

New Bridge Center

Frequently Asked Questions

Phone Number - 201-261-5620

Address - 101 Greene Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661

Fax Number - 201-261-1052

### 1) What classes are held at New Bridge Center?

NBC has the all the district's Kindergarten classes, the 3 year-old and 4 year-old integrated preschool classes, and three levels of Building Bridges classes (preschool, primary, and elementary). In addition, the district Child Study Team and Buildings and Grounds offices are located in NBC.

### 2) How do I register for Kindergarten?

There are two formal days of registration in late January to submit paperwork for kindergarten that fall. If you do not attend one of those days, you can register by calling Leslie Blute in the NBC Office and setting up an appointment to come in and do so. All the necessary paperwork can be found on this website.

### 3) What if my child misses the October 1 cut off to enter Kindergarten?

The district policy states that children born on or before October 1 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in River Edge. Those who miss the cutoff, even by a small margin, must wait until the following year to enroll in Kindergarten, no matter what their prior school experiences.

### 4) On an Early Dismissal Day, should I pack a lunch?

No, there is no school lunch on Early Dismissal Days. However, there will be an opportunity for students to eat a quick snack on those days in the mid- to late morning.

### 5) How can I contact my child's teacher?

Each teacher has a school email account (lastnamefirstinitial@riveredgeschools.org) that are checked regularly during the school year as well as a voicemail extension within the district's phone system. Call NBC at 201-261-5620 and use the phone book to locate that specific extension. If all else fails, call the NBC Main Office and we can leave a note in the teacher's mailbox.

### 6) Is there child care before or after school?

NBC has a working relationship with both the River Edge Extended Day Program (201-390-5663) as well as Stepping Stones (201-489-4905) for child care. These are two independent companies as there is no formal program run by the River Edge Schools. We will work with you and these companies to insure the safe drop off and dismissal of your child on our school property.

### 7) If I need to change my pickup plan on a given day, what should I do?

If you know of the change 24 hours in advance, send a note in to your child's teacher with the new information. If a change is necessitated during the school day, please call the main office and we will do our best to get the information to the teacher.

### 8) Can I request a specific session or teacher for my child?

At the Kindergarten Orientation in April, you will have the opportunity to fill out a Session Preference Sheet, which we will make every effort to accommodate. There are no teacher requests as we do our best to balance the classes according to a number of different variables.

### 9) At NBC, do I have a connection to a school PTO?

While NBC does not have its own PTO group, we have two liaisons that link to the Cherry Hill and Roosevelt PTOs. Whatever school your child is set to attend in first grade will be the one you will be affiliated with immediately upon entrance into NBC in September. Both groups are always searching for volunteers for things like lunch helpers, library helpers, the annual school Book Fair, and many other things.

### 10) How can I register for the integrated preschool program?

The integrated preschool program is a mix of typically developing students as well as those with special needs. There is a 3 year-old group (3 mornings per week) and a 4 year-old group (4 afternoons per week). Registration begins in January for the classes. On or about March 15 of each year, a lottery will be held to pick children for the typically developing spots for the integrated class. Those not selected will go on a waiting list. If selected, a \$250 non-refundable deposit will be required to hold the spot. Documents for registration can be found on this website.