



HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Hawthorne School District is pleased to announce the return of its Preschool Program for the 2026–2027 school year, housed at Jefferson Elementary School. This program supports children’s social, emotional, and academic readiness for school.

To be eligible, children must be **three years old on or before October 1, 2026** and **toilet trained**. Required documentation includes a birth certificate, immunization records, medical exam, and proof of Hawthorne residency.

The program runs **five half-days per week**, with **morning sessions for 3-year-olds** and **afternoon sessions for 4-year-olds**. Space is limited. Students enrolled as 3-year-olds during the 2025–2026 school year will receive priority for the 4-year-old program. Remaining seats will be filled by lottery if applications exceed availability. Transportation is not provided.

A waiting list will be created if needed, and all applicants will be notified of their enrollment status during the **first week of April**.

To subsidize program costs, the Board of Education has set **tuition at \$4,000 for the ten-month program**, aligned with the Hawthorne Public School District calendar. Payment for accepted students is due as follows:

- **\$400 non-refundable deposit due May 2, 2026**
- **\$1,200 due September 11, 2026**
- **\$1,200 due January 8, 2027**
- **\$1,200 due April 9, 2027**

Applications will be accepted through **March 13, 2026** by completing the [Google Form](#).

For questions, please contact **Dr. Kristen Trabona** at (973) 427-1300 ext. 2009 or ktrabona@hawthorneschools.org.

Sincerely,

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