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preschools

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INTRODUCTION

Six years ago the Hingham Newcomers Club developed their first “selecting a preschool” guide to help their members chose the perfect preschool for their family. They have been kind enough to share this information with the Hingham Anchor so we can pass this useful information along to our readers. Our sincerest thanks to the Hingham Newcomers Club for their hard work on this important community resource.

This guide is intended to help you as you research and evaluate the variety of preschool options available in Hingham and surrounding communities to find the best fit for you and your child. In the survey, we have summarized pertinent information about programs in Hingham and nearby. Don't panic! There are generally enough spaces to go around. Many families apply to multiple schools. All schools maintain waiting lists. It may take some time to shake out, but ultimately most families are offered a space in a desired program by June, or even as late as August.

This survey is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the preschools in the area. While it is fairly comprehensive in listing the Hingham preschools, many preschools in surrounding towns chose not to be included, and there are many other quality programs that have served Hingham residents in the past. Ask around; you may find the best match for you and your child through word-of-mouth.

We hope that the survey will answer many of your questions. We encourage you to visit the schools. Most schools schedule open house sessions which offer an opportunity to meet the director, teachers and parents, listen to presentations on the school philosophy and programs, ask questions and see the space. Many schools also welcome visits with your child so that the child may see and respond to the space. It is helpful to see the classrooms in daylight and under conditions of routine activity. The visits must be scheduled to avoid disrupting ongoing classes. All the schools are dedicated to supporting a positive first school experience for our children.

SCHOOL FORMAT/PHILOSOPHY

Montessori: The Montessori program is based on an education philosophy developed by Maria Montessori. Montessori programs are typically five day per week, multi-age formats.

Traditional: Traditional preschool programs are semi-structured, offering children encouragement and choices based on their interests and abilities.

Cooperative: Cooperative preschools are similar to traditional learning formats with an emphasis on positive social interaction and flexible, experienced-based learning. In addition, parents are required to be actively involved in all aspects of the cooperative schools, from helping in the classroom monthly to serving on the board.

Integrated: Hingham Public School Integrated Preschool is an integrated program for typically developing children and those with special needs.

Daycare: Daycare: Many of the traditional daycare centers in the area also offer preschools. Several of the preschools within the survey do have daycare options for infants through preschool. Further, these schools have extended day options offering parents flexibility with their schedules.

Playschool: Playschool programs provide a first “school” experience to children for 1 or more days per week.

Age eligiblaty:

A child must be five years old before September 1 of a given school year to be eligible for Kindergarten in the Hingham Public School system. Many preschool programs are structured as two year programs to prepare children for Kindergarten, and therefore require that applicants be three years old before September 1.

Within the survey, the schools have identified whether they accept students younger than Age 3 and whether they have a toddler program.

Application Process:

All schools give priority in the registration process to returning students and siblings of present and past students. After determining how many openings are available, registration is open to new students. Most Hingham schools prioritize Hingham residents. Some enroll on a first-come, first served basis and others through a lottery or drawing in which all applications are treated as though they are received on the same day and then drawn by chance to fill open places. The same process builds waiting lists.

Number of Days per Week:

There is a strong probability that at schools with both 2-day and 3-day options, most openings available to families not already in the system for three year olds will be in a two-morning program. If you think your child is ready for more time in school, ask to see if there is an option to create a third day thorough Extended Day programs at some of the schools.

Common Concerns

Potty Training

The law in Massachusetts requires preschools to accept children regardless of whether they are toilet trained. If you are close, but having minor difficulty, most schools will be willing to work with you to accomplish your goal. Call them early for suggestions. Ask your friends and family for advice. Many of us have struggled; you are not alone. On the flip side, if your child is not toilet trained by the time you are shopping for preschools, it pays to ask questions when you visit the schools. There are no safe assumptions about toilet training, even if your child will be one of the oldest in his/her class. Some schools will hold the student's slot open but not allow the student to attend class in diapers or pull-ups; others will allow the student to attend, but may call the parents to change a diaper if necessary.

Allergies:

All schools are required to have health policies and procedures per the Office for Child Care Services and other licensing/accreditation authorities. Many have first-hand experience in dealing with allergies, including potentially life-threatening reactions to peanuts, bee stings and other allergens. Note that if your child has not yet tried certain foods or been stung by a bee, you may not know if you will be affected. Even if your child has no allergies, a school's policy may require you to make modifications in what your child eats at school or brings for a snack. Ask when you call or visit the schools, and make sure you are completely comfortable with the school's policy and how it could affect you and your child.

Twins-or-More!

Most, if not all, schools have priority placement for twins or more. If one sibling is admitted, all others will be placed.

Affiliations:

Although some schools are physically located in local churches, most operate independently.

Questions You May Want to Ask at Open Houses/Visits

- What sets your school apart from other preschools? What makes your program unique?
- What is the teacher turnover, and what are the staff qualifications?
- How is the staff/parent interaction facilitated? How do you learn about a child's day or progress?
- Is there a memo board? What are the opportunities for parent involvement?
- What is the school's philosophy and level of structure, and what is the approach to discipline?
- How much emphasis is put on academics in the curriculum, and how much on social development?
- What is the school population? How many children per class and what is the gender balance?
- What is the cost?
- How are sensitive issues (eg. Faith, death, bias, etc) handled at school?
- Are snacks or food shared? If a child in the class has a known food allergy, are those foods allowed in the classroom?
- Can you observe a class in session (both prior to registration and/or once the child is enrolled and in session?)
- Is there a class list available in advance? It is nice to know in advance who will be in your class.
- in order to arrange summer playdates to ease the transition into that important first school experience.

Schools Included in this Guide

Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard

Circle Time / Write Time

Derby Academy

Dolly's Nursery School

First Friends

Hingham Nursery School

Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool

Inly School

JCC Early Learning Center

Kids In Action - Hingham Public Schools

Miss Donna's Place

The New Nursery School

Old Colony Montessori School

Pre-School Playmates

The Ridge Hill School of Norwell

Saint Paul School

Seaside Montessori

South Shore Conservatory of Music

Su Escuela Language Academy

Sweet Relief

Wilder Memorial Nursery School

Important note: The resources below are a compilation of surveys completed by the individual preschool programs. Please excuse any typos or formatting errors.

School Name	Age as of Sept 1	Days of Week	Times	Application Dates	Location
Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard	2.9	Up to 5 days	7:00-6:00 (part time available)	Rolling admissions	Shipyard
Circle Time / Write Time	2	2 or 3	8:30-12:00, 12:30-4:00	Registration opens in Jan	Crow Point
Derby Academy	4	5 days	8:00-12:00	Rolling admissions	Downtown Hingham
Dolly's Nursery School	2.9	2, 3, or 5 days	9:00-11:30, 12:30-3:00, 9:00-3:00	Registration opens 12/1/18	East Hingham
First Friends Family Childcare	18 months	2 day minimum	8:30-11:30	Currently accepting	Crow Point
Hingham Nursery School	3	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:45-11:45, 8:30-1:30	Due 3/1/19	South Hingham
Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool	3	2, 3, or 4 days	8:50-11:20, 12:20-2:50	Due 2/10/19	East Hingham
Inly School	18 months	2, 3, or 5 days	8:30-11:30, 8:30-3:00	Due 2/1/19	Scituate
JCC Early Learning Center	15 months	Up to 5 days	9:00-1:00, 9:00-2:00	Currently accepting	South Hingham
Kids In Action - Hingham Public Schools	4	5 days	8:30-11:30, 8:30-1:00	Registration opens in Jan	East Hingham
Miss Donna's Place	2.5	1, 2, 3, or 4 days	9:00-11:45, 11:45-2:30	Rolling admissions	South Hingham
The New Nursery School	2	2, 3, or 4 days	9:00-11:30, 12:30-3:00, 9:00-2:00	Due Jan 2019	Norwell
Old Colony Montessori School	2.9	2, 3, or 5 days	8:45-1:15, 7:00-6:00	Rolling admissions	South Hingham
Pre-School Playmates	2.9	Up to 5 days	9:00-1:00, 7:00-5:30	Starting 1/5/19	South Hingham
The Ridge Hill School of Norwell	2.9	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:30-12:15, 12:45-4:30, 7:30-5:00	Currently accepting	Norwell
Saint Paul School	3	3 or 5 days	8:20-12:30, 8:20-2:20	Rolling admissions	Downtown Hingham
Seaside Montessori	2.9	3, 4, or 5 days	9:00-12:00, 9:00-3:00	Due 3/1/19	Hull
South Shore Conservatory of Music	2.9	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	9:00-12:00, 12:00-3:30, 9:00-2:30	Rolling admissions	West Hingham
Su Escuela Language Academy	3 months	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:45-11:30, 8:45-1:00, 8:45-3:00	Rolling admissions	Shipyard adjacent
Sweet Relief Nursery and Preschool	20 months	2 day minimum	8:30-12:00, 12:00-3:30	Rolling admissions	Cohasset
Wilder Memorial Nursery School	2.9	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:30-11:30, 12:30-3:30	Due 1/31/19	South Hingham

Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard

School/Center:	Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard
Contact Information:	Address: 168 Shipyard Drive, Hingham
Email:	hing@brighthorizons.com
Contact:	Christine Rockett
Website:	www.brighthorizons.com/hingham
Please provide a description of your program:	Preschool, we also provide care for infants, toddlers, preschool, and Kindergarten Prep.
Please provide a description of your facilities	We are a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) registered center located at 168 Shipyard Drive in Hingham. Bright Horizons offers Infant, Toddler, Preschool, and Kindergarten-Prep programs. Our professionally trained and committed teachers provide children with quality, consistent care and education.
	The majority of our staff has their Bachelors or Masters degrees in education or related fields. While others are working towards obtaining their degrees.
	We encourage dialogue with you about your child and welcome your participation in the center through parent partnership meetings, special family fun events, parent conferences, online children portfolios, and parent workshops.
	Enrichment Programs and Spaces: Movement Matters Zone - custom-designed enrichment space and equipment to support our Movement Matters program, including a rock climbing wall Art Studio and program, Music, Cooking, Gardening and StartSmart computer stations
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Hours of Operation: M-F: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes

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If yes, please provide details of your options.	We have part time (0-6 hours), full time (6-9 hours) and extended schedules (9 hours +)
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	New tuition amount for 2017 will be available in December 2016.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	Our Preschool class size is up to 20 children per classroom
# of Teachers	Our Preschool classrooms have two teachers per room.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old
What is your toilet training policy?	Children will be toilet trained in accordance with the requests of their parents/guardians and in a manner that is consistent with the child's physical and emotional abilities. All children are required to have a complete extra set of weather-appropriate clothing in the Center at all times.
What is your food allergy policy?	Our center is 100% NUT FREE, Parents/guardians should notify the center/school regarding any food or environmental allergies that their children have. When children with food or other allergies attend the center/school, each child with an allergy should have a care plan on file completed by the child's physician, which should include: <u> </u> Written instructions regarding the food(s) or substance(s) the child is allergic to and steps that need to be taken to avoid this item(s) and a detailed treatment plan to be implemented in the event of an allergic reaction, including the names, doses, and methods of administration of any medications that the child should receive in the event of a reaction. <u> </u> The plan should include specific symptoms that would indicate the need to administer one or more medications; The plan should be signed by the medical provider, parent/guardian, center/school management, and child's caregiver(s).

