



Scarborough Public Schools

April 17, 2025

Enjoy April School Vacation - April 18th - April 25th



Happy Vacation!!

Have fun, stay safe and enjoy the well-deserved break!

Scarborough's Public Pre-K Pilot-Year 2

Enrollment Application Process -School Year 2025-2026

Scarborough Public Schools is excited to be offering a public Pre-K pilot program in the fall of 2025, to include one classroom of 16 students. This program occurs in partnership with Shooting Stars Preschool, located at 152 Rt. 1 in Scarborough. Shooting Stars is a high quality program which has been serving preschoolers for the last 20 years and we are extremely fortunate to be partnering with them. Through our enrollment process, we seek to serve children from each of our three neighborhood districts: Blue Point, Eight Corners, and Pleasant Hill.



Program Details:

The Scarborough Public Pre-K Pilot is...

- Free
- Open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

- Aligned to the the Scarborough Public Schools' Calendar
- Able to offer free lunch and snacks to students
- Open to all Scarborough residents who are turning 4 on or before Oct. 15, 2025
- Located at the Shooting Stars Preschool Program (152 Rt. 1, Scarborough)
- Staffed by qualified, experienced, and certified Pre-K teachers
- Limited to a single classroom of 16 students, selected by an enrollment process
- An extension of the public school and is mandated to be in compliance with Maine statutes relating to student registration and immunizations

The Scarborough Public Pre-K Pilot is not...

- Able to provide transportation. Parents/guardians must drop off and pick up daily
- Able to accommodate students with significantly specialized educational needs
- Able to accommodate all students who apply

Enrollment Process:

Please fill out the Pre-K Enrollment Form if you would like your child to be considered for the Fall 2025 Pre-K Pilot Program. All names must be submitted by **May 2, 2025**. The Pre-K team will sort applications by the anticipated neighborhood school. Names will then be selected at random from each pool of names. Students who are selected will be invited to attend a screening. Children will be screened at Shooting Stars in early May by appointment between 2:30-4:00.

Enrollment decisions will be made after students have been screened. Parents/guardians will be notified that their child has been invited to attend the program and will be given a timeline to accept or deny.

The enrollment process will be ongoing until all seats are filled.

[Pre-K Pilot Enrollment Consideration Form \(Fall 2025\)](#) or use the QR code.



April Staff Spotlight Award Recipient

The April Spotlight Award Winner, **Katie Lyons**, was recognized at the April 17, 2025 Board of Education meeting. Katie is a Behavioral Specialist at Wentworth School, and was nominated by Allison Layton and the rest of her team at Wentworth School. Allison said "Katie is the glue that holds our program together. She is exceptional in her role working with students with challenging behaviors not only in our program, but in all of our Life Skills classrooms, and throughout the entire school. Doing the job of two people this year, in addition to being a new mom and navigating all that comes with that, she handles herself with poise no matter the situation, or how many



directions she is being pulled in at once. She is calm under pressure, treats every student with respect and kindness, and is the heart of our program. She leads us in crisis situations, collaborates effectively with gen ed staff on their students when they need support, and creates detailed and effective behavior plans for any type of situation that arises. Our SLS team is as strong as it is because she is a part of it, and our students truly are learning skills that will help guide them through life's challenges. She is an absolute rock star, and we are so lucky to

work with her every day."

Congratulations, Katie! Thank you to the Wentworth staff for this incredible nomination!

*Photo courtesy of J. Tarpini-Huff
K. Lyons and M. Rockenstire*

Scarborough Middle School and the Scarborough Land Trust

SMS Students Learn from SLT



On April 11th, Scarborough Middle School teachers Amy Johnston and Kari Bracy and their 43 seventh-grade students joined SLT staff and volunteers and two environmental stewards from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for a water testing field experience. This hands-on opportunity gave students a chance to learn more about the Scarborough Marsh and the importance of tracking the health of the marsh through the water monitoring program.

SLT helped students understand the essential measures that act as the vitals for the marsh's regular checkup, measures such as water temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, and salinity. Students then had a chance to collect that data on a tributary of the marsh that passes right through middle school property. Students utilized two different scientific probes to gather their data and spent time analyzing their findings and discussing the implications.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated the curiosity, intelligence, and care one would expect from an experiential classroom such as the one Johnston and Bracy have so carefully designed. These students are budding scientists for sure!

