

# **FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## **INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

### **APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in our preschools. Please read all of the following information carefully, as it describes the various details and requirements of the program.

### **Purpose**

The Fairhaven Public Schools Integrated Preschool Programs are designed to include both 3 and 4 year old children with special educational needs and their typically developing peers. While addressing the individual needs of students receiving special education services, an integrated preschool program emphasizes the development of all children within a developmentally appropriate curriculum.

The District is actively seeking typically developing peer partners to serve as models for the integrated Program. In order to be eligible for one of these opportunities the child must participate in the preschool screening process.

### **Admission Procedure**

Admission for a child with special educational needs is through the special education evaluation process. Anyone who feels that their child may be in need of special education services can receive further information about the early childhood screening and evaluation process by contacting the Fairhaven Public Schools Special Education Office at (508) 979-4000 ext: 117.

Admission for a child as a peer model may occur through a lottery depending on the number of eligible applicants that are received. Peer models must be residing within the Fairhaven school district. Applicants **must be 3 years old prior to September 1, 2018**. Children considered are those who do not currently receive special education services and are not in need of special education services. Applicants (*model students*) are expected to demonstrate AGE APPROPRIATE SKILLS (within 6 months) in the areas of speech and language, cognitive/school readiness skills, fine and gross motor skills, and socialization and behavioral skills - this includes but is not limited to being toilet trained, demonstrating self control and pro-social behavior. If, through the application and screening process, it is determined that a child is not developmentally on target in any of these areas, it may make the student ineligible. If the child is unable to comply with directives or participate in the screening, the parents or teachers may choose to re-screen the child in 6 months. If the child is then able to pass the screening instrument, he/she will then be placed on the waiting list and offered the next available spot in the preschool program.

In the event of a lottery, appropriate peer model students who are not selected in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list. In past years, openings have occurred after the lottery selection and into the school year, and we have offered slots to those on our waiting lists.

### **Days/Hours of the Program**

Our **Integrated Preschool Program** operates in **2 sessions**:

**A.M. session - 4 days / week (Monday-Thursday) from 8:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.**

**P.M. session - 5 days / week (Monday - Friday) from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Preschool Programs follows the Fairhaven Public Schools calendar. *Preschool will begin approximately 1 day later than the start of school.*

## **Parents of peer models are required to provide transportation.**

### **Tuition**

A tuition fee of \$1750/year, will be charged for the 2018-2019 school year.

***A tuition deposit of \$175 will be required by May 12, 2018 to secure placement in the program.*** The remainder of the annual tuition will be collected in monthly installments beginning September 1, 2018.

### **Application Process**

Applications are available online (fairhavenps.org), at each elementary school in Fairhaven, and at the Fairhaven Public Schools Administrative Office located at 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven.

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2018.** Completed applications should be sent to the FPS Administration Building located at 128 Washington Street. Applications received after the deadline will be automatically added to the wait list.

All Applicants must participate in a screening session. Screening appointments will be available on two dates – ***Monday, March 12*** and ***Tuesday, March 13.*** *Once all applications are received, parents will be contacted for a screening appointment.*

Students will be selected, and wait list order will be determined by a lottery, if necessary. **Parents will be notified by mail of the lottery results on or about April 2nd. Parents are requested NOT to call for that information.**

### **Required Documentation**

All children who are accepted must have a physical examination prior to the start of school. A completed Health Record must be returned before school starts in September. Children must be properly immunized. Upon acceptance to the program, immunization records must be submitted prior to the start of school. Children who do not meet the medical requirements will not be allowed to participate in the program.

A consent form providing emergency telephone, contact information, and authorization for emergency treatment is also required.

The following requirements must also be submitted after notification of being in the program but before beginning the program:

- Registration Packet (received from child's school office)
- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- All proof of residency requirements (all 3 items)
- Current Immunization Records
- Signed Tuition Agreement
- Tuition Deposit of \$175.00 by May 12, 2018