Fairfield Public Schools
Pre-K Programs
Burr and Stratfield Schools and
the Early Childhood Center
Curriculum

- Board approved PreK Literacy and Numeracy can be reviewed on district website
- Aligned with State Early Learning and Development Standards and linked to Kindergarten standards
Literacy Focus Areas

- Living and Learning in the Preschool Classroom
- Language the Foundation of Learning
- Supporting Emergent Readers
- Supporting Emergent Writers
Central understandings (Literacy):

Students will-

- listen to and understand increasingly complex language
- Use language to express thoughts and needs
- Use appropriate conversational and other communication skills
- Comprehend and respond to books and other texts
- Explore and use increased understanding of concepts about print and the alphabetic principle
- Explore and use emergent writing skills
Math Focus Areas:

Foundations for Learning in a Mathematical Community
Supporting Emergent Mathematicians

Students will -

- Use number concepts and operations to count, quantify and connect numerals with their quantities
- Understand and describe spatial relationships and shapes
- Compare and measure
- Demonstrate knowledge of patterns in number relationships
- Engage in inquiry
Typical Day

- Opening and closing circle
- Table top and fine motor activities
- Literacy and numeracy experiences
- Play-based centers
- Large and small group instruction
- Art, music, physical education
- Social skills
- Playground time
How will I know how my child is progressing?
What if I am worried about his/her learning?

- Parent/teacher conferences
- Team meetings
- District assessments
- District early intervention team
- Child Find- referral to special education and evaluation
How do I apply for my child to attend the FPS Preschool Program?

- Applications are available online at www.fairfieldschools.org and in the district offices at 501 Kings Highway East.

- Students are registered at the District offices.
Applying: What is required?

- Full applications include:
  - Application form
  - School Health requirements
    - Early Childhood Health Assessment Record
  - Child’s Birth Certificate
  - Proof of Residency in Fairfield (mortgage statement or lease, 2 utility bills, automobile registration)
  - Parent or Guardian Photo ID (driver’s license or passport)
  - Income verification (signed 1040 form and other forms if requested)
Placement Process

- Applications are approved as they are received, beginning in January
- Space is limited to 18 students in each session (a.m. and p.m.) at Burr and Stratfield and to available space at the Early Childhood Center
- Classes are mixed-age with 3s and 4s in each classroom
Placement Process

- Children who are not yet 3 on the first day of school will start school on or just after their 3rd birthdays.*E.g. If your child turns 3 years old on October 2nd, 2019, this will be his/her first day of school.

- 3 year olds will return to the program for the 4 year old year, the office will ask families to confirm

- Students that are age eligible for Kindergarten (5 by December 31st) can not attend the PreK program as a peer
Tuition

- Full tuition is $4377.50 per year (for families with income $75,000 and above)
- Reduced tuition is $2188.75 per year (for families with income $50,001-$74,999)
- Free tuition is also possible for families with income of $50,000 and below per year
- A one month deposit is due at the time of acceptance. *Children may not start until this deposit is paid.*
- No refunds after April 1st
Placement considerations:

- Students who live in the Holland Hill, Jennings, North Stratfield, Dwight or Burr districts attend the Burr PreK.
- Students who live in the Mill Hill, Sherman, Riverfield, Osborn Hill or Stratfield districts attend the Stratfield PreK.
- Students live in the McKinley district can attend any PreK program.
Placement considerations:

- Any student can attend the Early Childhood Center.
- The Early Childhood Center also provides special education services for most of the eligible children in Fairfield ages 3 to Kindergarten.
  - Classes are mixed in age and disability and balanced for boys and girls.
  - One classroom has a specific focus on social skills, and a greater ratio of peers to students with IEPs (more peers).
- Students receiving special education for speech and language only may apply to the classroom program at any location they are eligible.
Transportation

- **Early Childhood Center:** transportation is provided as a related service only for students identified with disabilities or delays.

- **Burr and Stratfield:** transportation is provided for students who qualify for Reduced or Free tuition.
What is the Pre-K schedule?

- **A.M. Class:** 8:45-11:30
- **P.M. Class:** 12:30-3:15

- ECC: 4 days/week
- Burr and Stratfield: 5 days/week
- PreK will follow a shortened day schedule (8:45-10:30; 11:30-1:15) for district scheduled early release days as indicated on the Student Calendar for Fairfield Public Schools.
What happens after PreK?

- Students at ECC transition to the district’s eleven elementary schools

- Burr and Stratfield students:
  - Parents can apply to have students and their siblings “opt-in” to the school (Burr or Stratfield) that they attended for PreK
  - Transportation is provided for students who “opt-in”
  - If students move out of their original PreK feeder pattern, the opt-in no longer applies