

**Jersey City Public Schools**  
**Pre-K Dual Language Program Guidelines**  
**2019-2020**

**Eligibility:**

Jersey City, by state statute, is required to provide universal preschool. Students must be residents of Jersey City and meet the age-eligibility for enrollment as regulated by the same date for determining age eligibility for kindergarten. Eligible children must therefore be four-years old by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Pre-K Dual Language classrooms are configured so that half of the 15 students (7/8) speak English and the other half (7/8) speak Spanish. The Pre-K Dual Language Program is available in 3 schools: PS #3, PS #5, and PS #6.

**Registration:**

The application for the Pre-K Dual Language Program will be available from February 18, 2019 through March 29, 2019. The Pre-K Dual Language Paper Applications can be accessed from all of the public schools, the Early Childhood web page, or can be picked-up from the Early Childhood Department located at 346 Claremont Avenue. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Completed paper applications must be submitted by hand or certified mail on or before March 29, 2019 by 4:00 p.m. Online applications will also be available on the district website. All online applications must also be received by March 29, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.

**Placement:**

Schools that have more applicants than the number of spaces available for each language (Spanish/English) have a lottery. All parents are notified of the event and are invited to attend.

**Sibling Preference**

Entrance into the Pre-K Dual Language Program due to a sibling already enrolled will be considered. A Sibling Preference application must be completed and submitted at the neighborhood school when registering for the Pre-K Program. Sibling Preference applications will be available from February 18, 2019 through March 29, 2019. Applications can be accessed from all of the public schools, the Early Childhood web page, or can be picked-up from the Early Childhood Department located at 346 Claremont Avenue.

**Waiting List:**

Students not chosen in the lottery are placed on a school waiting list according to their "Waiting List" lottery number.