

## Preschool Program Frequently Asked Questions

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1. How old do students need to be eligible for preschool?  
The preschool program is available to all Waretown residents with a child what will be three or four years old on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. When does the program start and how long is the program?  
The program starts on the first full day of school as per the district's school calendar each year. Students attend a full school day, which runs from 8:45am-2:45pm.
3. Can my child attend the program 2 or 3 days a week?  
This is a 5-day a week full time preschool program. Preschoolers are expected to attend school all 5 days. Daily attendance is taken.
4. Will there be a rest period during the day?  
Yes, all students have a one-hour rest period built into their school day. Cots are provided for all students. Students are not required to nap, however, the expectation is that they lie quietly with a book or other appropriate activity and rest.
5. Will transportation be provided?  
Yes, transportation will be provided to and from school. Parents may opt to drive children as well.
6. What kind of curriculum is used?  
The Waretown Elementary School implements Creative Curriculum, which is a learning through play-based curriculum approved by the state of New Jersey. Teachers are trained and supported by our Preschool Instructional Coach.
7. Are 3 and 4 year olds mixed?  
Yes, each classroom has both 3 and 4 year olds.
8. Will my child have the same teacher for both years of preschool?  
Yes, students remain with the same teacher for both years of preschool should they begin at age 3.
9. How many students are in a classroom?  
The maximum number of students per classroom is 15. Each classroom is staffed with a teacher and full time classroom aide.
10. Are the classrooms inclusive?  
Yes, the Child Study Team works closely with the Preschool Instructional Coach as well as providers to allow for maximum participation in the general education classroom.
11. Does my child have to be potty trained?  
No, preschoolers do not need to be potty trained. Classroom teachers are always willing to support students and families who are beginning to potty train. Families need to supply changing supplies (e.g., diapers and wipes) for those students who are not potty trained.