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<p>Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.</p>	<p>We are licensed and NAEYC accredited.</p>
<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>Whether you are a new or returning family, we are thrilled to welcome you and excited to have this opportunity to provide your child with the highest quality education and care. As a part of the enrollment process, Bright Horizons is required to obtain additional information about your family. Many of the forms are available on this website and will need to either be completed and brought to your child's intake meeting or updated before pre-registration. All forms are available for download using Adobe Acrobat software. Adobe Reader 8 or higher will also allow you to complete the forms online and save a completed copy for your files. To get started, select the state in which your child will be receiving care. Your center director can answer any questions you may have as well as provide any additional forms that may need to be completed.</p>
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>No deadlines. We will fill to capacity and then prospective students would be put onto a wait list.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>\$150.00 registration fee</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>We will often bring in outside specialists to supplement the learning experience</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>7:00-8:45 (drop off/small group activities/Growing Readers)</p>
	<p>8:45-9:15 (morning snack)</p>
	<p>9:15-10:15 (small group reading/Weekly Reader, morning circle time)</p>
	<p>10:15-10:55 (playground/outside activities)</p>
	<p>10:55-11:25 (enrichment programs: Spanish, movement, cooking, garden, music)</p>

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	11:25- 11:55 (center projects- Handwriting Without Tears, Everyday Math, Shared Reading)_
	11:55-12:05 (show and tell)
	12:05-1:00 (question of the day and lunch/family style dining)
	1:00-3:00 (rest, journaling, and reading)
	3:00-3:30 (afternoon snack)
	3:30- 4:00 (free play/centers/individual activities)
	4:00-4:45 (playground/outside activities)
	4:45-6:00 (pick up, small group activities)
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	<p>Bright Horizons philosophy consistently emphasizes basic respect for the individual child. Young children are striving for understanding, independence, and self-control. Children learn by exploring, experimenting and testing the limits of their environment and experiencing the consequences of their behavior. In this way, they begin to understand how the world works, their own limits, and appropriate assertiveness. Children learn self-control and how the world works in a relaxed, positive atmosphere of support and understanding that recognizes the child's struggle. Adults should view discipline as an important aspect of teaching and learning, but accept children as they are. Development is viewed as a growth process, with each age and stage having its own characteristics, its own challenges and needs. Through positive guidance of behavior and modeling, the staff helps children to feel good about themselves and to behave in responsible ways.</p>

Circle Time

School/Center:	Circle Time / Write Time
Contact Information:	Address: 50 Kimball Beach Rd, Hingham Email: c6chittick@verizon.net Phone: 781-789-6274 Contact: Joan Chittick
Please provide a description of your program	Morning Session – Playschool Tues/Thurs 2 Year Olds Mon/Wed/Fri 3 Year Olds
Please provide a description of your facilities	The Circle Time classroom area is an attached structure to my home located Crow Point. It is designate as a classroom-only space, with its own separate entrance, storage, workroom, play and bathroom facilities. The interior and exterior meet and exceed all the necessary occupancy and safety codes set by the State of Mass for preschools.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	<u>Circle Time</u> 8:30 to 12:00 2 year olds, Tues/Thurs 3 year olds, Mon/Wed/Fri
Do you have an extended day option?	No
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Not applicable
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp?	No
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	We offer a supplemental, afternoon program to reinforce the Hingham Public School Kindergarten handwriting program.
Tuition for 2019/2020	\$4,500 for 2 mornings \$6,750 for 3 mornings
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	No more than 6
# of Teachers	1 lead teacher
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years old for 2 year old program 3 year old for 3 year old program

Class Size	No more than 6
# of Teachers	1 lead teacher

Circle Time

Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years old for morning program 4 years old for afternoon program
What is your toilet training policy?	We will work with families to move their child through the toilet training process no matter the stage the child is in.
What is your food allergy policy?	We will work with families to provide a safe environment for their child, prohibiting any food that may present a health issue.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	I am licensed by the State of Mass Division of Early Education and Care. My licensed is reviewed every three years. I was successfully re-licensed in Sept. of 2018.
Please describe the application process for your school.	I have a 3 tier process that begins with re-enrolling current students first. I will then reach out to siblings of past Circle Time clients followed by my wait list. Interested potential new clients should reach out to me via email at c6chittick@verizon.net in order to start the enrollment conversation.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	I start the first tier of the enrollment process in early January.
What is the application fee?	There is no application fee. During the enrollment process clients pay the first month's tuition in full which then secures the child's spot for the year.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	We have occasional visitors to the classroom. For Example: A retired science teacher whose hobby is organic gardening works with the children on science and gardening related projects. He helped the children install an outdoor classroom garden and with our science projects. We have a very friendly/gentle/old Jack Russell that visits at the beginning of the year when the children are working on a D is for Dog unit. He continues to visit periodically. We affectionately call Rexie the Circle Time mascot!
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	<p><u>Circle Time - Morning Session</u></p> <p>8:30 - 8:40 Arrival, Check-in and Hand washing</p> <p>8:45 - 9:15 Free Play, Socialization and Small Group Instruction</p> <p>9:15 - 9:35 Mat Time - Reading of Curriculum based books, Songs and Finger Play</p> <p>9:45 Snack - Fruit and Yogurt, Vegetables and Hummus etc (provided by Circle Time)</p> <p>10:00 Teacher Assisted Art Project related to a weekly Alphabet, Color or Number Unit.</p> <p>10:30 Clean Up followed by Music, Dance and Yoga</p> <p>11:00 Mat Time - Alphabet Exploration, Learning the Letters in Our Name. Weather Board, Counting with Manipulatives</p> <p>11:20 -12:00 Set up for Lunch (parent provides), Outdoor Exercise followed by Dismissal</p>

Derby Academy

School/Center:	Derby Academy
Contact Information	Address: 56 Burditt Avenue, Hingham Email: ncarnes@derbyacademy.org Phone: 781-749-0746, ext. 130 Contact: Nicole Carnes Website: www.derbyacademy.org
Please provide a description of your program	Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8
Please provide a description of your facilities	Derby's unique Primary School program offers full and half day instruction in Pre-Kindergarten and full day instruction in Kindergarten. Each grade level is led by two well-qualified, experienced teachers and an assistant who are supported by specialist teachers in math, literacy, art, music, library, physical education and spanish. Both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten benefit from two well-equipped classrooms and share specialist facilities scaled for younger learners. A dedicated outdoor playground space and a children's garden and greenhouse add to the extensive educational facilities, providing students with ample room to learn and explore.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes. (For example: Morning Session 9am - 12noon, Afternoon Session 1pm - 4pm)	Pre-Kindergarten is a 5 day program - Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 12:00, and Fridays 8:00 to 1:00. Optional Enrichment Program Monday through Thursday afternoons from 12:00 to 3:00. Kindergarten is Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 3:00, and Fridays 8:00 to 1:00.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes. See Pre-K schedule above. There is also an afterschool program available until 6:00.
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Afterschool Adventures is offered from 3:00 until 6:00 Mon through Thurs., and Extended Day from 1:00 until 3:30 is offered on Fridays. We also offer afterschool instrumental lessons. All of these options are open to the public, not just Derby students.

Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program. (If you do not offer, please state not applicable and proceed to the next question).	Yes, we offer an arts based summer program for children ages 3 to 15, as well as a variety of one week specialty camps in subjects such as sports, fishing, science, robotics, cryptography, drama and more!
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes, please see schedule above.

Derby Academy

Anticipated Tuition for 2019/2020	<p>Current tuition: Pre-K 5 half days: \$11,145 2 full days & 3 half days: \$16,025 4 full days & ½ day Friday: \$20,905 Kindergarten: \$25,365 (Next year's tuition will be set in January)</p>
Is there financial aid available?	Yes—we award financial aid grants each year. All awards are needs based.
Class Size	Pre-Kindergarten - up to 18 children with 2 lead teachers and an assistant. Kindergarten - up to 24 children with 2 lead teachers and an assistant. Although we have one Pre-K class and one Kindergarten class, both grades have two large classrooms in which to spread out and work in small groups throughout the day.
# of Teachers	2 lead teachers plus an assistant
Minimum Age by Sept 1	4 years old for Pre-K 5 years old for K
What is your toilet training policy?	Children must be toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a nut aware school. We also have a full time nurse on staff to help with all health needs, including any and all food allergies.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are AISNE (Association for Independent Schools of New England) accredited.
Please describe the application process for your school.	In addition to the application form and a parent questionnaire, parents are also asked to come in for a tour and a conversation. The children come for a group play-date. We also ask for an evaluation form to be completed by a current preschool teacher if applicable.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Pre-Kindergarten applications are accepted on a rolling basis beginning in September. Kindergarten applications are due by February 2 nd .
What is the application fee?	\$75.00

Derby Academy

<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>We adhere to the principles and strategies of the Responsive Classroom to form the scaffolding of our social curriculum. Teachers model appropriate language, facilitate negotiation and support the resolution of differences directly and constructively. The teachers play an essential role by helping each child look beyond him or herself, see another point of view and put words or actions into a bigger context. These learned skills develop independent thinking and a child's growing appreciation for the nuances in social connections with peers and adults alike. By providing a physically and emotionally safe environment with consistent rules and expectations and predictable daily requirements and routines, children feel comfortable and confident throughout the school day.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Students have specialists in literacy, math, art, library, music, spanish and physical education. We have field trips related to the areas of study.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Pre-Kindergarten sample schedule: Morning Meeting Phonics/Literacy Snack/Outside time Special (P.E., art, music, library or spanish) Math Explorations (Choice Time) Home or Lunch/Extended Day</p>

Dolly's Nursery School

School/Center:	Dolly's Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 14 Pine Street, Hingham Contact: Kevin Battista Email: kev4213@gmail.com Phone: 781-749-4213 Website: www.dollysnurseryschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities	Our center has three activity areas: Our classroom, Music Room and Big Room. Classes are divided into three groups and the groups rotate rooms every forty-five minutes in the morning session and again in the afternoon session. Our outdoor playground has three tube slides, a sailboat, an ice cream house and a riding patio. Our play area is turfed and padded for safety.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes. (For example: Morning Session 9am - 12noon, Afternoon Session 1pm - 4pm)	Morning session: 9am to 11:30am. Afternoon session: 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Full Days: 9:00am to 3:00pm. Extended Days: 7:00am to 6:00pm. Lunch Bunch: 9:00am to 12:30pm.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	We are open 7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. We also offer "Lunch Bunch" to extend a half day by an hour to include lunch.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	These rates are not yet available. See our website after Thanksgiving. www.dollysnurseryschool.com.
Is there financial aid available?	Yes

Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program. (If you do not offer, please state not applicable and proceed to the next question).	Yes, Dolly's Summer Day Camp offers an exciting, flexible, and educational program for your four through eight year-old child. Our camp presents each child with a variety of daily activities, including daily swim classes in a heated pool, three weekly field trips, computer play (we have 7 computers), nature hikes, arts and crafts, group and individual activities, special guests, music and just plain FUN! We are one of best summer programs anywhere. You may choose the weeks that you wish to send child AND the number of days each week.
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Dolly's Nursery School

Class Size	30 children per session, divided into 3 groups of 10.
# of Teachers	4 teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old
What is your toilet training policy?	Children may attend if they are not toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are peanut free if any child is allergic to peanuts or tree nuts.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Licensed.
Please describe the application process for your school.	We begin accepting applications for the Fall session on December 1st of preceding year. A \$50.00 registration fee plus tuition for September is due with the application form. Forms are available on our website.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	There is no due date, but our mornings have usually sold out by early January.
What is the application fee?	\$50.00 for the first year and \$35.00 for a subsequent year.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Redirect children to a new, more interesting activity.

Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	We do not have field trips during the school year. We include Early Start Art, Kids Yoga and monthly visitors to our center.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	Our program enrolls thirty children per session. We divide the children into three groups according to age. Basically, a three year-old class, a four year-old class, and a five year-old class. Each class enrolls ten children. There is one teacher for the four year-old and the five year-old classes. The three year-old class has two teachers. There are four exploration areas in our preschool. A fantastic outdoor large play area, a great indoor active play area, the Music Room, and the Class Room. The three groups rotate, spending forty-five minutes in each area during the morning and afternoon sessions. Individual nurturing is facilitated by the small size of our groups. Each day your child will work and play to develop large motor, fine motor, music, social and self-help skills.

First Friends

School/Center:	First Friends
Contact Information:	Address: 194 Wompatuck Rd, Hingham
Email:	firstfriendsfamilychildcare@yahoo.com
Contact:	Linnea Marks
Website:	First Friends Family Childcare Facebook Group
Please provide a description of your program:	First Friends is a toddler morning enrichment program that operates on the belief that children learn best through exploration and hands-on experience. The program offers an environment that is saturated with activities that strengthen all areas of development by providing opportunities to use fine motor and gross motor skills as well as language, pre-math and sensory awareness skills.
Please provide a description of your facilities	The program provides an open environment that encourages exploration and self-choice. The space is divided into two parts, one area encourages imaginative play, as well as offering activities that encourage large motor play. The second area allows for the children to work with materials/equipment that require the use of fine motor skills and sensory awareness. Time spent outside in our play area focuses primarily on the use of gross motor skills; however, it is also a terrific opportunity for the children put his/her imagination to use. First Friends uses all play areas to work on language and to provide opportunity for socialization.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Program hours: 8:30-11:30 or 12 Days: 2-3 day options Monday-Thursday
Do you have an extended day option?	No
If yes, please provide details of your options.	
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Contact for more info.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	6 Children per group
# of Teachers	1
Minimum Age by Sept 1	18 months

First Friends

What is your toilet training policy?	Not required
What is your food allergy policy?	Food provided by the program will reflect the dietary/allergy restrictions of all children in the program.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	I am licensed by the state of Massachusetts. The program meets or exceeds all family childcare regulations.
Please describe the application process for your school.	The program begins enrolling for the upcoming school year on March 1st; however, during the current school calendar a rolling admission is available whenever vacant spaces exist.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	No date.
What is the application fee?	\$25
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	Varies year to year.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	<p>8:30-8:45 Arrivals 8:45-9:15 Free Play 9:15 Clean up 9:30 Snack Time 9:45 Table Activities/Sensory Activities 10:15 CircleTime 10:30 Group Activities 10:45 Diapering/Toileting 11:00 Gross Motor/Outside Play 11:30 Departures 11:40 Lunch Bunch 12:00 Departures</p>
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	In most cases, redirection is used to deter unwanted behavior.

Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool

School/Center:	Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool
Contact Information	Address: 2 Collins Street, Hingham Phone: 781-741-1570 Contact: Elizabeth Costanza Email: ecostanza@hinghamschools.org website: hinghamschoolspreschool.weebly.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities	The purpose of the Hingham Integrated Preschool is to educate children with disabilities and their typically developing peers within a comprehensive, structured language-based program. In alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks the program will provide the support, structure and respectful school environment necessary for children to master pre-academic, communication and social/emotional standards, while also meeting the individual needs of each child. Staff will collaborate with parents to support the children's learning and progress.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	3-4 year olds: MWF or T/TH 8:50-11:20am 4-5 year olds: M/T/Th/F 12:20-2:50pm
Do you have an extended day option?	No
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Not available for typically developing peers
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Not available for typically developing peers
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/18	Tuition for 2018-2019: 2 days-\$1305, 3 days-\$1950, 4 days-\$2560 (there will be a slight increase for the 2019/20 school year)
Is there financial aid available?	Extenuating circumstances
Class Size	10-15 children
# of Teachers	1 teacher & 1-2 para-educators

Minimum Age by Sept 1	3 years old
What is your toilet training policy?	Preferred
What is your food allergy policy?	Our policy is dependent on the needs of the children. All classrooms are peanut free.

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<p>Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.</p>	<p>The Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool program reports to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The teachers are licensed in Early Childhood Education as well as Special Education. The program follows federal and state disability laws, including IDEA-2004. The Preschool Curriculum follows Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or the Early Childhood Program Standards and Guidelines for Three Four and Five Year Olds.</p>
<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applications are available on our website in December for incoming preschoolers for the following September 2. Parents are notified via newspapers, website, and school district emails 3. Completed application including birth certificate and proof of residency is due in February (date will be on application) 4. Children are invited to participate in a screening, late February/early March 5. A lottery is held in March. 6. Parents are notified late March of acceptance or wait-list.
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>Applications are available on-line and due 2/8/19. The screening will be held 2/28/19. Notification will be posted in the Hingham Journal.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>How do you encourage or discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>Each situation is handled based on the situation and intervention is based on the unique needs of each child.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Specialists such as OT, PT, and Speech and Language therapists may co-teach in the classroom. Guest readers, etc. are invited at times. Field trips may be taken depending on the needs of the class (not usually).</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Arrival/Self Help Skills (hang up backpack, attendance) Gross Motor Time (outdoors, gym, yoga) Circle time (literacy, phonemic awareness, math, social skills) Centers (literacy, math, social skills, social studies, science, fine motor, etc.) Snack/Play areas/Story time (shared reading, read aloud, socialization) Dismissal/Self Help Skills</p>

Hingham Nursery School

School/Center:	Hingham Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 1101 Main Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-0029 Contact: Murnie Leary Email: murniehns@comcast.net website: www.hinghamnurseryschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities	Our school is a stand-alone building; It was built specifically for us 10 years ago. There is a large indoor play space in the center of the building with four classrooms off of the space. There is a large fenced in playground at the rear of the building.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	5 Day 4-5 year olds 8:30- 1:30 pm (Mon.-Thurs.; Friday until 11:30) 4 day 4-5 year olds 8:30 – 1:30 (Monday-Thurs.) 3 day 4-5 year olds 8:45-1:15 (Mon., Wed.,; Friday until 11:45) 3 day 3-4 year olds 8:45-11:45 (Monday until 1:00, Wed., Fri. until 11:45) 2 day 3-4 year olds 8:45-11:45 (Tuesday, Thursday)
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes – two different programs
If yes, please provide details of your options.	4-5 year olds 1:30-2:30 Wednesdays, Thursdays 3-4 year olds 11:45-1:15 Wednesdays, Thursdays Sign up is by the session. There are three for the year.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, a 2-week session in June
Kindergarten option	No
Tuition for 2017/2018	5 days (4-5 year olds) \$10,800, 4 days (4-5 year olds) \$9,200, 3 days (4-5 year olds) \$6,900, 3 days (3-4 year olds) \$5,700 2 day (3-4 year olds) \$3,600
Is there financial aid available?	Yes. Applications can be obtained by calling or emailing the school. All are inquiries are confidential.

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Minimum Age by Sept 1	3 years old by August 31; (3 years old by November 30, space permitting. Call for more information.) 4 years old by August 31
What is your toilet training policy?	We expect children to be toilet trained but it is not a criterion for admission.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are nut free and accommodate all other food allergies.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are licensed by the State of Massachusetts, Dept. Early Education and Care.
Please describe the application process for your school.	If there are more applicants than places, we have a lottery. Sibling and legacies have preference for placement within the school, though not a specific class. We encourage prospective parents to visit by appointment when school is in session. We have an Open House for families on February 3, 2019, from 12-2. Applications are available online or by calling the school.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Returning students February 26, 2019 New applications are due by March 1, 2019 Deposits due March 15, 2019
What is the application fee?	\$50 application fee. Returned if no spot available.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	The interactions between the teachers and the children are positive and respectful. We describe behavior, not judge behavior. We help the children with words to enable them to communicate, encourage and problem solve with each other. This creates a positive atmosphere for everyone.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	A music teacher comes in once a week for all classes. The 4-5 year old classes have My Gym 2 times a month. In the fall, we go next door to choose a classroom pumpkin. The 4-5 year olds go to the beach in the Spring.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	The 3-4 year olds come into the classroom first. They choose from a variety of age and developmentally appropriate activities and materials. After play, they have circle and story time, and then go out on the playground. The 3 day 4-5 year olds go out onto the playground first then come inside, have a circle time then play with a variety of developmentally appropriate materials. They have their story at the end of the day. The 4 and 5 day classes come inside first. Snack is during the morning. They have free choice, morning meeting, centers and small group time and playground. After playground, centers and small group time continues until cleanup followed literacy/book time. There is lunch followed by rest time and read aloud. Music and movement come next, then it is outside time again!

