

Dear Haddon Heights Parents/Guardians and Haddon Heights Staff:

The Haddon Heights School District typically offers two half-day preschool disabled classes with opportunities for inclusion of general education students. Programs offerings are based on student needs and will be determined yearly.

The goal of the program is to bring together special needs children with their typically developing peers in a collaborative classroom environment. Students will experience a variety of early reading and math concepts, language development, fine and gross motor skills and social skills. The curriculum used in this program is based on best practice in early childhood education. There is a certified teacher and an instructional aide assigned to each class.

Preschool sessions will be held at a designated school. Each session will last 2 hours and 25 minutes per day, five days a week based on the district calendar. The cost for the program will be announced on the district website, after approval.

In order to be considered for admission into this program (as a general education student), there are five requirements that must be met:

- Families must be residents of Haddon Heights and or employees of the Haddon Heights School District.
- Families must be willing to accept placement in either A.M. or P.M. session.
- Students must be at least three years of age on or before October 1st of the year of planned attendance. Students eligible for entrance into kindergarten will not be considered for enrollment in the preschool program.
- Students must be toilet trained.
- Students must have up-to-date immunizations.

If you are interested in enrolling your non-classified child in one of our classes, please fill out the application, and return it on or before the date listed on the district website. No late applications will be accepted.

Tracking numbers will be assigned for each applicant by district personnel as each application is received. District personnel will assign students to a 3 or 4 year old class, based on the October 1st cutoff.

Lotteries will be held on the date listed on the district website, to determine entry into the program. A lottery will be held for residents in each age group. If spots remain after the resident lottery is complete, a separate lottery will be held for non-resident staff to fill the remaining open spots.

Parents interested in having their child attend a second year in the HH preschool program will automatically be enrolled with a completed application as outlined.

Applicant families will be notified of their status and if accepted, class placement, by email and/or mail following the lottery. Those offered enrollment will receive a Registration Packet that must be completed and returned by date listed on district site. Failure to return the packet by the deadline shall constitute a declination of enrollment. Applicants not initially offered admission will receive written notification and will be assigned a spot on the waiting list, based upon their lottery drawing sequence. Openings subsequently arising shall be filled from the waiting list in the order determined by the lottery.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Child Study Team Office at (856) 547-1322 X2000.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Renner

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: March 16, 2020

Lottery: March 23, 2020

Notification of Acceptance: March 30, 2020

Registration Packet Deadline: April 29, 2020