



Integrated Preschool Registration Application

Thank you for your interest in our preschools. Please read all of the following information carefully, as it describes the requirements of the program.

Purpose

The Fairhaven Public Schools Integrated Preschool Programs are designed to include both 3 and 4 year old children with special educational needs and their typically developing peers. While addressing the individual needs of students receiving special education services, an integrated preschool program emphasizes the development of all children within a developmentally appropriate curriculum.

The District is actively seeking typically developing peer partners to serve as models for the integrated Program. In order to be eligible for one of these opportunities the child must participate in the preschool screening process.

Admission Procedure

Admission for a child with special educational needs is through the special education evaluation process. Anyone who feels that their child may be in need of special education services can receive further information about the early childhood screening and evaluation process by contacting the Fairhaven Public Schools Special Education Office at (508) 979-4000 ext: 117.

Admission for a child as a peer model may occur through a lottery depending on the number of eligible applicants that are received. Peer models must be residing within the Fairhaven school district. Applicants **must be 3 years old prior to September 1, 2021**. Children considered are those who do not currently receive special education services and are not in need of special education services. Applicants (*model students*) are expected to demonstrate AGE APPROPRIATE SKILLS (within 6 months) in the areas of speech and language, cognitive/school readiness skills, fine and gross motor skills, and socialization and behavioral skills - this includes but is not limited to being toilet trained, demonstrating self-control and pro-social behavior. If, through the application and screening process, it is determined that a child is not developmentally on target in any of these areas, it may make the student ineligible. If the child is unable to comply with directives or participate in the screening, the parents or teachers may choose to re-screen the child in 6 months. If the child is

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then able to pass the screening instrument, he/she will then be placed on the waiting list and offered the next available spot in the preschool program.

In the event of a lottery, appropriate peer model students who are not selected in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list. In past years, openings have occurred after the lottery selection and into the school year, and we have offered slots to those on our waiting lists.

Days/Hours of the Program

Our **Integrated Preschool Program** operates in **2 sessions**:

A.M. session - 4 days / week (Monday-Thursday) from 8:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

P.M. session - 5 days / week (Monday - Friday) from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Please note that this schedule (days and times) may be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions*

Preschool Programs follows the Fairhaven Public Schools calendar. *Preschool will begin approximately 1 day later than the start of school.*

Parents of peer models are required to provide transportation.

Tuition

There is a monthly tuition fee charged for peer partner participants in our preschool program.

A one month tuition deposit will be required by June 30, 2021 to secure placement in the program.

The remainder of the annual tuition will be collected in monthly installments beginning September 1, 2021.

Application Process

Applications are available online (FairhavenPS.org), at each elementary school in Fairhaven and at the Fairhaven Public Schools Administrative Office located at 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2021. Completed applications should be sent to the FPS Administration Building located at 128 Washington Street. Applications received after the deadline will be automatically added to the waitlist.

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All Applicants must participate in a screening session. Screening appointments will be available on two dates – **Monday, March 16** and **Tuesday, March 17**. *Once all applications are received, parents will be contacted for a screening appointment.*

Students will be selected, and wait list order will be determined by a lottery, if necessary.

Required Documentation

All children who are accepted must have a physical examination prior to the start of school. A completed Health Record must be returned before school starts in September. Children must be properly immunized. Upon acceptance to the program, immunization records must be submitted prior to the start of school. Children who do not meet the medical requirements will not be allowed to participate in the program.

A consent form providing emergency telephone, contact information, and authorization for emergency treatment is also required.

The following requirements must also be submitted after notification of being in the program but before beginning the program:

- Registration Packet (received from child's school office)
- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- All proof of residency requirements (all 3 items)
- Current Immunization Records
- Signed Tuition Agreement
- Tuition Deposit by June 30, 2021

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Fairhaven Public Schools Integrated Preschool Program Application

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender of Child: M / F (circle)

Primary Home Language: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address (if different): _____

Father's Name: _____

Address (if different): _____

Siblings and Ages: _____

Any Preschool / Daycare experience? _____ Dates: _____

Name of Preschool/ Daycare attended? _____

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS:

Does your child separate easily from you? _____

Does your child play well alone? _____ How long? _____

What are your child's favorite activities? _____

What are your child's favorite toys? _____

Do you have concerns about your child's activity level _____

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Do you have any concerns about your child's development? _____

Does your child enjoy playing with other children? _____

Do you have any concerns about interactions with other children? _____

DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY:

Age began Sitting: _____ Walking: _____ Talking: _____

Is your child's speech easily understood by others? _____

Does your child indicate his/her toileting needs? _____

Is child toilet trained? _____ Does he/she have toileting accidents? _____

MEDICAL HISTORY:

Allergies:

Hospitalization:

Date: _____ Reason: _____

Hearing:

Any hearing difficulty? _____

Was hearing ever tested? _____

What would you most like your child to get from this preschool experience? _____

**Preschool Screenings will be scheduled at a date and time to be determined.
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this date will be added to the waitlist.**

Please Return To: Fairhaven Public Schools
128 Washington Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719
Attn: Diane Sullivan

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