Inly School

School/Center:	Inly School
Contact Information	Address: 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate Phone: 781-545-5544 Contact: Stephanie Allison Email: sallison@inlyschool.org website: www.inlyschool.org
Please provide a description of your program	Toddler (starting at 18 months, selection of days and half day or full day), preschool (half day or full day), grades K–8. Care offered from 7am-5:30pm.
Please provide a description of your facilities	What makes us unique? We work hard to ensure our students not only achieve high academic success, but also excel in the 21st century skills necessary to navigate the world as thoughtful global citizens. Our nurturing teachers foster each student’s natural curiosity and inclination to learn, providing the environment for discovering his or her own potential within. Individuality is celebrated at Inly. Creativity is integrated into our rigorous Montessori-based curriculum and fuels all we do. Learning by doing is our way of life—whether it’s toddlers digging in our organic gardens, sixth graders tinkering with robotics or middle schoolers rigging a schooner in the open ocean. Inly blends Montessori curriculum and philosophy with educational best practices to teach core academic subjects, world languages, arts, athletics, life skills, and creative thinking in a hands-on manner. Inly was founded in 1973 and our diverse and inclusive community draws 280 students from 20+ nearby towns. Inly’s expanded 10-acre campus includes the 4-acre Outdoor Classroom and the da Vinci Studio, an innovation lab with a Think Tank, Robotics and Maker Spaces, and Digital Lab and Design Studio.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Toddler House: • 18-36 months old • Half day: 8:30–11:30am • Full day: 8:30am–3:00pm • Students may attend 2, 3, or 5 days a week • Schedules are Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or Monday–Friday Children’s House: • Ages 3–4: Half-day preschool, 8:30–11:30am (5-day program, Monday–Friday) • Ages 3–4: Full-day preschool, 8:30am–3:00pm (5-day program, Monday–Friday, includes morning Montessori program plus afternoon Discovery enrichment program for 3 year olds and afternoon Montessori program for 4 year olds) Ages 5–6: Full-day kindergarten, 8:30am–3:00pm (5-day program, Monday–Friday) Grades 1–8: • 8:30am–3:00pm Extended care offered from 7-8:30am and 3-5:30pm

Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Inly offers Extended Care from 7:00am to 5:30pm: • Before care: 7:00-8:30am • After care: 3:00-5:30pm After-School Program: Free (optional) activities/classes or students in grades K-8 from 3:00–4:00pm
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes. 5 weeks in June/July. Camp for various ages.

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Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes. Full day: 8:30am–3:00pm, Monday–Friday.
Anticipated tuition for 2018/2019	<p>Toddler House (18-36 months)</p> <p>2, 3, or 5 days, 8:30–11:30am: \$8,500 / \$11,400 / \$16,240</p> <p>2, 3, or 5 days, 8:30am–3:00pm: \$11,000 / \$15,450 / \$22,410</p> <p>Children's House Preschool (Ages 3–4)</p> <p>5 half days, 8:30–11:30 am: \$13,850</p> <p>5 full days, 8:30 am–3:00 pm: \$20,470*</p> <p><i>(*includes 5 half-day program, plus 5 days of Discovery 11:30 am–3:00 pm Enrichment Program)</i></p> <p>Kindergarten (Age 5)</p> <p>5 full days, 8:30 am–3:00 pm: \$22,925</p> <p>Lower Elementary (Grades 1–3): \$26,250</p> <p>Upper Elementary (Grades 4–6): \$28,900</p> <p>Middle School (Grades 7–8): \$33,975</p>
Is there financial aid available?	Yes. Between 15–20% of our student body receives some form of financial aid.
Class Size	Toddler House: 12 children with 3 teachers Children's House: 24 children with 2 teachers
# of Teachers	Toddler House: 12 children with 3 teachers Children's House: 24 children with 2 teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	18 months anytime before January 2, 2019
What is your toilet training policy?	Toilet learning is part of the curriculum in our toddler program. We encourage students who are 3+ years old to be independent by the start of school.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a strict nut (and tree nut)-free community. Inly School has received an award from the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) for its commitment to safety and for promoting allergy awareness throughout the school community.

Inly School

Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Inly is fully accredited by both the American Montessori Society and the Association of Independent Schools in New England.
Please describe the application process for your school.	The application process is designed to be a two-way exploration to see if your child and family and Inly School are a good fit for each other in terms of a philosophical approach to educating and raising a child. The process involves a short online application, a student visit and parent meeting, and records and AISNE form from current school (for PreK and older).
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	To be considered in our first round of file reviews, applications are due February 1. Decisions are mailed March 8 and enrollment agreements are due April 10. Applications received after the January deadline will be considered in our second round of file reviews, if space is available, or for our wait list. We also review applications on a rolling basis during the school year for a mid- (current-) year start.
What is the application fee?	\$50 application fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952) was an early expert on child development. She believed that children are motivated by a natural curiosity and a thirst for knowledge. She shifted the paradigm of a teacher-centered system with external rewards to a learner-centered one in which a child's intrinsic drive is fostered. Her belief was that the goal of a school should be to cultivate a child's natural desire to learn, not to simply fill the child with facts. A student who feels the satisfaction that comes from engagement in purposeful work needs very little discipline. Montessori classrooms are multi-age groupings where the older students model appropriate behavior for the younger ones. When a child is not engaged, the teacher will gently redirect that individual to different work.

Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	Inly offers a rich array of specialists for our preschool and kindergarten students: Spanish, Mandarin, music and movement, sports, library, daVinci studio, theater, and art. They also participate in our winter concert. The preschool and kindergarten students have weekly trips up to Sunflower Hill (our 4-acre outdoor classroom) with our faculty naturalist. The kindergarten students stage an annual musical (Stone Soup) and go on one or two field trips per year (to places like Plimoth Plantation). The Spanish, music, and movement specialists also teach in our toddler program. As part of a larger school, our youngest Inly students have the advantage of seeing musical productions and other performances by our older students.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	<p>Toddler House Daily Schedule</p> <p>8:15 Arrival and start the day outside on the toddler playground until 9 or later</p> <p>9:30 Circle (songs, stories, group lessons)</p> <p>9:45/9:50 Snack</p> <p>10:00 Specialists (i.e.: music, Spanish, nature exploration), toileting</p> <p>10:45 Clean up and story</p> <p>11:00 Outdoor play</p> <p>11:30 Dismissal for half-day students</p> <p>11:45 Story/prepare beds for rest</p> <p>12:00 Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Toileting</p> <p>12:45 Rest</p> <p>2:45 Rise, toileting</p> <p>3:00 Dismissal for full-day students</p>

JCC

School/Center:	JCC Early Learning Center
Contact Information	Address: 1112 Main Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-4000 Contact: Allegra Taylor Email: ataylor@jccgb.org website: www.bostonjcc.org/early-childhood/early-learning-centers/hingham
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool 2.9-5 yrs, Toddler Program - 15 mo - 2.8 years
Please provide a description of your facilities	4 Classrooms – 2 Toddler, 2 Preschool, PreK (3.11-5yrs) Natural furnishings Separate Toddler Playground with Sandbox Preschool Playground with Sandbox Outdoor bicycle riding track.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	1 Session all classes 9:00 am -1:00 pm 9:00am-2:00pm for our 5 day Pre-K Early Morning Drop off 8:00 am -9:00am Extended day options till 2 or 3 pm
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes. Enrichment classes are also available.
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Children can stay either from 1:00-3:00pm
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, safe nurturing environment where children ages 15 months - 5 years explore indoors and outdoors under the guidance of experienced educators. Art exploration; Story telling; Movement and Music; Nature walks; Outdoor/indoor water play; Recreational games; Jewish Enrichment; and Shabbat Celebration
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Not able to comment at this time. These should be available mid-November for 2017-18
Is there financial aid available?	Yes
Class Size	Young Toddlers 8 Children Older Toddlers - 9 children Preschool - 18 children PreK - 18 children

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# of Teachers	Toddlers 2 teachers Preschool - 3 teachers Pre-K – 2 teachers 2 Floating Teachers
Minimum Age Sept 1	15 months
What is your toilet training policy?	There is no toilet training policy. All children may enter our program regardless if they are toilet trained
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a nut free school.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	EEC Licensed, NAEYC Accredited
Please describe the application process for your school.	A completed application and \$400 deposit Children are accepted with priority to currently enrolled families, then siblings.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Our applications are accepted beginning in November for the upcoming school year
What is the application fee?	\$400 is the registration fee and deposit. \$350 is applied towards tuition. \$50 Administration fee. This is a non-refundable deposit.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Through positive reinforcement, Positive language, and Problem solving.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	My Gym program, Music Specialist, Developmental Behavior Specialist, Speech and Language specialist. Open to Field Trips - Community helpers visit the school
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	Morning Explorations Meeting Snack Choice Time: Art/Literacy/science/music Outdoor time Lunch Activity - Manipulatives/story telling

Kids in Action

School/Center:	Kids In Action - Hingham Public Schools
Contact Information	Address: 220 Central Street, Hingham Phone: 781-741-1540 ext. 4235 Contact: Kathleen Jordan Email: kjordan@hinghamschools.org Contact: Jackie Sansone Email: jsansone@hinghamschools.org website: http://hinghamschools.com/kids-in-action/
Please provide a description of your program	The Kids In Action Pre-Kindergarten program is for children who are 4 years old and for 5 year olds who will miss the Kindergarten cut-off date. The curriculum is designed for children who will be attending Kindergarten the following year.
Please provide a description of your facilities	The Kids In Action Pre-Kindergarten Program is currently located at East Elementary School. The bathrooms, cubbies and sinks are located in the classroom. There is a beautiful playground, a large grass field and a gym that can be used during inclement weather.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	5 Day Morning Session 8:30 - 11:30 5 Day Extended Day 8:30 - 1:00
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	8:30 – 11:30 is the regular Pre-Kindergarten Day. From 11:30-1:00, is the extended part of the day. The children will participate in a group activity, have lunch and have time for one additional center.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	No
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2019/2020	2018/2019 Tuition: 5 Day Morning Session 8:30 - 11:30 \$4650.00 yearly 5 Day Extended Day 8:30 - 1:00 \$6850.00 yearly 2019/2020 Tuition to be determined. Typically, there is a 5% increase.
Is there financial aid available?	No. State of MA CCK Vouchers are accepted.
Class Size	20 children
# of Teachers	2 Teachers 1 Teacher's Assistant
Minimum Age by Sept 1	4 years old
What is your toilet training policy?	Children need to be toilet trained. We have no changing facilities.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a peanut and tree nut free classroom.

