

3-K & Pre-K Admissions



3-K for All: Families can apply
the year their child turns 3.

Pre-K for All: Families can apply
the year their child turns 4.

All Families Are Welcome

All NYC children born in 2016 can apply to pre-K and all children born in 2017 can apply to 3-K, including:

- Students with disabilities
- Students in foster care
- Students who speak a language other than English at home
- Students with limited mobility and accessibility needs
- Students in temporary housing

Step 1: Explore Your Options

There are nearly 800 elementary schools and over 1,000 additional 3-K and pre-K options throughout NYC

NYC Early Education Centers

- Community-based organizations with early childhood expertise

District Schools

- Some public schools offer 3-K and/or pre-K programs

Pre-K Centers

- Programs run by DOE staff, only offer grades before kindergarten

Family Child Care (Home-Based Programs)

- *3-K Only*
Programs in a home setting run by a licensed, qualified, child care provider

Step 1: Explore Your Options

Find out what district you live in – there are 32 school districts in NYC.

- Your district will be based on your home address.
- You may also have a zoned school.

Find out where your child may have priority to get an offer.

- **Current students** and **siblings** get priority in all program settings.
- District Schools and Pre-K Centers give priority to families **living in the district**.
- Some District Schools also give priority to families **living in their zone**.

Step 2: Submit Your Application



Online

 MySchools.nyc



By Phone

718-935-2009



In Person

schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters

Translations and interpretation services are available through each application path.

Step 2: Submit Your Application

List up to 12 programs on your child's application

- Apply anywhere in NYC
- Place programs in your true order of preference and only apply to programs you would want your child to attend

Remember to submit the application by the deadline

- The admissions process is not first-come, first-served
- All applications received by the deadline will be treated the same



Apply to 3-K

Deadline: April 24

Apply to Pre-K

Deadline: March 16

Step 3: Get Your Results

In May you will receive the results from your application

- All families who apply to pre-K will get an offer
- Due to limited seats, only some families who apply to 3-K will receive offers

Step 4: Accept Your Offer

Pre-register to secure your seat for the fall

Here's what you'll need to bring to the program:

- Offer letter
- 2 proofs of address
- Proof of date of birth
- Copy of immunization records (if available)

Step 5: Learn About Waitlists

- Your child is automatically placed on the waitlists for programs ranked higher on their application than where they received an offer
- Programs can make waitlist offers to fill open seats
- You can join the waitlists of programs you are interested in at any point after the application deadline

Resources

- Email Us at ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov
- Call us at 718-935-2009
- Visit a Family Welcome Center (schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters)
- Submit an application online at MySchools.nyc
- Learn more about admissions by visiting nyc.gov/3K or nyc.gov/PreK