



EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Andrea Evans, Superintendent

Gregory Wilson, Business Administrator

February 3, 2026

Dear East Greenwich Township School Community,

We currently operate eight full day, tuition-free preschool classrooms for three and four year olds residing in East Greenwich. These classrooms are funded through Preschool Education Aid from the NJ Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood. Contingent upon continued funding for the 2026-2027 school year, we are planning for our spring 2026 lottery.

The [2026-2027 EGTSD Preschool Lottery Application](#) is now open and closes on March 20th at 10:00am. Please read below to learn more about our preschool program and the lottery process.

Preschool Program Information

Our preschool classrooms are designed to support a child-centered environment where students learn through play, exploration and hands-on discovery using the NJ-approved Creative Curriculum. Research consistently demonstrates play is the most effective way for young children to learn, and throughout the day, our preschoolers develop academic, social, and physical skills through meaningful activities both indoors and outdoors. A daily rest/nap time of one hour is also included in the schedule.

Each preschool classroom is mixed age (three and four year olds) with a maximum of fifteen students. Ours classrooms are led by a certified teacher and supported with a full time instructional aide.

Preschool Lottery Information

We will fill our open seats for the 2026-2027 school year with a lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students **must be 3 or 4 years old as of October 1, 2026**, reside in East Greenwich and be up to date on immunizations.

Approximately 70% of our seats will be reserved for four year olds, and 30% will be reserved for three year olds. Students are expected to attend the program five full days per week, and transportation is provided to eligible preschool students. Please note:



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- Students who turn 5 years old on or before October 1, 2026 are NOT eligible for preschool. They are eligible for Beginners.
- Students currently enrolled in the preschool program do NOT need to participate in the lottery. They are automatically guaranteed a seat in preschool unless they are eligible for Beginners.
- This is a new lottery for the 2026-2027 school year. Lottery results from 2025-2026 are not valid for the 2026-2027 school year.
- To be considered for the preschool lottery, please complete the [2026-2027 EGTSD Preschool Lottery Application](#) **by Friday, March 20th at 10:00am**. Late applications will not be considered. Once registered in the lottery, you will receive an email with a lottery number and directions to access the live, virtual lottery by Monday, March 23rd.
- The lottery will be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 10:00am.
- We will draw numbers until all lottery applicants are assigned a number. When the number of students needed to fill the available preschool spots is reached, the remaining applicants will be the basis of the 2026-2027 preschool waiting list.
- If your child is selected via the lottery, we will email an acceptance letter by Friday, March 27th at 10:00am. Parents/guardians of lottery-accepted students must complete the pre-registration process by Wednesday, April 1st at 10:00am. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- If a student drops out or declines a placement and a vacancy occurs, we will go to the next number on the wait list and that student's parents will be contacted. The wait list will remain active and will be utilized throughout the year.



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Important Dates:

Date/Time	Event
February 3rd at 2:00pm	Lottery Application opens
March 20 th at 10:00am	Lottery Application closes
March 23 rd at 4:00pm	Lottery Number emailed to parents who completed Lottery Application
March 24 th at 10:00am	Live Lottery; Results posted on district website
March 27 th at 10:00am	Lottery acceptance letters emailed to parent/guardian
April 1 st at 10:00am	Pre-registration deadline for lottery-accepted students

Frequently Asked Questions:

Our Frequently Asked Questions document provides additional information, and it can be found [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming our new preschoolers to Jeffrey Clark School and providing this opportunity to our families in our community. Should you have any questions regarding the lottery process, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at evansa@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us. If you have questions about the preschool program, please reach out to our supervisor, Mrs. Erica Green at greeneg@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Andrea Evans