Kids in Action

<p>Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.</p>	<p>We are under the Hingham Public School Licensing. Our curriculum follows Massachusetts Early Childhood Standards and Guidelines.</p>
<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>Registration Forms are available on The Hingham Public School Website; hinghamschools.com under the Kids In Action tab.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registrations will be accepted by mail, between January 2 and February 22. - Acceptance and wait list decisions will be made by the end of March
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>We begin accepting Registration Forms in January.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>\$25. Registration fee is due when the child is accepted.</p>
<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>The Second Step Empathy Training Program is a part of the Kids In Action curriculum. The program teaches children to recognize and identify feeling and emotions in themselves and others. It teaches problem solving techniques, self-control and reinforces manners. The children are able to practice these skills with the teacher's assistance during daily activities.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>A couple times a year we have specialists/entertainers visit the classroom. We also go on one field trip.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your classroom.</p>	<p>Table Manipulatives and Games Morning Meeting Gross Motor Play (playground, gym, music & movement) Snack Time Story Time Learning Circle First Center Second Center Dismissal for those leaving at 11:30 Group Activity Lunch Third Center Dismissal 1pm</p>

New Nursery School

School/Center:	The New Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 460 Main Street, Norwell Phone: 781-659-2535 Contact: Danielle M. Biggins Email: newnurseryschool@gmail.com Website: http://thenewnurseryschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities	Housed in the United Church of Christ Norwell, New Nursery School offers part day Toddler, Preschool and PreK programs. The playground is equipped for all ages and provides opportunities for children to practice gross motor skills in the sun or the shade. We also have an indoor play space, for those rainy or very cold days when we can't get outside. The mission of The New Nursery School of the United Church of Christ is to provide a safe, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing learning environment in which children are encouraged to discover and explore who they are as well as the world around them. The New Nursery School strives to provide a sense of community for children and parents in which love, support, and respect for self and others will maximize all of the child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	The New Nursery School is in session 5 days a week with morning and afternoon class offerings. We offer Toddler, Preschool, and PreK classes. Our morning session is 9-11:30am and our afternoon session is 12:30-3pm. We offer an extended day PreKindergarten class, which runs 9am-2pm.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	The New Nursery School offers Early Drop off beginning at 8:30am as well as Lunch Bunch. Lunch Bunch gives children the option to stay or come in early for an extended day. The options for Lunch Bunch are:11:30-12:30pm, 11:30-1 pm or 11:30-2 pm (Fridays only) to have lunch and play.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2018/2019	Not yet determined
Is there financial aid available?	Yes- a Scholarship is available to a PreK family each year.

New Nursery School

Class Size	Toddler Class = 9 children Preschool and PreK Class = 16-19 children
# of Teachers	Total number of teachers at New Nursery School is 11.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	Toddlers = 2 years old Preschool = 2 years, 9 months old PreK = 3.9 years old
What is your toilet training policy?	We do not discriminate on toilet training status.
What is your food allergy policy?	The New Nursery School is a Peanut/Nut Free Building. All snacks provided are Peanut/Nut Free. If there is another allergy in the class, all snacks provided will be one all children can enjoy.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	The New Nursery School is licensed through the MA Department of Early Education and Care.
Please describe the application process for your school.	Every family is encouraged to tour before enrollment time, so they can meet with the Director, the teachers, as well as see a classroom in action and see our facility. Beginning in January, applications are accepted on a first-come first-served basis from the following: 1. Enrolled Families 2. Siblings of Enrolled Families 3. Church Members 4. Alumni 5. New Families
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	January
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 non-refundable registration fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	The New Nursery School recognizes that a responsive, warm interaction between young children and their teacher supports a child's growth and development in all areas. Positive discipline teaches and encourages the healthy development of a child's self-esteem. Our teachers praise and call attention to appropriate behavior thereby reinforcing it. Teachers are role models in order to influence, encourage and reinforce children's positive behavior. Limits, of course, are necessary. We set limits that are developmentally appropriate. When a child behaves outside the limits, teachers stop the action, describe the behavior they see and state their expectations. This helps the whole group understand the guidelines necessary for group living. Our goal is to help the child gain self-control and develop the ability to verbalize feelings and ideas so that problem solving can be done by talking with others rather than by physical means. At times, when appropriate, teachers may encourage children to negotiate rules for a play situation or for the entire class to follow. This negotiation procedure models problem-solving abilities.

Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	We offer many opportunities for enrichment in the forms of Mama Steph, Art classes, My Gym, Science Programs and Children's Yoga.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	9 am Arrival/ Greeting of children and families/Free choice play 9:15 Morning Meeting -class comes together to discuss plans for the day. Also: calendar, songs, questions, conversations, Handwriting without Tears activity. 9:30-10:25 Free Play in Developmental areas - fine motor, sensory, art, quiet book area, dramatic play, play dough & blocks. 10:25-10:35 Clean up time, Bathroom, wash hands 10:35-10:50 Snack 10:50-11:00 Story time 11:00-11:30 Playground 11:30 Dismissal

Old Colony Montessori

School/Center:	Old Colony Montessori School												
Contact Information	<p>Mikey Walker, Head of School mikeydwalker@comcast.net 781 749-3698</p>												
Please provide a description of your program	<p>Established in 1963, OCMS has been providing Montessori education to children on the South Shore for over 50 years. Children start in our beautifully equipped multi-age classes as young as 2.9, and can remain up through the third grade.</p> <p>Montessori is a philosophy of education developed by Italian physician, Dr. Maria Montessori, 1870-1952. Dr. Montessori's in-depth observations of children brought forth the understanding that children love to be involved in self-directed, purposeful activity. The Montessori classroom is a carefully prepared environment that encourages children to explore and engage with materials in meaningful ways. Every classroom is led by a teacher who has an in-depth knowledge of how children develop, and is professionally trained in Montessori philosophy, methodology, and materials. The carefully prepared environment is designed to invite, engage and challenge every child, some who may spend up to 4 years in their multi-age classroom! Children are given the luxury of a 3-hour morning cycle, allowing them the time to explore and practice with materials that meet their interests, peak their curiosities, and satisfy their growing needs.</p>												
Please provide a description of your facilities	<p>Our beautiful campus occupies two buildings, one supporting our four Children's House classes (children aged 2.9 – 6), and a designated after care program. Our second building houses our elementary class created for children in first through third grades. We have a newly built, state of the art playground, a back to nature outdoor classroom, organic gardens and a large playing field.</p>												
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	<p>Schedule of classes – Pre-school aged children attend from 8:20 am – noon, kindergarten age and elementary aged children from 8:20 – 3:00. Because the nature of Montessori philosophy is to follow the needs of each individual child, children do not need to be a specific chronological age to move up in our programs.</p>												
Do you have an extended day option?	<p>Before and after school care is available to all enrolled students.</p>												
If yes, please provide details of your options.	<p>On-site before and after school care is available from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm.</p>												
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	<p>yes, see above</p>												
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Old Colony Montessori

Is there financial aid available?	yes
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Class Size	Up to 24 students, 1:10 ratio of adults to children
# of Teachers	One certified Montessori teacher per classroom, plus one to two assistants assigned to each class depending on size. Many of our assistants are teacher certified by the Department of Early Education and Care.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2.9
What is your toilet training policy?	children do not need to be potty trained
What is your food allergy policy?	OCMS is a peanut and tree nut free school. Epi Pen training and Food Allergy Professional Development are provided annually.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Licensed and accredited by the State of Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
Please describe the application process for your school.	Rolling Admissions
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	accepted throughout the year
What is the application fee?	\$75
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Our multi-age classrooms help older children set good examples of behavior for the younger students. We talk about our feelings with our friends, what it feels like if someone hurts us, etc. All OCMS staff model kind behavior and set the expectation for kindness and respect for others.

Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	We often bring talented guests into the classrooms to share with our students and a fully integrated Spanish program is in place for all OCMS students Elementary students have weekly art lessons with Norwell teacher, Jeff Menice, music with South Shore Conservatory teacher, Ed Sorrentino, and organic farming with Jonny Belber from Holly Hill Farm. We utilize the many resources our community has to offer with weekly field trips and a robust physical education program.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	

Preschool Playmates

School/Center:	Pre-School Playmates
Contact Information	Address: 204 Whiting Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-2109 Contact: Amy Gaffey, MS ECE, Director Email: earlyeducation@gmail.com Website: www.preschoolplaymates.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities.	Second to safety, our goal at PSP is to prepare the children for kindergarten – socially, emotionally and academically. We talk about mindfulness into our curriculum by incorporating yoga monthly. All of our Lead Teachers have either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and many years of classroom experience. We place a heavy emphasis on learning through fun activities (because it is preschool after all!) and we also work closely with the Hingham and other area public schools to ensure that we remain aware of their expectations. Our ratio is approximately 7:1 and we divide the children into developmentally appropriate groups which allows us to ensure all children remain engaged and challenged while having fun (can you tell we like to have fun?!?!).
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Lunch Bunch 8:45AM-1:15PM (3yr old program) 8:30AM-1PM (4yr old program) Full Day 7AM - 6PM
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	We are open from 7AM – 6PM
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Summers at PSP are all about STEM! With a heavy emphasis on FUN, we will be incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning as part of our summer curriculum. Young children are inquisitive learners who ask an average of 76 questions per hour! They are natural scientists and engineers who learn STEM concepts through play. Research confirms that the brain is particularly receptive to learning math and logic during the pre-kindergarten years and recent studies also show that math readiness as children enter school is a strong indicator of future reading success (and of course it helps them with math as well :) We also turn our climbing structures into water slides and we have lots of outdoor water-based games for the children to play! To make each week special and unique we have weekly themes that we follow. Some of our weekly camp themes include a circus theme, baseball theme, cooking with food from around the world theme and an under the sea theme. We have many visitors including the Fun Bus, puppeteers, a zoo-mobile, magicians, singers and more. We will also create various arts & crafts each day depending on the theme.

Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2018/2019	Tuition will range from approximately \$400 to \$1,1200 per month depending on program and number of days.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	We have an "open concept" classroom style on each of our floors and we maintain a ratio of approximately 7:1 (children:teachers)
# of Teachers	7 teachers plus a full time Director and 2 Executive Directors
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old
What is your toilet training policy?	We work in partnership with the parents to help the children become trained! Since we take children as young as 2 years 9 months we're well versed in dealing with accidents!
What is your food allergy policy?	While we are not a peanut free school we do have children with various allergies. This is something we take very seriously and devote a lot of time training our teachers as to the proper methods of safe food handling. All of our teachers attend annual First Aid and CPR training which includes how to administer an EpiPen and what to do in various allergy related situations. We also hold individual meetings with families of children who have allergies to make sure everyone is on the same page and that the plan we develop is appropriate.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Our program has been licensed by the MA Department of Early Education and Care for 38 years! All of our Lead Teachers have either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and many years of classroom experience.

