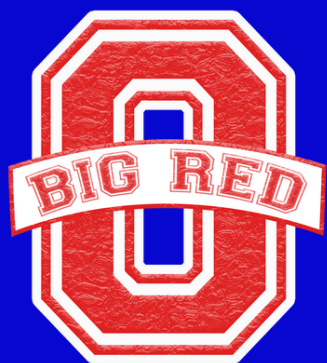


TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



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Director of Preschool

JANUARY 27, 2025

WELCOME...



Thank you for attending tonight's session whether in-person or virtually. Your attendance shows how dedicated you are to this process and your child.

Respectfully, please hold all questions until the end, as they may be addressed during this presentation.

THEN AND NOW: OUR PRESCHOOL JOURNEY

2019

1 In-District
Classroom
2 at Acelero Learning
3 Preschool Disabled
Classrooms

2024-2025

22 In-District
Classrooms
2 at Acelero Learning
3 Preschool Disabled
Classrooms

2025-2026

24 In-District
Classrooms
1 at Acelero Learning
3 Preschool Disabled
Classrooms



PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS 2025-2026



- Acelero
 - 1 Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) classroom
- Ocean Township Elementary School (OTES)
 - 6 Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) classrooms
 - 2 Preschool Disabled Classrooms
- Wanamassa Elementary School
 - 8 Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) classrooms
- Wayside Elementary School
 - 10 Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) classrooms
 - 1 Preschool Disabled Classroom

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM STAFFING



Each General Education Preschool
Classroom:

- 1 Certified Teacher
- 1 Instructional Assistant (IA)



CLASS SIZES

- 15 students per class
 - 12 general education preschool students
 - 3 special education preschool students



DAILY SCHEDULE - EXAMPLE



- 9:30-9:35 - Student Arrival/ Handwashing
- 9:40- 10:10 - Gross Motor
- 10:15-10:35 - Handwashing/Snack
- 10:35-10:50 - Morning Meeting
- 10:50-11:50 - Choice Time
- 11:55-12:10 - Small Group
- 12:15-12:30 - Read Aloud
- 12:30- 1:00 - Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 - Rest
- 2:00-2:20 - PM Read Aloud
- 2:20-2:35 - Small Group
- 2:35-3:10 - Limited Choice Time
- 3:10-3:30 - Afternoon Meeting & Dismissal



BEFORE AND AFTER CARE



- Project Extend
 - Township of Ocean Department of Human Services - **Spots fill quickly!**
 - Contact - Aaron Miller
 - (732) 531-2600
 - amiller@oceantwp.org



CREATIVE CURRICULUM

- Research-based approach
- State approved
- Designed to support the learning and development of young children
- Hands-on meaningful experiences
- Learning through play and discovery
- Engaging lessons and activities
- Teaching methods to meet the unique needs of each child
- Involving families





SUPPORT FOR PRESCHOOLERS, PARENTS, AND STÁFF



- 2 Preschool Coaches/ Intervention and Referral Specialists
- 1 ESL / Instructional Coach
- 1 Instructional Behavior Coach
- 1 Community Parent Involvement Specialist/Social Worker

PRESCHOOL INTERVENTION SERVICES



- Inclusive program
- Supports for special needs - determined by the Child Study Team (CST)
- Supports for General Ed - through the Preschool Intervention and Referral Team (PIRT)



MEALS



- Breakfast/Morning Snack
 - Option to purchase
- Family-Style Lunch
 - Option to purchase
 - Teacher facilitated
 - Children are encouraged to serve themselves
 - Children are welcomed to sample foods
 - Group setting is used to develop interpersonal skills

TRANSPORTATION



- Courtesy bussing
- Centralized Stops including select Day Care Centers in close proximity
- Parents have the option to drive or walk their child





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Playground Expansions / Improvements
- “WOW” Experiences
- Parent Workshops
- Parent/Family/Community Support
- Preschool Fair



PARTNERING WITH ACELERO LEARNING



CURRENT STUDENTS



- Any child who attended as a 3 year old will continue placement in the program
- Any 3 year old student returning to Preschool **WILL NOT** need to register for the 2025-2026 school year



PROJECTED SPACE



- Ocean Township Elementary School (OTES)
 - 30 General Education Seats
- Wanamassa Elementary School
 - 45 General Education Seats
- Wayside Elementary School
 - 58 General Education Seats

LOTTERY ELIGIBILITY



- Ocean Township resident
- Must be 3 or 4 years of age by October 15, 2025
 - 3 year old preschool
 - DOB 10/16/2021 - 10/15/2022
 - 4 year old preschool
 - DOB 10/16/2020 - 10/15/2021
- Students that turn 5 years old on or before October 15, 2025 will attend Ocean Township Kindergarten

IMPORTANT DATES



- Monday, February 3, 2025
 - Lottery Applications Open Online - www.oceanschools.org
- Friday, February 21, 2025
 - Lottery applications are due by 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 3, 2025
 - Lottery selection 10:00 a.m.
 - Location Board of Education Office Auditorium
 - Zoom link will be provided to parents who wish to participate virtually

QUESTIONS???



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