



NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Newtown Public Schools Preschool Program. This program offers quality educational services to children who have disabilities and to typically developing peers, also referred to as "Play Partners." In addition to receiving instruction according to the preschool curriculum, Play Partners provide role modeling to students with special needs. For the 2016-2017 school year, this program is available **at a rate of \$2000 for a ½ day four-day program.** Play Partners attend preschool for morning sessions or afternoon sessions on four days per week. Our program runs Mondays through Thursdays. Morning sessions run from 8:45 to 11:30. Afternoon sessions run from 12:30 to 3:15. For the 2016/17 school year our preschool program will be based at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

If you are interested in applying for your child to be a Play Partner, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it by **March 18, 2016** to the following address:

Newtown Pupil Services
Attn. Preschool Application Process
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, Connecticut 06470

Following receipt of your application, the preschool team will contact you to invite your child to participate in a half hour group activity to be scheduled for the morning of Friday, April 1, 2016 or Friday, April 8, 2016 at Newtown High School. A preschool staff member will call you prior to the play session to confirm the date for your child.

Play Partners provide role modeling to students with disabilities. Therefore, it's important for the preschool team to screen applicants for the lottery to ensure they consistently demonstrate age appropriate language skills, appropriate social and emotional development, good self-help skills, and play skills appropriate for the child's age. The lottery results will be provided to parents in letters mailed by April 19, 2016. Play Partners are also required to be toilet-trained before they are admitted to the program and to have their third birthday before August 15, 2016.

If you or the preschool team have any questions or concerns about your child's development in any of the above domains, rather than moving your child's application forward as a Play Partner, it may be more appropriate to discuss your concerns, provide you with specific information regarding early childhood development, and/or complete an evaluation.

Please feel free to call Marcie Rockwell, School Psychologist, at (203) 426-7661, if you have any questions.

Warmest Regards,

Sandy Rodriguez
Supervisor Pupil Services

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PRESCHOOL PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

This a preschool program offered by the Newtown Public Schools servicing children with special education needs, as well as typically developing children. The program is designed according to the State of Connecticut Preschool Curriculum Framework. Please fill out this questionnaire to the best of your ability. The intent is to help us get to know your child. There are no “right or wrong” answers. Thank you for sharing this information with us.

Child's Name: _____ DOB _____ Gender: _____

Parent's Names: _____ Today's Date _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell _____

What language did your child learn to speak first? _____

What is the primary language spoken in your child's home? _____

How does your child interact with other children? _____

What kind of activities does your child choose to do during the day? _____

Does your child initiate appropriate activities alone or does he or she wait for adult direction?

How does your child adapt to changes in activity or location? _____

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How does your child respond when frustrated? _____

Please describe how you handle discipline in your home _____

How would you describe your child's personality? _____

Please check what best describes your child's independence with the following routine activities:

	Full Assistance	Some Assistance	No Assistance
Cleaning up toys			
Taking responsibility for their own belongings			
Toileting			
Managing their outer clothing			

Describe your family's cultural holidays, celebration and/or practices. _____

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about your child? _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE BY March 18, 2016
TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS**