

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

INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 2018/2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District is pleased to once again offer integrated early childhood programs for the 2018/2019 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, 2018 to participate. All classes are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of September 4, 2018. This date will be finalized by June 2018.

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 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 2018/2019 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 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, 2018.

Application Process:

January 31, 2018: Application deadline. Please return completed application to Student Services.

March 2018: Screening appointments to be completed.

By March 23, 2018: Lottery will be held.

On or before April 6, 2018: *Notification to parents of program placement or waiting list.*

By May 4, 2018: Non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 due to secure placement. The remaining tuition will be due in 6 equal payments as outlined below.

The remaining tuition, (full day \$5,700.00, half day \$2,700.00) will be due on the following dates:

Date Due:	Full Day:	Half Day:	
August 31, 2018	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	NOTE: TOTAL TUITION MUST BE PAID BY APRIL 5, 2019.
October 5, 2018	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
November 2, 2018	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
January 4, 2019	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
February 1, 2019	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
March 1, 2019	\$700.00	\$200.00	

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. _____

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Parent/Guardian BEST E-mail Address: _____

Siblings Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Please indicate your choice of program below:

For the 2018-2019 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:**
 Friendly Independent
 Shy Stubborn
 Cooperative Difficult to handle
7. **Does your child get:**
 Angry easily Very easy going, unruffled
 Easily upset Independent, likes his/her own way
 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?**

13. **Any questions we can answer for you?** _____

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, 2018