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Preschool Inclusion Program 2025-2026 Application Information Cover Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Harrison Township School District will be offering a preschool inclusion program for the 2025-2026 school year. There will be a morning session for three-year-old children and an afternoon session for four-year-old children. The Preschool Inclusion Program will provide our population of children with special needs the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive environment along with their typically developing peers. The classes will be held at the Harrison Township Elementary School.

The morning classes of three-year-old children will be comprised of approximately fifteen (15) three-year-old children. The ratio of typically developing three-year-old children to students with special needs will not exceed 7 to 8. This is a half-day program, five days a week with a morning session from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Children must have attained the age of 3 years, but will not attain the age of 4 years, on or before October 1, 2025 to apply.**

Each afternoon class of four-year-old children will be comprised of approximately sixteen (16) four-year-old children. The ratio of typically developing four-year-old children to students with special needs will not exceed 8 to 8. This is a half-day program, five days a week with an afternoon session from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Children must have attained the age of 4 years, but will not attain the age of 5 years, on or before October 1, 2025 to apply.**

Children must be toilet trained, have up-to-date immunizations and should have age-appropriate skills in all areas of development. No transportation or child-care will be provided for typical children.

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Participation of children with disabilities will be identified by their IEP team. Any child who has met the criteria for Special Education and has, or will have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) does not go through the lottery for placement.

If you are interested in enrolling your non-special needs child in our preschool class, please complete the attached application, sign, and return it on/or before Friday, February 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. (mailed applications must be postmarked by Thursday, February 20, 2025) to the following address:

**ATTN: Lori Hynes, Director of Student Services
2025-2026 Preschool Inclusion Program
Harrison Township School District
120 North Main Street
Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062**

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available slots, a lottery will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025. Each applicant will be assigned a number. Next, Google's Random Number Generator will be used to select the applicants that will be selected for the program.

Applicant families will be notified of their application status through letters mailed on March 4, 2025.

Those offered enrollment will receive an *Enrollment Commitment Form*, *Student Information Questionnaire*, and *Registration Packet*.

- Families must return the *Enrollment Commitment Form*, *Student Information Questionnaire* and *\$150.00 deposit* to the Child Study Team Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2025. Failure to return these items by the deadline shall constitute a refusal of enrollment.
- The *Registration Packet*, along with all required registration information, must be returned to the Harrison Township principal's secretary, Mrs. Kim Cinaglia, in the main office by June 23, 2025.

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Applicants not initially offered admission will be assigned a place on a waiting list in the order determined by the lottery.

The cost of the program for typically developing children for 2025-2026 will be \$3,350.00 per year. If selected by lottery, the \$150.00 deposit is due by Monday, March 24, 2025.

To apply for this program, complete the attached application and return no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025. Applications emailed to labuonon@harrisontwp.k12.nj.us will be accepted up until 3:00 p.m. on Friday as well.

Please contact the Child Study Team Office at 856.478.2016, extension 7141, for additional information.

Sincerely,



Lori Hynes
Director of Student Services

Important Dates at A Glance

- ✓ October 1, 2021 (child born on or before) for consideration for the four-year-old program
- ✓ October 1, 2022 (child born on or before) for consideration for the three-year-old program
- ✓ February 21, 2025 (Friday) – Applications Due
- ✓ March 3, 2025 (Monday) – Lottery Held (if necessary)
- ✓ March 4, 2025 (Tuesday) – Application Status Mailed (mailing includes inserts if selected)
- ✓ March 24, 2025 (Monday) – Enrollment Commitment, Student Questionnaire, and Deposit Due
- ✓ June 23, 2025 (Monday) – School Registration Packet Due