Preschool Playmates

Describe the application process for enrollment.	We will begin accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year at our Open House on Saturday, January 5 th , 2019. We operate on a first-come first-served basis. We encourage private tours prior to that date for those interested in learning more about our program.
What are the dates that applications are accepted for your program?	We have an open enrollment policy though we are typically full, or very close to it after our Open House in January.
Is there an application fee?	\$75.00 registration fee

Do you encourage/discourage challenging behaviors in the classroom?	Designing schedules that minimize transitions and maximize the time children spend engaged in developmentally appropriate activities is the first step in decreasing challenging behavior. Schedules in which children have planned activities or projects for significant periods of time, spend little time in transitions, or seldom spend time waiting with nothing to do decrease the likelihood of challenging behavior. Our schedules are designed to minimize the number of transitions. These schedules have several advantages, including (a) fewer times when all children have to transition at the same time; (b) less time in large groups and more time in child-directed activities in the center time so Teachers have more time to work with small groups or individual children. Implementing these types of schedules increases the likelihood that children will be engaged and decreases the likelihood that challenging behavior will occur.
Do parents visit the classroom? Do you have field trips?	Yes, we work closely with various specialists and welcome them into our school. We have regular field trips which include apple picking and visits to Weir River Farm in Hingham. As much fun as the field trips are, the most fun for the children is riding on a school bus for the first time! We also invite parents to come along as chaperones.
Can you provide a sample schedule for a typical day in your program?	<p>9:00AM – 9:30AM Free play/children arrive- Blocks, coloring, Play-Doh, painting, dramatic play, puzzles, etc. 9:30AM – 9:40AM Clean-up for "morning circle" 9:40AM – 10:00AM "Morning Circle" Attendance, calendar, weather, daily jobs, music. Daily plans. 10:00AM – 10:15AM Snack time</p> <p>10:15AM – 10:20AM Clean-up / get ready to go out 10:20AM – 11:05AM Outdoor play 11:05AM – 11:30AM "Middle Circle" (lesson-directed) 11:30AM – 12:00PM Choice time - All areas, lesson related projects, teacher and child-directed lessons 12:00PM – 12:10PM Clean-up</p> <p>12:10PM – 12:25PM Show and tell 12:25PM – 12:45PM Lunch 12:45PM – 1:00PM "Closing Circle" and dismissal for Lunch Bunch 1:15PM – 3:00PM Rest Time - Full Day children 3:15PM - 4:00 PM Outdoor play, group games 4:00PM – 4:30PM "Afternoon Circle" 4:30PM - 5:00PM Arts /crafts, cooking, listening center 5:00PM - 5:30 PM Quiet activities, music, clean-up, evening departure</p>

Ridge Hill School of Norwell

School/Center:	The Ridge Hill School of Norwell
Contact Information	Address: 102 High Street, Norwell Phone: 781-871-0018 Contact: Victoria DeFreitas Email: ridgehill@comcast.net Website: http://ridgehillschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
Please provide a description of your facilities	We are a private preschool through kindergarten school. We offer morning and after programs as well as full day kindergarten. Visit our website for a complete tour of each classroom and description of our programs.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Morning Session 8:30-12:15 Preschool Morning Session 8:00- 12:30 Pre-K/K Afternoon Session 12:50- 4:00 : Preschool Afternoon Session 12:50-4:30 : Pre-K/K Full day option available for all programs We open at 7:30 and close at 5:00. Extended care option is available upon request
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	A parent can request to have early morning drop off or late afternoon pick up if needed.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	No
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes
Anticipated Tuition for 2018/2019	Range from \$126 per week to \$303 per week depending upon length of day and how many days per week. Please visit our website at http://ridgehillschool.com for more details.
Is there financial aid available?	Upon request
Class Size	Preschool Class Size: 18 children Pre-K Class Size: 26 children Kindergarten Class Size: 8 children
# of Teachers	4 preschool teachers 4 pre-k teachers 1 kindergarten teacher
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old or 5 if entering Kindergarten
What is your toilet training policy?	Children do not have to be toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a peanut free, egg free, nut free school.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Yes, licensed by the Mass Department of Early Childhood Education

Ridge Hill School of Norwell

Please describe the application process for your school.	Parents fill out an application on line, call the school and schedule a visit. We begin the enrollment process in October for the following school year in September.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	First Come First Serve Basis
What is the application fee?	\$150.00 registration fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	We believe in teaching the children cooperation, kindness, using their words to express their feelings, build self-confidence, self-esteem, role play to teach appropriate classroom behaviors.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	Yes, sometime specialists visit the classroom. We have in house field trips at RHS.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	<p>Preschool Schedule</p> <p>8:00-8:45 Morning Arrival</p> <p>8:50 Ring the Bell Clean up</p> <p>9:00-9:15 Morning Meeting</p> <p>9:15-9:50 Choice Time</p> <p>9:55-10:15 Snack</p> <p>10:20-10:30 Story/ Music</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Outdoor Time 2 small groups 10:30-11:00 Indoor Small group time 11:00-11:30 Outdoor Time 2 small groups 11:00-11:30 Indoor Small group time 11:30 Lunch Transition</p> <p>11:45-12:15 Lunch and Pick up</p>

Saint Paul School

School/Center:	Saint Paul School		
Contact Information	Address: 18 Fearing Road, Hingham Phone: 781-749-2407 Contact: Jean Schnorr Director of Enrollment Email: jschnorr@spshingham.org Website: www.stpaulschoolhingham.com		
Please provide a description of your program	Early Childhood Center: Half and Full Day Preschool (3 year old), Half and Full Day PreKindergarten (4 year old), and Full Day Kindergarten. The Elementary Program includes Grade 1 through Grade 8 programs. Before and After School Care available.		
Please provide a description of your facilities	Saint Paul School is a three story building that houses Preschool through Grade 8. There is a gym, art room, science lab, computer lab, media center, and auditorium that ECC students utilize in addition to their classrooms. There are also four play yards, an ECC play gym structure, an elementary student play gym structure and outdoor fitness stations. The classrooms are bright and spacious and equipped with developmentally appropriate learning materials and state of the art technology including a SmartBoard.		
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Preschool and PreKindergarten offers five day programs with the following options: Five half days (8:20a-12:30p) Five full days (8:20a - 2:20p) A combination of 2 half (T/Th) and 3 full days (M/W/F)		
Do you have an extended day option?	Before School Care is available for all students, and After School Care is available for students enrolled in our full- day programs		
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Availability: Mornings from 7:00a – 8:10a Afternoons from 2:20p – 5:45p Drop in fee = \$6/hour (AM) and \$20/day (PM) <i>Prepay and Full-Year enrollment discounts.</i>		
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Summertime Enrichment Programming with different programming themes each week.		
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Saint Paul School offers a Full Day Kindergarten program for 5 year olds (by August 31st)		
Tuition for 2018/2019 SY (Tuition will be announced in April 2019 for the 2019-20SY)	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>2018-19 Schedule</u>	<u>2018-19 Tuition</u>
	PRESCHOOL (Age 3)		
	PREKINDERGARTEN (Age 4)		
	half-day: 8:20am-12:30pm	5 half days/week	\$7,245
	full-day: 8:20am-2:20pm	3 FULL (M, W, F) & 2 half (T, Th) days/week	\$8,735
		5 FULL days/week	\$9,160
	KINDERGARTEN (Age 5) ~ Grade 8		
	full-day: 8:20am-2:20pm	5 days/week	\$7,775
Is there financial aid available?	Yes		
Class Size	Preschool = 16 Prekindergarten = 20 Kindergarten (average = 16 - 20)		
# of Teachers	1 teacher and 1 paraprofessional per classroom		
Minimum Age by Sept 1	Preschool = 3 years old; PreKindergarten = 4 years old ; Kindergarten = 5 year old		
What is your toilet training policy?	We expect all students to be toilet trained.		
What is your food allergy policy?	We are an allergy aware school (no nuts allowed) in which the nurse holds training each year on allergy safety and epi-pen administration for all staff.		
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Saint Paul School is accredited by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges).		

Saint Paul School

Please describe the application process for your school.	We evaluate applicants through parent interviews, academic assessments and screenings, school reports and teacher evaluations. All applicants are recommended to visit Saint Paul School and tour / visit their current class. Please visit our website for online application: www.stpaulschoolhingham.com
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	We offer rolling admission with first round of new applicant decisions being rendered March 1st.
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 non-refundable application fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	We use positive behavior supports in school and communicate frequently with parents to coordinate common expectations for student behavior.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	"Specials" are held in the appropriate classrooms. Specials include library, gym, art, and Spanish. The core of our Preschool and PreKindergarten curriculum is OWL (Opening the World of Learning) published by Pearson Education. It is a comprehensive research based program that includes literacy, math, social science/science and technology. The OWL leads to a thoughtful and reflective learning environment. Enrichment activities occur frequently, including musical shows, puppet shows, author visits, science lab lesson, etc. Occasionally, students will attend field trips.

Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	<p>The Preschool and PreKindergarten students start the day with morning activities, including prayer, the pledge of allegiance, and morning song. Morning meeting is then held to discuss events of the day, weather, calendar activities, etc. Students proceed to work in centers in small groups. They have a special snack time mid-morning. The half-day program ends at 12:30p. All students stay for the lunch/recess break. The afternoon offers numerous activities such as nature walks, crafts, story time, and dramatic play options.</p> <p><u>PRESCHOOL</u> (Age 3)</p> <p>8:20 am Arrival and Morning Prayer in Gymnasium 8:45 am Centers: Religion, Literacy and Math Focus 9:15 am Music 9:45 am Morning meeting and table activities 10:00 am Snack 10:30 am Centers 11:00 am Outdoor play 11:40 am Lunch 12:40 pm Home/Rest/Nap 1:30 pm Centers/Outdoor play 2:00 pm Story/Prayer/Home</p> <p><u>PREKINDERGARTEN</u> (Age 4)</p> <p>8:20 am Morning Activities: Daily prayer, nametags, seating 8:45 am Morning Meeting: Calendar, helper of the day 9:30 am OWL- Opening the World of Learning 9:30 am Snack/Recess 9:55 am Religion – Seeds Program 10:10 am Music 10:55 am Centers 11:40 am Lunch 12:20 pm Quiet time: Books and Puzzles 1:10 pm Outdoor Play 1:25 pm Centers, story and craft 2:20 pm Dismissal</p>
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Seaside Montessori

