



Menotomy Preschool
17 Irving Street
Arlington, MA 02476

Main Office: 781-316-3698

Dear Prospective Families,

Thank you for your interest in Menotomy Preschool. We are thrilled to share our 2021-2022 program description and application process with families.

Menotomy Preschool is an integrated program for children with and without disabilities. All children are provided with the opportunity to learn and grow in an inclusive, diverse learning environment. All classrooms are multi-age in design. Our teachers are licensed in early childhood and special education and provide individualized instruction to best meet the needs of each child in their classroom. Related services providers (speech pathologist, occupational therapist and social worker) spend time in each classroom working with all students. By providing accommodations and offering challenges where appropriate, all children will progress on their own path. All students engage in developmentally appropriate activities throughout the school day to promote social, language, emotional, cognitive and motor development.

It is important to note that MPS is not a traditional preschool or daycare. As an integrated preschool, our primary goal is to serve the needs of the students with disabilities in Arlington. All students have the benefit of classrooms with highly qualified and certified teaching and related service staff while learning in an inclusive and supportive environment.

Menotomy Preschool offers full- and half-day options to our students. **Students must be 3 years but not older than 5 years of age by September 1, 2021 to begin in September.** Please be advised that we do not plan a traditional nap time in our full-day schedule. All full-day students will have a rest time daily, lasting no more than 30 minutes. **If your child requires more than the 30-minute rest time, we ask that you choose a half day schedule.**

It is important to note that due to current COVID-19 protocols, we will be enrolling smaller numbers of students until we know that we can be fully enrolled. As a result, our classrooms may begin the year at 10 students instead of 15 students. We will enroll

to the lesser number at this time. If we have more interest than spaces, a waitlist will be generated.

As you may know, the Arlington Public Schools have been working with the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA) on a rebuilding project for Arlington High School. Because the preschool is usually located within the high school, it has been necessary to relocate the preschool to the Parmenter School (17 Irving Street) for the duration of the project.

Enclosed with this letter is information regarding our lottery process and the lottery application.

If you have any questions please contact me in the preschool main office at 781-316-3698 or jschlenger@arlington.k12.ma.us.

Thank you,

Joyce Schlenger, Early Childhood Coordinator

**Menotomy Preschool
Lottery Process
2021-2022**

Our returning students will be placed in their programs first for the 2021-2022 school year, as well as siblings of returning families. Returning families had until December 22, 2020 to register their child before opening registration to new families.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will need to limit the number of tuition spaces available at this time.

From **Monday, January 25, 2021** through noon on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021** we are accepting applications for new students. A non-refundable \$50 registration fee is required (check or money order made out to the Town of Arlington). Please note, you must be a resident of Arlington, MA and your child must be 3 years old before September 1, 2021.

On Thursday, February 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm we will hold a lottery for new students to fill available slots in all programs as well as to determine the order of the waitlist.

Due to school vacation, families will be notified no later than Wednesday, February 24, 2021 by a phone call regarding their acceptance into the program or their child's position on the waitlist. All families will also receive written confirmation of acceptance or a waitlist designation

In the Spring, parents will receive a registration packet. The registration packet will be due back to MPS soon thereafter, along with the first tuition installment in order to maintain the child's position within the program. If we do not receive these items by the designated date on the packet, your child's spot will be given to the first name on the waitlist.

Over the summer months, families will receive additional information including their teacher's name, school calendar, and promissory note.

We will reach out to families on the waitlist if a space becomes available.

Please contact us with any questions you may have, (781) 316-3698.

Sincerely,

Joyce Schlenger
Early Childhood Coordinator

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2021-2022
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For the 2021-2022 school year, the following preschool classrooms are being offered:

| Classroom | Age of Preschoolers | Days of the week | Time | Location |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Morning Preschool for 3-4 Year Olds (\$4,080 per year) | 3 years by September 1, 2021 | Monday - Friday | 8:30 to 11:30 am | Parmenter School 17 Irving Street |
| Morning Preschool for 3-4 Year Olds (\$3,075 per year) | 3 years by September 1, 2021 | Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:30 to 11:30 am | Parmenter School 17 Irving Street |
| Full Day Mon/Wed/Fri (\$4,800 per year) | 3 years by September 1, 2021 | Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:30-2:00 (M, F) 8:30-1:30 (W) | Parmenter School 17 Irving Street |
| Full Day Mon-Fri (\$6,375 per year) | 3 years by September 1, 2021 | Monday - Friday | 8:30-2:00 (MTThF) 8:30-1:30 (W) | Parmenter School 17 Irving Street |

If you are interested in our preschool program, please complete the application and return it with the \$50 application fee (check or money order made out to the Town of Arlington) by 12:00 on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 to:

**Menotomy Preschool
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Menotomy Preschool 2021-2022 Preschool Application

Please return the application with a \$50 non refundable application fee in the form of a check (or money order) made payable to the Town of Arlington to:

**Menotomy Preschool
17 Irving St.
Arlington, MA 02476**

Parent's Name: _____ Preferred phone # _____
 Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Child's Gender: _____
 Address: _____
 Preferred Email: _____

Your child's name can be entered into the lottery for ONE of the programs below.

| Mark X for Lottery choice | Classroom* | Age of Preschooler | Days of the week | Time | Location |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | AM Preschool for 3-4 year olds (\$4,080) | 3 years by 9/1/2021 | Monday - Friday | 8:30 to 11:30 | Parmenter 17 Irving Street |
| | AM Preschool for 3-4 year olds (\$3,075) | 3 years by 9/1/2021 | Monday / Wednesday / Friday | 8:30 to 11:30 | Parmenter 17 Irving Street |
| | Full Day M/W/F (\$4,800) | 3 years by 9/1/2021 | Monday / Wednesday / Friday | 8:30-2:00 (M,F) 8:30-1:30 (W) | Parmenter 17 Irving Street |
| | Full Day M-F (\$6,375) | 3 years by 9/1/2021 | Monday - Friday | 8:30-2:00 (MTThF) 8:30-1:30 (Wed) | Parmenter 17 Irving Street |

You MUST be an Arlington resident and your child MUST be 3 years of age before September 1, 2021 in order for your child's name to be entered into the lottery for the 2021-2022 school year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications for the lottery are due by 12:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The lottery will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm with notification to all that applied no later than Wednesday, February 24, 2021