The SBAC Announces a Community Forum on April 30th at 6PM



**SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
SCARBOROUGH'S SCHOOLS!**



COMMUNITY FORUM

**ABOUT THE
2 PREFERRED
BUILDING OPTIONS**

**WHEN:
APRIL 30TH, 6PM**

**WHERE:
TOWN HALL/ZOOM**

Town Hall council chambers A & B - 259 US Route 1 Scarborough

When: Apr 30, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: School Building Advisory Committee Community Forum 4/30/2025

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://scarboroughschools.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T7EX9fG5TPaC8dqV-rVPRg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Information Night - April 29,
2025 at 6:00pm**



Wentworth School

Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Information Night

Welcome to Wentworth School An Important Notice to Families of 2nd Graders

A Parent Information Night will be held for parents and guardians of all current 2nd Grade students who will be entering Wentworth School in the fall of 2025. There will be an opportunity to tour the building, meet the school Leadership Team, and see an informative multimedia presentation for parents.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:00

6:00 - 6:35 School Tour

6:35 - 7:15 Multimedia Presentation in the Cafe



This informational evening is designed for parents and guardians. We look forward to meeting our incoming 3rd grade students when we invite them to visit Wentworth in June.

Kelli Crosby
Principal

Gabrielle LaPerriere
Assistant Principal





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FINAL SURVEY COMING SOON!

LEARN ABOUT THE
**2 PREFERRED
OPTIONS**

COMMUNITY FORUM:
APRIL 30TH, TOWN HALL

TAKE THE SURVEY:
APRIL 29TH-MAY 12TH

2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN!

kindergarten REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are eager to begin planning to welcome our newest students to Scarborough Public Schools for Kindergarten in 2025- 2026!

- Kindergarten is open to any student who **turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2025.**
- **If your child meets this criteria, and you are sending them to school in the fall, please complete the form linked here NOW: [New Student Enrollment Form](#)**
- If your child meets the age requirement, but you are undecided about sending them due to their age or developmental level, please complete the REGISTRATION FORM anyway. This will help us plan for all potential students.
- Appointments will be scheduled later this spring in each of our schools to review paperwork, including notarization of residency.
- If your child has specific health concerns, you can call or set up an appointment with one of our school nurses at any time.
- More information will be provided throughout the spring!

If you would like help completing these forms, we are happy to meet with you and provide an interpreter. Please call any of the school offices listed below.

Blue Point- 207-730-5300
Eight Corners- 207-730-5200
Pleasant Hill- 207-730-5250

[Click here to access the registration page.](#)

Work Permits

Work Permit Information for Minors Under 16 Years Old

Once a minor under 16 years old has the promise of a job, they must obtain a work permit before beginning that job. This includes students who are homeschooled. They must get a new permit every time they begin a new job until they reach 16 years old, even if they work for their parents.



In order to apply for a work permit, the minor must be:

- enrolled in school
- not habitually truant or under suspension; and
- passing a majority of courses during the current grading period.

A copy of the [Maine Work Permit Form can be downloaded here](#). Once this form is completed and signed, the work permit application should be delivered to the superintendent's office (Scarborough Town Hall, 259 US Route 1) with a **copy of the minor's birth certificate, passport or permanent resident card**. You may also email this information to Melissa Booth (mbooth@scarboroughschools.org) If you have general questions please call Melissa at 207-730-4100.

The superintendent's office will forward the information to the Maine Department of Labor. This process could take up to one week. If the permit is in order, the MDOL will validate/approve the form. A staff member at the superintendent's office will email a copy of the approved work permit to the student and the parent/guardian who gave permission for the permit.

1. Minors should bring the approved work permit to their new employer.
2. A minor can have one active permit during the school year and two during the summer.

For more information about child labor laws, wages, hiring and firing:

Maine Department of Labor (enforces Maine child labor laws)

Bureau of Labor Standards

Wage and Hour Division

207-623-7900

(TTY: Maine relay 711)

E-mail: mdol@maine.gov

2025-2026 School Calendar Approved!



At the March 6th board meeting, the board approved the 2025-2026 calendar. It is very similar to this year's calendar, and will allow for up to three "traditional snow days" (or any type of unplanned "no school" days). If more than the allotted three days are needed, those days will be **asynchronous** remote learning days, consistent with how the school calendar has looked like for the past few years.

The 2025-2026 school calendar can be found [here](#).

SMCC Workforce Training
EDUCATOR APPRENTICE PROGRAM
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN
as a school employee!

NO COST TO TRAINEES!

