

Integrated Preschool Update for 2022-2023  
4/4/22

Dear Caregivers,

Thank you for your continued support and positive feedback for the preschool program! The year hasn't been without its challenges and we are deeply appreciative to have your trust with our littlest learners.

As I shared with School Committee in January, we plan to continue to offer six (6) integrated preschool classrooms, as well as two (2) sub-separate ABA-based classrooms; split evenly across Brown and Glover, just as they have been this year. Any preschool students who wish to enroll in the integrated preschool at the beginning of the year must be 3 years old on or before 8/31/2022.

TK is part of integrated preschool programming; we will continue to offer a classroom primarily for students who are *kindergarten-eligible for the 2023-2024 school year* with a greater emphasis on pre-academic skills than our other classrooms. Students who will turn 6 years old during the 2022-2023 school year are **not** eligible for a peer partner space in an integrated preschool - they must be under the age of 5 on 8/31/22. If there are more applicants than spaces for this classroom, a lottery will be held. Students who do not get a space in this classroom may get spaces in other preschool classrooms.

While we will maintain one classroom in each building for kindergarten readiness, we will no longer call it "transitional kindergarten," as this name has been a source of confusion. It is NOT a type of kindergarten class - it is a preschool setting with an emphasis on preparation specifically for kindergarten. A more descriptive, clever name to follow!

We are excited to have added a half-day on Wednesdays for our preschool program and also that ALL preschool classrooms will have the same arrival and dismissal times – 8:15am to 2:00pm and half day dismissal at 12:00. ALL classrooms will dismiss at 12:00 on Wednesdays.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the tuition rates are as follows:

Level	PreK	'Readiness'/Former TK
<b>Core Program</b>	8:15 - 12:00 M, T, W, R, F	8:15 - 12:00 M, T, W, R, F
<b>Tuition</b>	\$4,500	\$5,000
<b>Extended Day</b>	12:00-2:00 M, T, R, F	12:00-2:00 M, T, R, F
<b>Tuition</b>	\$2,000	\$2,100

<b>Adjusted Rates for Students with IEPs</b>	
<b>Low Needs</b> (0-5 Service hrs per wk)	Full Tuition (core and extended day) paid by Family; pro-rated for services
<b>Moderate Needs</b> (6-14 Service hrs per wk)	Core Program paid by MPS; Extended day paid by family
<b>High Needs</b> (15+ Service hrs per wk)	Core & Extended Day paid by MPS
<b>Income Based Support</b>	Not Available

Finally, the Integrated Preschool program is designed to meet the needs of students ages 3 to up to 5 with disabilities alongside peer partners. In order to ensure a full continuum of special education services, as required by law, one change that we'll need to make for the 2022-2023 school year is that we will need to limit the number of full-day peer partner spaces available. A period of lower staff-to-student ratio will allow teachers to provide more intensive services during the afternoons. Preference for full-day slots will be given to peer partners who attended full-day preschool in this current school year and the remaining slots will be filled through a lottery if there are more applicants than spaces available.

Please complete this [Google form](#) by Wednesday, April 13 with your intention and preferences for next school year.

Thank you again for your trust and partnership this year!

Be well,



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