



**Preschool Academy
of Whitman and Hanson
located at the WH High School**

February 4, 2021



What is an Integrated Preschool?

An integrated preschool is very similar to a traditional preschool. The classrooms support the learning needs of all students through the development of an environment that incorporates research-based strategies that optimize learning among all students. The classroom has a certified teacher and a paraprofessional and no more than 15 students. The difference is some students receive special education services as part of an individual education plan within their school day.



In an integrated classroom...

- Teachers purposefully create learning experiences that engage and challenge all students.
- High expectations for all children are the norm.
- All children are supported to reach their potential.
- Teachers and therapists work together in the classroom in small and large groups helping all children reach for the stars.



Who is eligibable to enroll?

- Children who are three as of August 31st
- Resident of Whitman or Hanson
- Completed registration packet



Sessions

Morning

- 2 Mornings Tuesday and Thursday
- 3 Mornings Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- 5 Mornings Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri

Afternoons

- Afternoons can be two to four days

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

(due to teacher prep, five days are not an option at this time, please talk with Tricia Collins for further information)

Full Days

- 2 Full days Tuesday and Thursday
- 3 full days Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- 5 full days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



Times

Preschool Academy Hours

Half Day:

9:30AM to 12:00 PM

12:45PM to 3:15 PM

Full Day:

9:30AM to 3:15 PM



What is the focus in preschool?

The teachers use the MA frameworks to develop units of study that focus on the social-emotional and academic development of students. Although units vary in length ,depending on the complexity, each unit is developed around an essential question, vocabulary and standards of learning. Each unit of study focuses on science, English language arts, math, history and social science.



Registration

Registration information can be found on the Whitman-Hanson home page under *For Parents.* You will find a registration link that will bring you to an online registration. If you need a paper copy or have a registrations, question please email or call the registrar, Kristen Foley at Kristen.foley@whrsd.org or 781-618-7481



What you will need when registering...

- Child's birth certificate
- Parent's ID
- Copy of lease or mortgage
- Current utility bill
- Child's most recent physical and immunizations

Registration will be considered incomplete without the above documentation.



Screenings

In the past, all incoming students were screened in the spring prior to coming to the Preschool Academy. Due to COVID-19, we will be screening all incoming students in the fall, during their preschool day.



Screening in the fall

The Preschool Academy uses the Early Screening Inventory to screen students. This is a brief assessment intended to help identify any child who may be at risk for future learning difficulties. If a child falls into an at risk category your child's teacher will speak with you about your child's specific needs. A teacher may want to observe the child to collect data, put interventions in place or refer for further assessments. If you do not hear from the teacher, then no concerns were noted. All screenings will be complete by fall conferences.



Frequently Asked Questions...

Q-Does the preschool offer transportation?
Tuition based student are not eligible for transportation.

Q-Can I change sessions during the year?
A child can change days if there is availability.
Please contact Tricia Collins for availability.

Q-Do I contact the school if my child will not be absent?

If your child is going to be out please email your teacher and the nurse margaret.baker@whrsd.org





Q- Do children have a snack while at school?

We will need to readdress this as COVID requirements change. We are not currently having snack.

Q- Is peanut butter ever allowed at school?

We are always a peanut safe program and no peanut butter or peanut based products are used in the classroom. Please let your teacher and the nurse know of any allergies.

Q-If my child is accepted this year are they ensured a space for the following year?

Returning students are given priority of days as long as they sign up within the designated window.





Q-How will I know who my child gets for a teacher?

A few weeks before school begins, your child's teacher will be posted on the parent portal.

Q-What if my child has an allergy?

The school nurse will have all information regarding your child's health and will disseminate to staff. The nurse will also conduct annual EpiPen training and any additional information needed to maintain your child's safety.

Q-How will I know where to drop off my child for preschool?

Preschool students are dropped off and picked up at the preschool door next to the playground. Watch the video on our news feed of a teacher and her children driving you through the process.

Q-Does my child need to be toilet trained?

Children do not need to be toilet trained to attend preschool. Families are required to provide all supplies and extra clothing for their child. Your child's teacher will help you toilet train your child as they show signs of being ready to use the bathroom.



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A friend is one of the best
things you can have,
and one of the best things
you can be.

-Winnie the Pooh-



Questions or concerns regarding the admission policy should be forwarded to Tricia Collins, Principal (781) 618-7018 or email: patricia.poirier-collins@whrsd.org

Virtual Preschool Academy Tour: <https://youtu.be/jlgyddkf600>

