

# **River Edge Schools - Frequently Asked Questions for our Integrated Pre-K Program**

## **How old must my child be to enter your program?**

Your child must be age appropriate by our October 1st deadline, (age three by October 1st for Pre K 3, age four by October 1 for Pre K 4).  
***THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.***

## **Do we have to be residents of River Edge in order for my child to attend?**

Yes, you must be a resident of River Edge in order to enroll in our Pre K program

## **What is an Integrated Pre K program?**

This program is a general education pre-school that includes students with disabilities

**Is there a fee for the pre k program?** Our Integrated Pre K is tuition based. The tuition amount is listed on the application.

## **What are the hours of the program?**

Our Pre K 3 program meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings from 9-11:15 AM.  
The Pre K 4 program meets on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from 12:15-2:30 PM.

## **Do you provide before and after care for Pre K students?**

There is no before or after care available for our Pre K program.

## **When will the updated application be available?**

The Pre K applications and directions will be available in January.

## **When and where can I submit an application?**

Applications will be accepted from the end of January until the second week of February in the Cherry Hill Office during the hours of 10:00 - 11:00 AM. If you are unable to submit an application at this time, please call to 201-261-3405 x1301 to schedule an appointment.

## **How many children will you accept in this program?**

We accept **eight** tuition paying students in the Pre K-3 program. The number of Pre K-4 openings is limited and varies each year based on the number of returning children in our Pre K-3 program.

## **What if more than eight people apply?**

In the event that the number of applications submitted exceeds the number of available spots, we will conduct a lottery.

## **What are the chances of my child getting into the lottery?**

Your child's chances will depend on the number of applications submitted.

## **What is the next step, if my child's name is selected?**

You will need to follow the steps on our website to complete the registration process. Additional proofs of residency, a non-refundable deposit, and all required paperwork need to be submitted by the deadline indicated.

## **What if my child's name is not selected in the lottery?**

We would be happy to place your child on our waiting list. If any spots open up at any point during the year, we will contact you.

## **Can I speak with anyone about specific questions I have?**

A Parent Information Session will be held in February in the New Bridge Center Conference Room. The exact date is on the application.

## **If my child is in the Pre K 3 program, is he or she automatically enrolled in the Pre K 4 program the following year?**

Yes, you will be given the first opportunity to join us for the Pre K 4 program.

## **How many teachers/aides are in the room?**

There is one certified teacher and at least one additional classroom aide at all times.

## **What curriculum does the Pre K program follow?**

This program uses the Curiosity Corner Curriculum which takes thematic topics and blends them into many cross-curricular areas such as reading, writing, art, music, and gross motor movement.

## **Does my child have to be toilet trained prior to them entering the program?**

Children are encouraged to be toilet trained, since this essential skill promotes independence in all schools.