

Early Learning Center Community Peer Application 2026-27 School Year

Apply online by February 28, 2026

We are currently seeking 3- and 4-year-old children for our early childhood preschool program located at Lake Garda Elementary School and Harwinton Consolidated School for the 2026-27 school year. Our program provides the benefits of an inclusive setting where children, with and without disabilities, learn and thrive together.

The Early Childhood Program offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum that follows the CT Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS). Our preschool students are immersed in purposeful play, exploration, sensory activities, early literacy and numeracy, and community-building that fosters the social skills to be a good friend.

You must be a Burlington or Harwinton resident for your child to attend the program. Children must be 3- or 4-years-old by September 1, 2026 to enter their age-appropriate session. Families, please note, if your child is turning five after September 1, 2026 your child remains eligible for The Early Childhood Preschool Program regardless of how many years they have attended. Children are expected to be toilet-trained by the beginning of the school year. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spots, a blind lottery will be held. A playdate will then be scheduled for those selected through the lottery. Information will be sent via email prior to that date to those that have applied.

There is a monthly fee for children which is due on the last day of each month; or 2 equal payments due on August 31st and January 29th. **Parents must provide transportation for their children.** The AM session is Monday through Friday, from 9:05 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. The PM session is Monday through Friday, 1:05 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Parents will receive final confirmation of their child's enrollment mid to late April. If a child is offered a spot in the program, they must accept the seat by fully registering their child and paying the registration fee/deposit within the allotted time. Children not selected through the lottery are put on a waitlist and will be offered a spot if/when they become available, which may be at any point throughout the school year.

Please note: If you suspect your child has a disability or was evaluated by the Connecticut Birth to 3 System, please contact the school and speak directly with the Special Education Supervisor.

Why should I send my child to preschool in Region 10?

- Your child will grow in a nurturing early childhood environment that implements the Connecticut Early Learning & Development Standards (ELDS)

- Opportunities to play and expand their interests
- Learn skills and routines in a school setting

Who is eligible?

3- and 4-year-old children residing in the towns of Burlington and Harwinton. Role models should have developmentally appropriate:

- use of language
- social skills
- ability to follow classroom rules and adult directions
- interest in learning

What is the cost?

For the 2026-27 school year:

AM Session - five morning sessions per week: \$3,600.00 per year (\$20 a day)

PM Session - five afternoon sessions per week: \$3,600.00 per year (\$20 a day)

Tuition payments are due either monthly or in two bi-annual payments as agreed to by families.

Contact Information:

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