

South River Early Learning Center & Primary School

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2025- 2026 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Dear Prospective South River Preschool Parents & Guardians;

South River Public Schools will once again be conducting a free full day preschool program funded by the New Jersey Department of Education. The program is conducted by the South River School District, and is offered to three and four-year-old children that reside in South River. Please note the following important information related to the application process for the 2025-2026 school year:

Space is limited; submission of an application does not guarantee placement in the program. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available vacancies, a lottery will be utilized to determine what children get the vacancies.

Children who will be 3 or 4 years old by October 1, 2025 are eligible to apply.

The child and family must reside in South River.

The program is offered in two locations: on the South River School District Campus and at the Acelero Learning Center in South Amboy for those students who qualify for Head Start services. Transportation is not provided to the South River School District Campus location; transportation is provided to the Acelero Learning Center in South Amboy.

Students who meet the eligibility criteria for enrollment in the Acelero program will automatically be enrolled in that program (subject to registration requirements being met) until all available seats in that program are filled. When acceptance letters for the Preschool Program are mailed, accepted Acelero families will be notified of that fact. Individuals who do not get a seat in Acelero will be identified as 'Acelero Eligible' and will be offered the next available seat in Acelero when and if one becomes available.

Children currently enrolled in the program who do not meet the age requirements for Kindergarten will be eligible to continue for the 2025 – 2026 school year; no registration is required.

Applications for consideration must be received by the Preschool Secretary, located in the Main Office of South River Primary School by close-of-business on **Friday, April 25, 2025**. You may mail in your application.

Applications will be reviewed for correctness and completeness by the Preschool

Secretary when they are submitted. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. If problems are found in your application, you may receive a call from the Preschool Secretary, who will attempt to reconcile the matter over the phone. Please ensure you include correct telephone numbers and email addresses on your application.

If your child is selected through our lottery system for the 2025-2026 South River Public Schools Preschool Program, you will be notified by **Friday, May 23, 2025** and a letter with the registration process will be provided to you. Students not selected through the lottery will automatically be placed on the program's 'Wait List' in the order they were selected.

Once accepted, parents must complete the required registration process for the South River Public Schools District within five school days of the date school opens. Failure to do so may result in the loss of a seat in the program. Until registration is successfully submitted and processed the child will not be allowed to attend the program, and no teacher will be assigned.

No qualified student will be denied the ability to submit an application, even if the deadline has passed. However, all applications received after the deadline will not be considered for the lottery, if such a process is needed. Instead, they will immediately be placed on the 'Waitlist,' where they will wait their turn for an available vacancy.

Any child who departs the program, and seeks to re-enter will be placed on the 'Waitlist' in the order they requested to be considered, pending a vacancy in the program being identified.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us. We can be reached at 908-356-5803.

Thank you,
Dr. Heather Lieberman
Principal