

# HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Preschool Inclusion Program 2022-2023 Application Information Cover Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Harrison Township School District will be offering a preschool inclusion program for the 2022-2023 school year. There will be a morning session for three-year-old children and an afternoon session for four-year-old children. The Preschool Inclusion Program will provide our population of children with special needs the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive environment along with their typically developing peers. The classes will be held at the Harrison Township Elementary School.

The morning classes of three-year-old children will be comprised of approximately fifteen (15) three-year-old children. The ratio of typically developing three-year-old children to students with special needs will not exceed 7 to 8. This is a half-day program, five days a week with a morning session from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Children must have attained the age of 3 years, but will not attain the age of 4 years, on or before October 1, 2022 to apply.**

Each afternoon class of four-year-old children will be comprised of approximately sixteen (16) four-year-old children. The ratio of typically developing four-year-old children to students with special needs will not exceed 8 to 8. This is a half-day program, five days a week with an afternoon session from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Children must have attained the age of 4 years, but will not attain the age of 5 years, on or before October 1, 2022 to apply.**

**Children must be toilet trained, have up-to-date immunizations and should have age-appropriate skills in all areas of development. No transportation or child-care will be provided for typical children.**

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Participation of children with disabilities will be identified by their IEP team. **Any child who has met the criteria for Special Education and has, or will have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is not eligible for the lottery.**

If you are interested in enrolling your non-special needs child in our preschool class, please complete the attached application, sign, and return it on/or before Friday, February 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. (mailed applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 23, 2022) to the following address:

**ATTN: Lisa Heenan, CAO  
2022-2023 Preschool Inclusion Program  
Harrison Township School District  
120 North Main Street  
Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062**

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available slots, a lottery will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022. Each applicant will be assigned a number. Next, Google's Random Number Generator will be used to select the applicants that will be selected for the program.

Applicant families will be notified of their application status through letters mailed on March 8, 2022.

Those offered enrollment will receive an *Enrollment Commitment Form*, *Student Information Questionnaire*, and *Registration Packet*.

- Families must return the *Enrollment Commitment Form*, *Student Information Questionnaire* and *\$150 deposit* to the Curriculum Department by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022. Failure to return these items by the deadline shall constitute a refusal of enrollment.
- The *Registration Packet*, along with all required registration information, must be returned to the Harrison Township principal's secretary, Mrs. Kim Cinaglia, in the main office by June 27, 2022.

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Applicants not initially offered admission will be assigned a place on a waiting list in the order determined by the lottery.

The cost of the program for typically developing children for 2022-2023 will be \$2,750 per year. If selected by lottery, the \$150.00 deposit is due by Friday, March 18, 2022.

To apply for this program, complete the attached application and return no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Applications faxed to 856.418.1619 or emailed to labuonon@harrisontwp.k12.nj.us will be accepted up until 12:00 p.m. on Friday as well.

Please contact the Office of Curriculum at 856.478.2016, extension 7169, for additional information.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Heenan*

Lisa Heenan  
Chief Academic Officer

### **Important Dates At A Glance**

- ✓ October 1, 2018 (child born on or before) for consideration for the four-year-old program
- ✓ October 1, 2019 (child born on or before) for consideration for the three-year-old program
- ✓ February 25, 2022 (Friday) – Applications Due
- ✓ Monday, March 7, 2022 (Monday) – Lottery Held (if necessary)
- ✓ March 8, 2022 (Tuesday) – Application Status Mailed (mailing includes inserts if selected)
- ✓ March 18, 2022 (Friday) – Enrollment Commitment, Student Questionnaire, and Deposit Due
- ✓ June 27, 2022 (Monday) – School Registration Packet Due