

EARLY STEPS INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

School year 24-25

OVERVIEW

- Early Steps consists of classrooms for children ages 3-5 with and without special education needs.
 - The comprehensive multi-disciplinary team consists of Dual Certified General and Special Education Teachers, Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Certified Music Teacher, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Instructional Assistants and Nurse
- Tuition-based spots will be determined via lottery on February 9th. Caregivers will be notified via email.

SCHEDULE OPTIONS

- Available schedules include:

2 day - 8 am-1 pm

3 day - 8 am - 1 pm

5 day - 8 am - 1pm

5 day - 9 am - 12 pm

5 day - 8 am - 2 pm (only available for children who are 4 years old on or before August 31, 2024)

CURRICULUM

- **Math** - Building Blocks
- **English Language Arts** - Opening Our World of Learning (OWL) and Heggerty Phonemic Awareness
- **Social Emotional** - Al's Pals
- **Handwriting** - Learning Without Tears
- **Music**-Integration of multiple music curriculums
- **Teaching Strategies GOLD** - Our reporting system.
 - Fall Conferences
 - Winter Progress Report
 - Spring Conference
 - End of School Year Progress Report

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

- **Watertown Community Education**, a department of Watertown Public Schools, is pleased to offer an optional, fee-based Extended Day Program for WPS PreKindergarten students in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Registration will open for students who are 4 years old on or before August 31, 2024 on **February 1-8th**
- Extended Day enrollment spaces will be decided by lottery on **February 9th**
- Deposits to confirm Extended Day enrollment will be due **February 13th**

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

FOR STUDENTS 4 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2024

- **Enrollment options for Extended Day:**
 - 5 day per week enrollment
 - 3 day per week enrollment (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays)
 - 2 day per week enrollment (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- **Schedule options for Extended Day:**
 - Part-time hours - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 - Full-time hours - 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- For questions regarding the 2024-2025 Pre-K Extended Day Program, please contact Debi Cornelius, Director of Community Education deboracornelius@watertown.k12.ma.us

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, January 5, 2024	Application window opens at 9:00am
Wednesday, January 17, 2024	Visiting Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-person at Early Steps session: 2:45-3:30 pm• Virtual Session plus Extended Day Information 6:00-7:00 pm
Wednesday January 31, 2024	Application window closes at 3:00pm
Thursday, February 1, 2024	Lottery takes place (caregivers informed via email) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Returning students and siblings are given first priority
Thursday February 1, 2024- Thursday, February 8, 2024	Extended Day Registration Opens
Friday, February 9, 2024	Extended Day Lottery takes place
Friday, February 13, 2024	Early Steps Deposit Due Extended Day Deposit Due

NEXT STEPS

Once your child is accepted into Early Steps you will be notified to register with Watertown Public Schools. The registration process will require medical records, proof of residency, birth certificate and a deposit (**Due February 13th**) to secure your child's spot.