PROGRAM STARTS AUGUST 18, 2025
INTRO TO TEACHING (EDUC 100) - One-Week Bootcamp
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

About this program:
This 18-month program is designed for those who want to become Education Technicians II at a partner school district. This program is the first of its kind to provide this opportunity. After completing the Intro to Teaching Bootcamp, you will spend one day per week (3:30 - 6:30 p.m.) doing coursework while also receiving experiential credit working in the classroom the rest of the week!

Courses include:

- Intro to Psychology (PSYC 100)
- Oral Communication (ENGL 110)
- Foundations of Math for Teachers (MATH 115)
- Intro to Teaching (EDUC 100)
- Intro to American Education (EDUC 105)
- Culturally Responsive Teaching (EDUC 115)
- Foundations of Literacy (EDUC 220)
- Teaching Exceptional Learners (EDUC 230)
- Student Success (FIGS 100)
- Hands-on classroom experience that counts as credit

Where:
Classes will be on-site at a Gorham/Cumberland County school or municipal building.

Prerequisites:

- 18 years or older
- Resident of State of Maine
- Proof of Authorization to work in U.S.
- High School diploma, GED, or HiSet
- Desire to work in education field
- Testing may be required

Participating educational facilities and school districts:
Brunswick, Falmouth, Gorham, MaineHealth, MSAD 6, MSAD 15, MSAD 51, MSAD 55, 61, RSU 14, Scarborough, & South Portland

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:

FOR MORE INFO & TO APPLY NOW
email smccworkforcereg@mainecc.edu or call 207-741-5595

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Community Events & Bulletin Board Information

Below are some great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough. Click on this link [Community Bulletin Board](#) for more information.

- Wentworth Incoming 3rd Grade In-Person Parent Information Night - April 29, 2025
- Kindergarten Virtual Information Night - April 30, 2025
- Maine's Wild Blueberry Weekend T-Shirt Design Contest



- Scarborough Public Library - 14th Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program April 2025
 - Summer Art Camp in June 2025
 - April Dates at SPL - Anxious Generation Book Discussion
 - Scarborough Youth Football - "Try Tackle" Spring 2025
 - Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
 - Scarborough Public Library
- Scarborough Education Foundation

Important Dates

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#) [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- April 18 - April 25, 2025 - Spring Break
- April 28, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 29, 2025 Incoming Third Grade Parent Information Night @ 6:00 pm @ Wentworth School
- April 30, 2025 Incoming Kindergarten Information Night @ 5:30 pm via Zoom (see below)
- May 1, 2025 - School Board Business Meeting
- May 5, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 7, 2025 K-12 Early Release day



**Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

Reminder: WE ARE OPEN ON FRIDAYS

Scarborough Public Schools' Central Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, even though the Municipal Building is closed. Please use the video intercom system located to the right of the main doors (Route 1 front doors only) at Town Hall to contact the School Department and be allowed entry on Fridays. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Central Office at 730-4100.



Save the Date | Kindergarten Information Night on April 30th

SAVE THE DATE

KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION NIGHT



Please join our K2 principals to hear about our Kindergarten program at Scarborough Public Schools.

APRIL 30, 2025

5:30-6:30 PM

Join our K2 principals on April 30th to hear about our Kindergarten Program at Scarborough Public Schools.

When: April 30, 2025 at 5:30 - 6:30PM

Where: Webinar Event. [Register Now](#)

Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



We're
HIRING



CUSTODIANS

FULL & PART TIME POSITIONS

- Pay Range: \$21.50-\$25.50
- Hours: 2:00 pm - 10:30 pm
- Benefits available:
 - Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance
 - Retirement Plan
 - Paid Holidays
 - Earned Sick time(benefits prorated for part time)

BUS DRIVERS

CDL TRAINING PROVIDED

- Pay Range: \$24.00-\$29.28
- 35/hrs per week, school year only
- Benefits available:
 - Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance
 - Retirement Plan
 - Paid Holidays
 - Earned Sick time



Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:

<https://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/OnlineApp/default.aspx>

Scarborough Community Services' Spring Catalog is now available

Spring 2025

Click [HERE](#) to view the catalog



What to do in Scarborough?



For upcoming [Scarborough Community](#) events, be sure to check out Scarborough Community Services website and follow them on Facebook.

Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Chris Rohde, crohde@scarboroughschools.org

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[Curriculum](#) | Katie Vetro, kvetro@scarboroughschools.org

[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, tjepson@scarboroughschools.org

Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please visit <https://tickets.scarboroughschools.org> to open a ticket and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



Scarborough Schools

Website: www.scarboroughschools.org

Location: [259 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074, USA](#)

Phone: (207) 730-4100

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/scarbmeschools/>

Twitter: [@scarbmeschools](#)



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