

## How to spot a quality program for your child.

### Ten signs of a great preschool

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 5 and attends preschool, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) suggests you look for these 10 signs to make sure your child in a good classroom:

1. Children spend most of their time playing and working with materials or other children. They do not wander aimlessly and are not expected to sit quietly for long periods of time.
2. Children have access to various activities throughout the day. Look for assorted building blocks and other construction materials; props for pretend play; picture books; paints and other art materials; and table toys such as matching games, pegboards, and puzzles. Children should not all be doing the same thing at the same time.
3. Teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.
4. The classroom is decorated with children's original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling, and stories dictated by children to teachers.
5. Children learn numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences. The natural world of plants and animals and meaningful activities like cooking, taking attendance, or serving snack provide the basis for learning activities.
6. Children work on projects and have long periods of time to play and explore.
7. Children have an opportunity to play outside everyday.
8. Teachers read books to children individually or in small groups throughout the day, not just at group story time.
9. Curriculum is adapted for those who are ahead as well as those who need additional help. Teachers recognize that children's different background and experiences mean that they do not learn the same things at the same time in the same way.
10. Children and their parents look forward to school. Parents feel secure about sending their child to the program. Children are happy to attend; they do not cry regularly or complain of feeling sick.

**Your Child  
May Qualify for  
FREE Preschool!**

**Register your  
child now!**



**Full Day Preschool Program  
For 3 & 4 Year Old Paterson Children  
2025-2026 School Year**

**Paterson Public Schools**  
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# Frequently Asked Questions:

## Full Day Preschool Program

### Who qualifies for the program?

All Paterson children who have reached the age of 3 or 4 by October 31st.

### When do I register my child for the locations listed under Pre-School Centers?

For these locations registration is ongoing.

### When do I register my child for the locations listed under In-District Locations?

For In-District registration please call (973) 321-0674 for an appointment.

### What do I need to bring to register my child?

When you register your child, you need to bring :

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- 3 Proofs of Residence
- Child must be present

### What do you do if the center of your choice is full?

Call the Early Childhood Department at (973) 321-0674 to determine where there are openings.

### Is transportation provided? No.

Please contact the Department of Early Childhood at (973) 321-0674 for information regarding the registration process for the following schools:

School #9, School #15, School # 16, School #24,  
School # 25, School # 26, School # 27, School #28,  
Anna Iandoli Early Learning Center, Dale Avenue,  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Edward W. Kilpatrick (EWK)

#### Project Child Find

If you are a Paterson resident and have or know of a child between the ages of 3-5 who demonstrates significant developmental delays or has a diagnosed condition contact the Department of Special Services.  
Call 973-321-2216 for further information.

**All information is confidential.**

## Participating STATE MANDATED Preschool Centers & In-District Locations

Preschool Center	Address	Phone
* B.J. Wilkerson I	437 W. Broadway	973-595-5272
* B.J. Wilkerson III	124 Haledon Ave.	973-595-5272
* Calvary Baptist	575 E. 18th St.	973-278-4130
* El Mundo De Colores	44 Ward St.	973-523-0919
* El Mundo Del Niño	433 Main St	973-279-7100 ext. 2131
* Friendship Corner II	186 Butler St.	973-405-6711
* Gilmore Memorial Preschool I	505 E. 22nd St.	973-977-8977
* Gilmore Memorial Preschool II	69-72 Montclair Ave.	862-701-6300
* Gilmore Memorial Preschool III	315-321 Crooks Ave.	973-933-6063
* GBCA Head Start– Eastside	500 E. 35th St.	973-546-2634
* GCBA Head Start– Westside	265 Totowa Ave.	973-546-2634
* Hogar Infantil	560 Main St.	973-279-4486
* IEP Early Learning Center	90 Martin St.	973-881-1583
* Memorial Day	397 Grand St.	973-742-3295
* Memorial Day II	238 Straight St.	973-345-0281
Omega Preschool	277-6th Ave.	973-278-8787
* Paterson Day Care 100	363 Broadway	973-278-5200
* Paterson Family Center	32 Spruce St.	973-413-1570
* PCCC Child Dev. Center	1 College Blvd.	973-684-5915
*YMCA	128 Ward St.	973-321-3316
In-District Locations		
School No. 9	6 Timothy St.	
School No. 15	98 Oak St.	
School No. 16	11 22nd Ave.	
School No. 24	50 19th Ave.	
School No. 25	287 Trenton Ave.	
School No. 26	1 East 32nd St.	
School No. 27	250 Richmond Ave.	
School No. 28	200 Presidential Blvd.	
Anna Iandoli Early Learning Center	660 14th Ave.	
Dale Avenue School	21 Dale Ave.	
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	851 E. 28th St.	
Edward W. Kilpatrick (EWK)	295-315 Ellison St.	

\* NAEYC Accredited Preschool Center