



AMESBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pre-K Enrollment Process

Step One

Fill out the “SY 2026–2027 PK Forms” packet and gather the required documents listed on the front page. Submit all paperwork to Julie Hartshorn at Amesbury High School, 5 Highland St.

Step Two

A Shay Elementary School staff member will reach out to schedule a PK screening which will be held on Monday, 4/13/26.

Step Three

Attend your child's PK Screening appointment.

Step Four

By mid-May you will receive a decision letter stating one of the following:

- Your child has been accepted into the PK program.
- Your child was not accepted into PK program at this time.
- The team has recommended further assessment in the area of a suspected disability. The decision is pending this assessment.

Now Accepting Applications for SY26–27
Limited Spots Available!

For more information & registration:

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Pre-K FAQ'S



1. Why is the program called the “Integrated PK Program?”
It's designed for children ages 3–5 with and without disabilities.

2. How are children chosen for the program?
All children with IEP's requiring Special Education Services are entitled to attend. If your child does not have an IEP he/she would be considered a “Peer Partner” candidate and participate in a PK Screening to determine suitability.

3. What is a Peer Partner?
A peer partner is a child not on an IEP who is considered an appropriate peer model.

4. What is a PK screening?
A screening is a time where your child comes to the school and undergoes some simple assessments to determine whether or not they would be a suitable Peer Partner.

5. Why aren't all children accepted?
Unfortunately, we are unable to accept all children due to limited space and availability.

6. What is the cost?
For school year 2025–2026 the cost was \$280/month but is subject to change for school year 2026–2027. The fee is to be determined by the School Committee.

7. What are the school hours?
The PK classes run 4 days/week. Typically, our 3 year old's attend the morning session from 8:30am–11:15am. Our 4 year old's attend our afternoon session from 12:15pm–3:00pm

8. What are the class sizes?
Each classroom enrolls up to 15 children. Of these, typically, 7 will have an IEP and 8 will be typically developing peers who pay tuition to attend.

9. What are the immunization requirements for PK entry?
3 doses of Hep B
4 doses of DTaP
3 doses of Polio
1 dose of MMR
1 dose of Varicella
1–4 doses of hib

*FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR THE MDPH IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AT 888–658–2850

10. Are there any other health requirements?
Yes! You must have proof of a recent physical exam (within the last 12 months). Typically, health care providers call this form a “School/Camp Form.” It must include the date of the last physical, lead test results, TB Risk Assessment, whether or not the child is cleared to participate in PE/sports, and results of hearing and vision tests. Often times this is also the form they use to list the child's immunizations.

