

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES  
621 MAIN STREET, WILBRAHAM MA 01095**

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**INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 2019/2020**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District is pleased to once again offer integrated early childhood programs for the 2019/2020 school year, consisting of morning, afternoon, and full day classes for the children of both towns. Children must be 3 years of age before September 1, 2019 to participate. All classes are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of September 3, 2019. This date will be finalized by June 2019.

The Early Childhood Programs are integrated, servicing typical children and children with identified special needs. The philosophy of our Early Childhood Programming is.....

- To provide a supportive, nurturing environment with appropriate activities and materials to meet the general developmental needs and varying learning styles of three and four year old children in order to foster their social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and language development.
- To encourage on-going communication and interaction between school and parents.
- To provide a variety of supportive services and resource materials to young children and their families.

All classes meet Monday through Friday. For the half-day program, the time for the morning session is 8:30 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. and the afternoon session is 11:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The time for the full-day program is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Please note that program times may need to be slightly adjusted before the start of school in September.** Our Early Childhood programs are District programs located at Mile Tree School in Wilbraham; Minnechaug High School in Wilbraham, and Green Meadows School in Hampden. The HWRSD school year calendar is followed and families are responsible for transporting their regular education children to and from the program. Our tuition for school year 2019/2020 is as follows:

Full Day, Monday – Friday: \$6,000.00

Half Day, Monday – Friday: \$3,000.00

Our typical children or “peer partners” are chosen through a lottery. Applicants are placed into boy/girl and age groups for class balancing.

Based on the lottery:

- We will place as many Wilbraham children as we have openings for at Mile Tree School and the Mile Tree Extension Program at Minnechaug, and we will place as many Hampden children as we have openings for at the Green Meadows School.
- Remaining children will be placed on a waiting list and as an opening occurs, parents will be contacted to discuss a placement until all programs are full.

As part of our process, parents applying for the program are asked to complete the attached Early Childhood Application and to attend a screening appointment. Screening appointments will take place at Green Meadows School or Mile Tree School on a selected date. Also, as part of the screening process, parents will have the opportunity to visit an early childhood classroom. Any parent(s)/guardian(s) concerned about the growth and/or development of their three or four-year-old child is encouraged to schedule a screening appointment, regardless of their potential interest in the early childhood program. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the program, please complete the attached application. Priority screening and placement will be given to applications received prior to January 31, 2019.

**Application Process:**

***January 31, 2019:*** Application deadline. Please return completed application to Student Services.

***March 2019:*** Screening appointments to be completed.

***By March 22, 2019:*** Lottery will be held.

***On or before April 5, 2019:*** *Notification to parents of program placement or waiting list.*

***By May 3, 2019:*** Non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 due to secure placement.

**Please keep these two informational pages for your records.**

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Student Services at 279-3837.

NOTE: For questions regarding the program curriculum and/or your child's readiness, please contact 596-3884, ext. 5807.

Sincerely,

Gina Roy  
Director of Student Services

**\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\***

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS LISTED ON THE TOWN CENSUS FOR EITHER WILBRAHAM OR HAMPDEN BEFORE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION.**

**Thank you.**

**HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Please include full Legal Middle Name)

Male or Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one) (City, State)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel.#: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Child **must** be listed on Town Census)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian BEST E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your choice of program below:**

For the 2019-2020 school year, I/we would be interested in the following for our child:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Day Early Childhood Program (M-F)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Half Day Early Childhood Program (M-F)

1. ***How does your child play with other children?***

- Has a lot of friends  
 Prefers one or two others  
 Plays mainly with brothers or sisters  
 Prefers to play alone

2. ***What does your child like to play?***

- Prefers outdoor activities  
 Prefers indoor activities  
 Likes both equally

3. ***How does your child dress?***

- Can dress self completely  
 Can put all clothes on, but can't button or zip  
 Can only put on easy things (pajamas, coat)

4. ***How does your child speak?***

- Speaks clearly most of the time  
 Has some difficulty making self understood  
 Hard to understand, especially by those outside of family

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5. **How does your child communicate?**

- Talks in long sentences and paragraphs
- Uses mostly 2-3 word sentences
- Uses mostly single words

6. **Describe your child. Is your child:**

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly    | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shy         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stubborn            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to handle |

7. **Does your child get:**

- |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Angry easily    | <input type="checkbox"/> Very easy going, unruffled         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easily upset    | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent, likes his/her own way |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely quiet |   |

8. **Is your child fearful of new situations or strangers?**

- No       Yes      Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Ear infections?**       No       Yes

- If yes:  Infrequent (2-3 times a year)  
 Frequent (4 or more per year)  
 Prolonged (10 days - 2 weeks)

10. **Any visual problems? Please check as appropriate.**

- Vision is fine
- I question whether child sees well
- Child is under doctor's care

11. **Any previous school experience or early intervention services?**

- Yes       No      If yes, where or by whom \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Any other information you would like us to know about your child?**

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13. **Any questions we can answer for you?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return completed application to: Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District  
District Offices  
Student Services Department  
621 Main Street  
Wilbraham, MA 01095

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2019**