

Hopatcong Borough Schools

Preschool

Information Night

February 2025





Welcome to Preschool

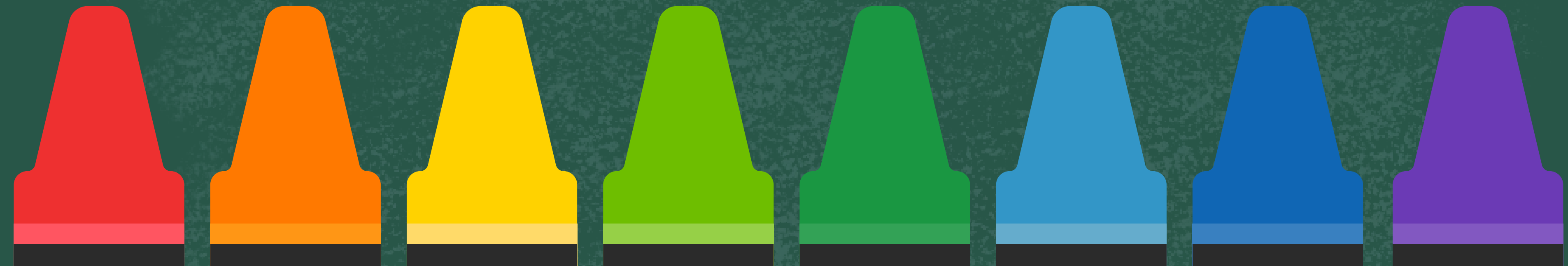


Preschool Education Aid

- Funded by the NJ Department of Education
- Free Preschool to Hopatcong residents
- High-Quality programs
- 15 students per classroom
- One teacher and one paraprofessional
- Multiple Locations in the community

Preschool Vision Statement

The Hopatcong School District general education preschool program strives to provide a high quality preschool education for each child through responsive care and developing relationships with families. Students will build a foundation for lifelong learning through exploration in a supportive environment.





Creative Curriculum



- Aligned with the NJ Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards
- Positive interactions with adults provide a critical foundation for learning
- Social-Emotional competence is a significant factor in school success
- Constructive, purposeful play supports essential learning
- Physical environment affects the quality and type of learning
- Teacher-family partnerships promote development and learning



A Typical Preschool Day

- Arrival
- Group Time
- Choice Time/Snack
- Read Aloud
- Small Group
- Outdoor Choice
- Lunch
- Read Aloud
- Rest
- Choice Time
- Read Aloud
- Outdoor Choice
- Group Time
- Departure

Areas of Development

- Social Emotional Skills
- Communication Skills
- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Fine Motor
- Gross Motor
- The Arts



Student Progress



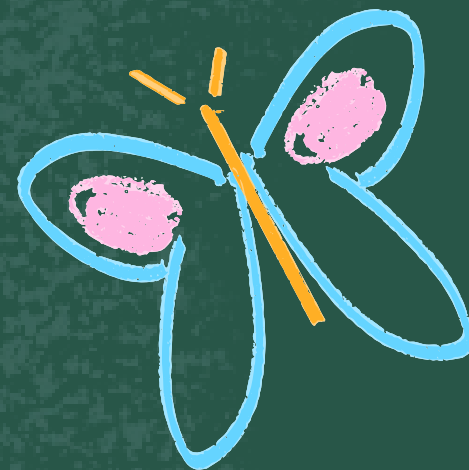
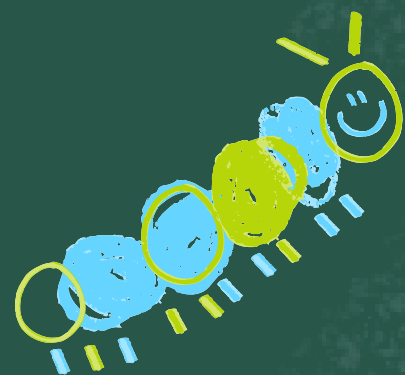
- Formal and informal student assessment
- Preschool progress reports
- Teacher/parent conferences
- Frequent ongoing communication between school and home

Preschool Intervention and Referral Team (PIRT)



PIRT is a team of school staff that provides support for students who exhibit challenging behaviors, have difficulty with communication, or struggle with classroom routines and/or academics.

- Meetings are scheduled to develop a plan which includes strategies to support the student's needs.
- The student is monitored closely with ongoing updates for further strategies when needed.

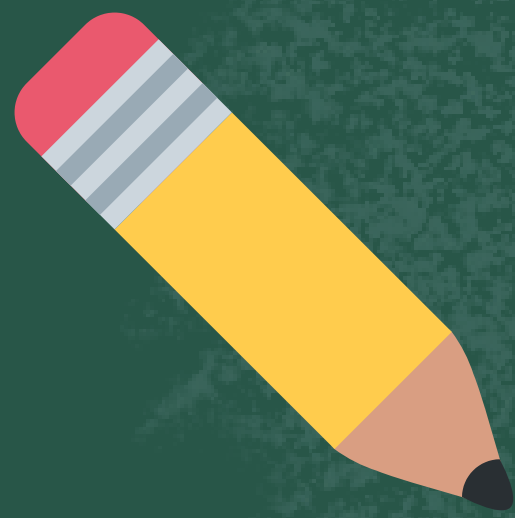


Early Childhood Advisory Council

Early childhood advisory council or "ECAC" means an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district (N.J.A.C.6A:13A-1.2)

Its purpose is to review preschool program implementation of high-quality programs, serve as advisory support for the local school district's preschool program, and support transition as children move from preschool through grade three.





Registration Process



- New Student Registration begins March 17th
- Preschool program is free to Hopatcong residents
- Child must be at least 3 years old on or before October 1, 2025
- Child must not be eligible for Kindergarten
- Click on the Registration tab on the district website
www.hopatcongschools.org
- Required paperwork must be submitted along with online registration in order to be officially enrolled.



Registration Process



- Download and provide the Student Physical History form to your child's physician to complete, or ask your physician for their physical history form.
- Bring the completed Physical History Form, Proof of Immunization, two Proofs of Residency, and the child's original Birth Certificate to the Administration Building (Michelle Zammito 973-770-8822) to complete the registration process.
- If you're transferring from another school, please bring copy of the school's Transfer Card. If your child is receiving special services, any documentation (for example, an IEP) is helpful and required.



Preschool Locations

- Durban Avenue School
 - 8:40 am - 3:10 pm
- First Impressions Lake Hopatcong
 - 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- First Impressions Linden Avenue
 - 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- First Impressions Stanhope
 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Head Start
 - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm



Let's Keep in Touch...

- Preschool Information:
 - Email Mrs. Tammy Miller, Director of Special Services
 - tmiller@hopatcongschools.org
- Registration Information:
 - Call Mrs. Michelle Zammito
 - 973-770-8822



Questions?

