats available.

Due to this, we will be conducting a lottery.

Students will be able to enroll for a lottery seat anytime between now and March 25, 2024. **If you have already filled out our waitlist information, you do not need to do it again.**

On March 25, 2024, the form will be closed.

If you have not completed our wait list form, please do so [HERE](#)

Families will be contacted with their lottery number the week of March 25, 2024.

The lottery will be conducted the week of April 8, 2024.

Families that receive a seat in our program will be contacted.

All others will be added to a waiting list.

Lottery Information Continued...

- All students that receive a seat in the program will need to confirm attendance and complete registration by April 30, 2024
- If a seat is declined, the next child on the waiting list will be offered a seat.
- Those on the waiting list will be notified of their place on the list.

For More Information

For more information about our program including curriculum information, please view our preschool handbook!

[CLICK HERE](#)



Questions?

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