

WHITE PLAINS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

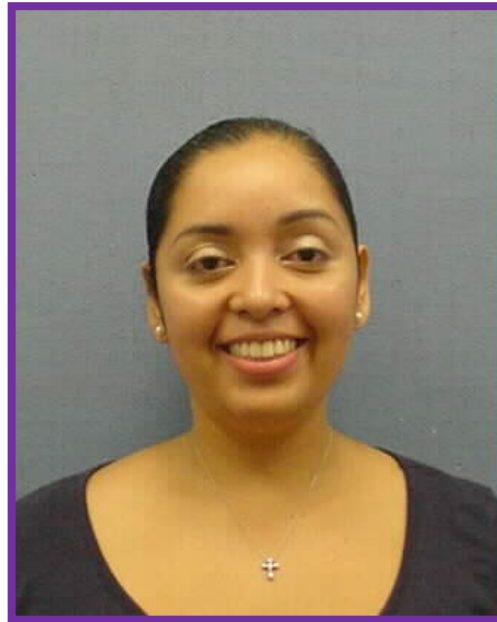
District Mission

The mission of the White Plains City School District is to educate and inspire all students, while nurturing their dreams, so they learn continually, think critically, pursue their aspirations, and contribute to a diverse and



Our Schools

Church Street School



Myra Castillo, Principal

George Washington School



Laura Mungin, Principal

Mamaroneck Avenue School



Rob Janowitz, Principal

Post Road School



Jesimae Ossorio, Principal

Ridgeway School



Kimberly Crawford EdD, Principal

More information about our schools

- **Hours:**

- ❖Arrival time: 8:25 am
- ❖Dismissal time: 3:30 pm

- **Class sizes:**

Kindergarten classes range from 18-22 students with one teacher and one teaching assistant

- **Before and After School Care:**

7:00 am-beginning of school day and/or after school-6:00 pm

- **Bus Transportation:**

For all students who live more than .5 miles from their school





Kindergarten Registration Process

During the week of December 16, 2024, information packets will be mailed to families.

All kindergarten registration information, including links, will also be available on the White Plains Public Schools website under Family Information Center and Registration.

Controlled Parents' Choice Registration windows begins on January 13, 2025, and ends February 28, 2025.

Applications are online. Once the application is received by the Family Information Center, you will be contacted for an in-person appointment to complete registration.

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Controlled Parents' Choice Kindergarten Registration

To register your eligible child for enrollment during the Kindergarten Choice period (February 5, 2024 - March 8, 2024) for the 2024-2025 academic year, gather all indicated documents and complete the supplementary forms found on the links below.

Your child's birth certificate, each parent's current photo identification, any court custodial order, proofs of residence, most recent physical exam, most recent vaccination record are to be uploaded to the application.

Also, complete the Household Benefit Income Eligibility form [here](#).

↓ [Family Information Form](#)

↓ [Home Language Questionnaire](#)

↓ [Housing Questionnaire](#)

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Click the yellow button below to launch the application. Complete and submit your registration application and note your application number for reference. When you submit the application, a staff member from the Family Information Center will contact you to complete the registration.

[2024-2025 CONTROLLED PARENTS' CHOICE FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION](#)



Controlled Parents' Choice Program

- Parents may attend Kindergarten Tours at each of the elementary schools to assist in selecting their preferred three schools.



- The online application includes school preference selection.

Registration and Controlled Parent's Choice selection must be completed by February 28, 2025, to participate in the school choice program.

Applications received after February 28th will not have school preference factored into their school assignment.

More about the Controlled Parents' Choice Program...

- ❖ Parents may indicate their preference for a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice of schools.
- ❖ Our sibling guarantee policy assigns students to a building where their siblings attend school.
- ❖ The District makes school assignments and informs parents by May.
- ❖ A waiting list is created for parents who did not receive their top choice school. The waiting list expires at the end of first full week of school in September.

Kindergarten Flow of the Day



- Morning Meeting
- Read Aloud
- Literacy Work: Readers Workshop, Writers Workshop, Foundational Reading Skills
- Math
- Learning and Play Centers
- Science / Social Studies
- STEM Enrichment through Project Lead the Way
- Special Area classes: Art, PE, Music, Library
- Recess and outdoor play



Dual Language Enrollment

White Plains offers a K-5 Spanish/English Dual Language Program at the following elementary schools:

Church Street School

George Washington School

Post Road School

Your child must first be assigned to one of these three schools before you can apply to the Dual Language Program.

- Half of the seats in the program are designated for English Language Learners whose home Language is Spanish; the other half of the seats are designated for students whose home language is English.
- We use a 50-50 model in our Dual Language classes which typically means that students alternate between the paired classroom every other day.
- We do have a sibling guarantee policy.



Dual Language Program Informational Meetings

January 15, 2025 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

White Plains High School~Media Center

January 16, 2025 from 9:00 – 10:00 am

Eastview Middle School~Room 118

How do we determine if your child qualifies as an English Language Learner?



- ❖ As part of the registration process, we will ask you to complete a Home Language survey.
- ❖ If you indicate that your child speaks and understands a language other than English, a certified staff member will evaluate your child for his/her proficiency in English.
- ❖ Students who are not proficient in English must be assessed with the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL) before entering kindergarten. This assessment will take place as part of the kindergarten screening process.

Students with Special Needs

Parents of students with special needs are encouraged to complete the School Choice form. When possible, students will be placed in the preferred school. However, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) may require a different building placement based on the child's needs and availability of required services.

Special Education Meetings for parents of pre-school special needs students (students who currently have an IEP) will be held at a time and date to be announced.



The Kindergarten Screening Process...

- ❖ Incoming kindergarten parents are contacted by their school to make an appointment for screening in late May/early June
- ❖ Screening takes place at the elementary school where the child is assigned
- ❖ Conducted by kindergarten teachers and other school staff
- ❖ Each student is administered the DIAL 4 Test of School Readiness to assess motor, language, and concepts. Parents complete a questionnaire that assesses social and self-help skills.
- ❖ The NYSITELL is administered to students who have been identified as speaking/understanding a language other than English.
- ❖ Information from the screenings are used to understand the strengths and needs of the incoming kindergarten students and to plan for support and instruction.



How can I help my child to be ready for Kindergarten?



- Encourage self-help skills.
- Read aloud to your child every day and take time to discuss the books you are enjoying together.
- Develop fine motor skills through play with lots of manipulatives.
- Talking and listening through shared experiences in your home language.
- Practice counting objects and using "math" words: *more, less, bigger, smaller, same, different, greater, less, equal*.
- Be problem solvers together.



Questions

If you have specific question about the kindergarten registration process, please call the White Plains Family Information Center at: **914-422-2038** or email:

familyinformationcenter@wpcsd.k12.ny.us

If you have questions about the kindergarten program, you may email:

kathybarpoulis@wpcsd.k12.ny.us

or

debbiehand@wpcsd.k12.ny.us

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