

Montague Twp. School District Preschool Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Is there a cost or tuition for the preschool program?

No, Montague Twp. School District offers free public preschool for all 3 and 4 year old children that reside in Montague Twp.

When may a child enroll?

Enrollment is open to all 3 and 4 year old students. If your child turns 3 on or before Oct. 1 they may begin school at the start of the school year. If your child turns 3 during the school year, they may be enrolled. As an example, if your child turns 3 in March they may begin attending Montague Twp. Preschool in March.

How does Montague afford to offer free preschool to all 3 and 4 year olds?

Montague Twp. School District has been awarded a competitive funding grant to cover the costs of operating our free preschool. At this time, funding is at \$730,296 per year.

When does the program operate?

The preschool program follows the elementary school calendar for holidays and early dismissal days.

Is there transportation for preschool students?

Yes, all preschool students are offered transportation. Please allow the transportation department or the Director of Early Childhood education know if you would like to participate.

What does the daily schedule look like for preschool students?

The full-day program begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. The preschool program follows the same calendar as our elementary schools.

Do the Montague Twp. preschool and local daycares place the same expectations on children?

No, Montague Twp. preschool students have developmentally, age-appropriate educational expectations placed on them daily and are expected to attend daily.

Who teaches the preschool classes and what other staff are assigned?

Classes are taught by a certified teacher. All classes have an additional support staff member assigned. A Master Teacher is on staff to offer expertise in the area of preschool students, and a Director of Early Childhood Education oversees the program.

What early childhood curriculum is used?

The early childhood curriculum that is used is the Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that promotes exploration and discovery as a way of learning, enabling children to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills.

My child has an IEP, is he/she included in the lottery if one exists?

Children with special needs/IEP's do not participate in the lottery if one exists. As per NJDOE administrative code, your child will automatically have a seat in our preschool program and receive any/all related services specified in his/her IEP.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Montague Twp. School and ask to speak with the Director of Early Childhood Education 973-293-7131.