School/Center:	Seaside Montessori
Contact Information:	Address: 760 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045
Email: info@seasidemontessori.com	
Contact: Rachel Gilroy	
Website: www.seasidemontessori.com	
Please provide a description of your program:	Preschool & Kindergarten (half or full day)
Please provide a description of your facilities	Seaside Montessori's children's house program provides a welcoming learning environment where your child will thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. Just steps from Nantasket Beach, our location offers a wonderful opportunity to extend our learning to the outdoors. Our large open outdoor area includes gardens, a hill, sand play area, and climbing dome. Our classroom consists of an open layout flowing through the Montessori curriculum areas of Practical Life, Creativity, Sensorial, Math, Literacy, Cultural & Science/Technology.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	3 day per week option for 3 year olds (flexible scheduling) 4 or 5 day per week option for 4-6 year olds (flexible scheduling) Half Day – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or Full Day: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Do you have an extended day option? Yes	
If yes, please provide details of your options.	8:30 AM – 9:00 AM, Lunch Bunch for half day students from 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes. Full Day 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	2018/2019 Tuition Rates are as follows: 3 day half day: \$3,500 4 day half day: \$4,650 5 day half day: \$5,650 3 day full day: \$6,400 4 day full day: \$8,500 5 day full day: \$10,350 2019/2020 Tuition rates will be available in January, 2020
Is there financial aid available?	No.
Class Size	15 children with 2 teachers
# of Teachers	15 children with 2 teachers

Seaside Montessori

Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years 9 months
What is your toilet training policy?	We encourage toilet training to be attempted prior to starting but it is not a requirement for admittance to the program.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are peanut and tree nut free.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are licensed with the Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care (EEC)

Please describe the application process for your school.	Applications are available on our website. A tour of the program is required prior to acceptance. Please contact the program to schedule a tour. Applications are due by March 1st with a \$50 application fee. Priority is given to existing students, siblings, 5 day full day enrollments.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Applications are due by March 1st
What is the application fee? \$50	
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	At Seaside we love to explore our natural surroundings. We take nature walks on Nantasket Beach, neighborhood walks and scavenger hunts around our area, or walk over to L Street Playground to enjoy a change in our gross motor options. We also enjoy a weekly music class. And we welcome visitors with unique experiences or interests to share!
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	Upon arrival the children place their belongings in their cubbies and come to circle to share a story or a special treasure with their friends. Following circle, they choose projects appealing to their own interests and ability level within the classroom or engage in a lesson with a teacher. Depending on the day there may be a craft or activity inspired by a season, holiday, or friend's share. Snack is available in the kitchen area to be enjoyed with a friend or two. Each child has her own labeled cup and bowl. At 11:00 AM a friend rings the tidy up bell for their job and all come to circle to get ready for outside time. We head out and play until lunch or morning pick up. Morning kids go home at 12:00 PM. After lunch the children again choose projects appealing to their own interests and ability level within the classroom or engage in a lesson with a teacher. At 2:00 PM a friend rings the tidy up bell for their job and all come to circle to get ready for outside time. We head out and play until pick up at 3:00 PM.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	With a multi-age grouping we benefit from having older children to model appropriate behavior for our younger friends. When a situation arises we first question to understand the issue. We then work out what a better course of action would be if necessary. We discourage tattling and encourage using our words with our friends to solve a conflict. Grace and courtesy are the cornerstone of our Montessori philosophy.

South Shore Conservatory of Music

School/Center:	South Shore Conservatory of Music
Contact Information	Address: One Conservatory Drive, Hingham Phone: 781-749-7565 x 36 Contact: Rachel White Director Email: r.white@sscmusic.org Website: www.sscmusic.org
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten, Housed in a Community School for The Arts
Please provide a description of your facilities	SSC is a breathtakingly beautiful arts facility that houses many programs within our stunning building. The Preschool / Pre-K / K programs reap the benefit of such a splendid arts facility. The Kindergarten has a designated space and the other classes hold class in our performance hall which affords us the opportunity to perform at a moments notice when the spirit of expression calls. We have arts specialist opportunities that provide our classes with varied arts experiences that enhance their classroom activities and curriculum. Our facility allows us as teachers to utilize the space as the educational moment speaks to us.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	2Day Class T, Th, 9-12 for 34 weeks 3Day Class M,F,W 9-12 for 34 weeks 5 Day Pre-K Class 12-3:30 M-F, 34 weeks Full Day Kindergarten 9-2:30 M-F 34 weeks
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	2-Day and 3-Day Preschool can extend the school day until 1:15 one day a week with our Discovery Readers literacy and art program which also has a lunch bunch compenent built into it. Afternoon PreK can extend the day at start at 11 am with the same program. Kindergarten classes have the option of Extended Day Classes 5 days a week (such as Piano, Singing, Drama, Yoga, and HipHop Dance) All classes can take advantage of a variety of classes offered at South Shore Conservatory that are designed to fit an extended day schedule.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, Arts Tell A Story a 2 week program for currently enrolled students at the completion of their school year as well as the public, space withstanding Summer Theatre at SSC: Curtain Going Up for 4-7 year olds Summer Stage Camp for 8-14 year olds Let's Put On A Show for 6-11 year olds All Year Continuing Programs: Music Together ages 0-4 Music Sprouts ages 3-5 Drum & Sing ages 4-6 Primo Voice Class ages 7-9 For more comprehensive listings please visit www.sscmusic.org
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes, Full Day Arts Integrated Kindergarten 9-2:30

Anticipated Tuition for 2018/19(* subject to change)	2 Day T & Th 9-12 / \$3950- 34 weeks 3 Day M, W, F -9-12/ \$5415 – 34 weeks Afternoon PreK M-F 12-3:30 \$7350 Full Day Kindergarten M-F \$10535
Is there financial aid available?	Yes, financial aid is available

South Shore Conservatory of Music

Class Size	2 Day 23 children max 3 Day 23 children max 4 Day 20 children max 5 Day Kindergarten 16 children max
# of Teachers	7 teachers on staff and 7-8 specialists available weekly
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 Day are usually 2.9 yrs old by Sept 1st 3 Day are usually 3 yrs by Sept 1st PreK need to be 4 by Sept 1st 5 Day Kindergarten class need to be 4.9 by Sept 1 st
What is your toilet training policy?	SSC does not discriminate on the basis of individual toilet development. Training is in accordance with parent requests but typically placed in our Two day program if in transition.
What is your food allergy policy?	SSC is a nut and tree nut free facility The teachers meet with the child's parents and Health Care Consultant to make sure that all allergy concerns and needs have been met and a plan is in place in accordance with parent and Doctor's allergy action plan Absolutely no home baked products are allowed at SSC. This plan is updated yearly.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	SSC Preschool/PreK/K are licensed by the Dept of Early Education and Care
Please describe the application process for your school.	An application packet is sent to inquiring families Parents and child visit SSC for class & school tour upon receipt of fee and application the process starts Currently enrolled children have a Jan.30 th deadline to secure their spot after which new families are contacted of their child's enrollment status.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	We accept applications all year depending upon current enrollment . Jan 30 th for current SSC students to secure spot with a deposit for following year. Accepted new families have 2 weeks to secure their space with a deposit for the following year.
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 application fee/ \$500 deposit which is non- refundable but applicable to total tuition.

How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	SSC utilizes many and varied techniques for maintaining a classroom atmosphere of respect and kindness. Role playing is one way in which we achieve this amiable tone within the classroom. Through literature, improvisation, modeling, and musical dramatic play songs the child is encouraged to behave as one would like to be treated. "You need to be a friend, to make a friend". The children are encouraged to listen to each other and use their voice to help with the communication process during the interpersonal peer connection. SSC teachers work with the parents to make sure we are a team during this special social development process.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	All classes visit the specialists regularly and often the specialists will participate in classroom activities as well. 2-Day has Music and Yoga Specialists 3-Day has Music, Yoga, and Drama Specialists PreK has a Music, Yoga, Literacy, Drama, Percussion, and Creative Movement Specialists Kindergarten has Music x 2, Yoga, Reading, Drama, Percussion, Creative Movement, and Visual Arts Specialists Kindergarten and Pre-K are the only classes that go on field trips
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	In the world of Preschool/PreK/K is there a typical day? All classes start with morning (or afternoon) meeting time Followed by child- directed free choice. Small group activities / Specialist Time Clean-up Time Snack and Story / Improv Fun Outdoor Play. Kindergarten Schedule is more encompassing due to their academic and arts activities Please check our website for a more detailed breakdown .

Su Escuela Language Academy

School/Center:	Su Escuela Language Academy
Contact Information	Address: 75 Sgt. William B. Terry Dr., Hingham Phone: 781-741-5454 Email: admissions@suescuela.com Website: www.suescuela.com
Please provide a description of your program	<p>SELA: The International Private School was founded in 2004. In its conceptualization, SELA seeks to develop “inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.” This mindset, paired with our reputation for academic rigor, puts SELA in a position to respond to the education needs of the 21st century.</p> <p>We are the first and only full- immersion private school in Massachusetts that prepares English-speaking children as young as 3 months linguistically, academically, and socially to excel in our global society through instruction in a second and third language. Su Escuela is committed to strive for excellence in education and student achievement. Our students benefit from second and third language instruction by becoming globally-aware citizens of the 21st century.</p> <p>A child's early years are the most important time in the life of a family and the most influential time for children as they start on the road to learning. All of our classrooms are full of resources for students to learn to communicate their needs, express their feelings, and socialize with friends, as well as use imagination and creativity. In order for children to speak, read, and write fluently in a second language, they must be fully immersed 100% of the time. In this way, children are not only fluent, but attain proper syntax and comprehension.</p>
Please provide a description of your facilities	Su Escuela is conveniently located at 75 Sgt. William B. Terry Dr. Hingham, MA, across from the Hingham. The facility is an attractive one level building with 18 classrooms, indoor gym, four outdoor playgrounds, and soccer field. The classrooms are divided into the Pre-school—infants, toddlers, preschool, pre-Kindergarten, and Junior Kindergarten—and Elementary School—Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Each classroom is designed in a way to benefit students through the use of lighting, color, the scale of surroundings, and the navigational aspects inside and outside the classroom.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	2days 3days 4days or5days Morning session: 8:45-11:30am Half Day Sessions: 8:45-1:00pm Full day Session: 8:45-3:00pm Extended Day: 7:00-8:30am, 3:00-6:00pm
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Extended Hours offered: Mornings 7:00-8:45am and afternoons 3:00-6:00pm.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, at Su Escuela, we offer summer programs for children ages 3months to 9 years old. The Summer Program spans 10 weeks with very flexible schedule options. All summer classrooms are full immersion Spanish. With weekly themes varying from Fairy Tales and Dinosaurs to Discovering the Ocean and Engineering, children of all ages are sure to stay engaged and excited to see what comes next! This is a great way to give your child the benefit of learning a second language in a fun way while making unique and imaginative discoveries.

Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes, Su Escuela offers Full Day Kindergarten.
Anticipated Tuition for 2018/2019	Tuition Varies based on Program (Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Junior K, Elementary). Please call 781-741-5454 ext 603 for tuition pricing.
Is there financial aid available?	Scholarships are available at the discretion of the Director.
Class Size	Class size varies by age and by program. Infant ages 3-14 mos max group size is 7 students Toddlers ages 15 mos-2 years 9 months max group size is 9 students. Preschool ages 2.9 – 5years max group size 10 - 12 students. (varies by program) Elementary School K-5th max group size 12 students.
# of Teachers	Number of teachers varies by age and by program. Infant ages 3-14 mos 1:3.5, 2:7 Toddlers ages 15 mos-2.9 1:4.5, 2:9 2.9 - 5 max group size 1:10, or 1:12 (varies by program) Elementary School K-5th max group size 12 children.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	Infant, Toddler, and Preschool programs all offer rolling admissions. For Junior K students must be 4 years old by Sept 1. For Kindergarten, students must be 5 years old by Sept 1.

Su Escuela Language Academy

<p>What is your toilet training policy?</p>	<p>Students are not excluded from the program based on toilet training status. Children may use the toilet as often as they request. Teachers will respond quickly to a child's request to use the toilet and will support the child's emerging self-help skills and independence. If a toileting "accident" occurs the child will never be shamed, humiliated or embarrassed by the teacher. Rather, the teacher will provide a change of clothing for the child, either from home or from extra school clothing, and will assist the child if necessary. Soiled clothing will be double bagged in sealed plastic bags and sent home with the child on the same day. Children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after toileting. Staff members will also wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after assisting children or toileting themselves. Paper towels will be used to dry hands. Toilet training, if necessary, will be conducted in accordance with the parents' requests and be consistent with the child's physical and emotional abilities. Children will be supervised at all times during toileting by a class room teacher or the director.</p>
<p>What is your food allergy policy?</p>	<p>Su Escuela has a Registered Nurse on site, and is a peanut and tree nut free facility. We require that students with severe allergies send in an allergy action plan from their doctor with the associated medicine (Benadryl, Epi-pen, etc.) and medication consent forms.</p>
<p>Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.</p>	<p>Su Escuela's Infant, Toddler and Preschool programs are licensed by the EEC. The elementary school Kindergarten - 5th grade is an Accredited Private School. Su Escuela Language Academy is one of 5 private schools in Hingham, MA.</p>
<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>Infants – Junior K 1. Attend an open house or schedule a tour by calling 781-741-5454 or emailing admissions@suescuela.com 2. Submit registration form with application fee. 3. Receive Confirmation of schedule from Director of Admissions. 4. Submit deposit. Elementary School 1. Attend an open house or schedule a tour. 2. Submit registration form with application fee. 3. Receive Confirmation of schedule from Director of Admissions. 4. Submit deposit. 5. Submit AISNE forms to current school.</p>
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>Registration for new students to attend the 2019/2020 school year begin in January 2019 and remain open until spots are full. We operate on rolling admissions.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>\$65.00 non-refundable application fee. Followed by a \$750 deposit to secure spot.</p>
<p>How do you encourage/ discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>Because Su Escuela has such small class sizes, there is ample opportunity for individual attention and allows for a more engaging and interactive learning environment. If needed, teachers will redirect a child to stay focused and engaged with the material.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Many of our teachers are specialists in their respective fields such as art, mathematics, language, etc. Students in grades K-5th go on several field trips throughout the year. Additionally, we bring in other enrichment activities for all students, on a regular basis.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Morning greeting - each child is welcomed by their teacher; children get settled and greet each other. Calendar and Weather Time - students are introduced to many important math skills and climate vocabulary. Students participate in songs and activities related to the days of the week, the months of the year, the date, and the weather. They will also share jobs in the classroom, which will be explained during this time. Art - Before students work, teachers will show them how to plan their project and they will introduce new vocabulary according to the activity. Planning allows students to set a purpose for their time and work. After their project, the students will work together to clean the room, sorting materials into their correct places. After cleaning, the students will gather to recall what they did at work time. Snack Time. Mathematics - This is a chance for students to experiment with mathematics materials planned and introduced by the teacher. Indoor/Outdoor Play - Students will participate in movement activities (indoors and outdoors). Lunch Time. Story Time/Nap</p>

Sweet Relief

School/Center:	Sweet Relief
Contact Information	Address: 38 Summer Street, Cohasset Contact: Owner/Director-Lyn Previte 781-383-9723 Email: sweetrelief143@aol.com (preferred communication) Website: http://sweetreliefnurseryandpreschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 #1 Reader's Choice for Cohasset Nursery / Preschool Programs. Sweet Relief is a "play based" educational small private school, located right outside Cohasset Village. Our programs run 3.5 hours each in the AM and PM: one hour longer than most Nursery/Preschools We adhere to the guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences created by the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the MA Board of Education- MA Curriculum Guidelines. We have no closed Professional Development Days and no half- days. We have a daily schedule that we adhere to. This structured yet emergent curriculum creates an avenue of security for the children. There is a pictorial version of our schedule, which we can refer to with a child who may be unsure of how the day will progress. We are a 10-month program beginning after Labor Day and continuing to the end of June. Our teachers are highly skilled and experienced in multiple early childhood learning methodologies including the use of our abridged version of American Sign Language to assist with behavioral and communication challenges. We also have a Golden Retriever Therapy Dog on site working with the children through out the day. He is read to, confided in, curled up with, sat on, and dearly loved. SR also offers a unique program referred by parents as our "sell a class" program. If you child will not be attending school for a day or days, you may email all our families, announcing your student's vacancy. Another parent can purchase your students class, and write you a check! We do not need to be paid twice and prefer to see a full classroom! We offer lunch bunch and sports for kids every day- free. It is part of your child's day with us. Going outside every day is a priority- even in the cold of winter. Sweet Relief puts out a weekly newsletter to parents, has a FB page, which enables you to see your child in action (if you so choose) as well as a weekly updated digital frame in the schoolhouse pick up waiting area.

Sweet Relief

Please provide a description of your facilities	Sweet Relief is a private intentionally home-based program offering a Nursery and Preschool Curriculum. It is meticulously designed and maintained- featuring maple hardwood furniture and hardwood floors. None of our toys have batteries! Every child's chair and the table legs have tennis balls on them to decrease the noise level. The schoolhouse steps are custom designed 1/2 steps- great for toddler legs. Classroom windows are low for children to look out. The schoolhouse faces south, offering great natural light. SR has a sensory table, a "cozy corner" for reading/resting, block area, domestic area, and a center themed table which changes monthly. We have a large, fenced in outdoor space with a focus on our recently configured outdoor classroom.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Nursery: offered Mon- Fri, 8:30 - noon with a 2 day minimum. 3 1/2 hours each class; lunch bunch included every day. Preschool: offered Mon-Th noon-3: 30 with a 3-day suggested minimum: 3 1/2 hours per class; lunch bunch included every day. We are closed on Friday afternoons. Enrichment classes with Music Together, Inspire Kids Yoga and Handwriting without Tears, and Itsy Bitsy Music are offered "in-house" during the week. Please refer to our website for days and times. These instructors come to your child's classroom – there are no transitions to another location. Classmate changes, and no transporting. These Enrichment series are part of your child's day here. These additional classes are invoiced bimonthly. We begin shortly after Labor Day- schedule classes up until right before Christmas Day- and are open until the end of June: 30-33 more days than the local Nursery/Preschools and one hour more than most!

Do you have an extended day option? Yes

If yes, please provide details of your options.	Children from the AM may extend their day and stay into the afternoon class. As the children age, and a class is available, a parent has the option for their child to do a "double".
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, July camp is offered for 4 weeks. Tues-Fri, 9:00-1:00. Mixed aged classes occur- its summer! At the end of camp, each child gets a personal photo album showing each weeks nature themes, photos of themselves and their classmates as well as a copy of our reading list. Our nature based curriculum centers on the life cycle of ladybugs and butterflies, (we raise and release the ladybugs and Painted Lady Butterflies), our local ocean and its treasures, and concluding with the all-time favorite- Pirate Week! August camp is 3 weeks- 9-1:00, Tues-Friday. This is a great introduction for children enrolled in the fall. Our curriculum is less structured.

Sweet Relief

	In House registration for July Camp will be on Monday, March 4, 2019. Public camp registration will be on Monday March 18, 2019.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2018/2019	2 days/week: 3.5 hours per class at \$408/month.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	AM: 10 children PM: 10 children
# of Teachers	2 teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	20 months
What is your toilet training policy?	Children do not have to be toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	Peanut and tree nut free- a list of allergies will be posted at the beginning of summer camp and the academic year.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Yes. By the State Department of Early Education and Care and NFCCA. The EEC monitors us regularly.
Please describe the application process for your school.	Please utilize our web site to download and complete the App form: sweetreliefnurseryandpreschool.com
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	In House registration begins Monday, March 5 th , 2019. Public registration begins March 19, 2019- then we have rolling admissions through out the remainder of the year of we have openings. Registration is done via email- followed promptly by submission of Application form and deposit fee.
What is the application fee?	\$100 non-refundable application fee

How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	<p>We support and empower the children to be their best remembering that all children develop differently at different rates. Because our daily schedule shifts every 1/2-hour, we leave little room for boredom and much room for growth. Our schedule also lays the groundwork for very few discipline issues. Few are frustrated- we incorporate sign language into the classroom for all children. The low student teacher ratio enables us to be aware of what behaviors are in the classroom- or could possibly arise in the classroom. Each class has its own personality- as a class. It is the dynamics of a class that sets the tone of how educators handle the class and the individuals who make up the class. Re-direct energy!</p> <p>Reinforcing the positive is always first- praise, setting examples, creating and maintaining consistent comprehensible boundaries by setting appropriate limits and rules. Eye contact and kindness are also key in assisting each individual child to learn the socio-emotional skills required to learn.</p>
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	<p>Yes. We have specialists who visit us, as mentioned earlier. We offer Music Together on Monday PM's.</p> <p>Our Handwriting Without Tears instructor, Amy Linnell, who has her Masters in Special Ed and is Certified in Project Read and Orton-Gillingham-comes to us on Wed PM's.</p> <p>Renowned Inspire Kids Yoga, Kim Spires, comes to us on Tuesdays PM's. We also have Music offered on Tuesday and Wednesday AM's. These specialists come to your child here during their classroom time- no extra driving your child- no parental participation (and teachers tell us children "soar" without their parents present)- no transitions to another classroom or building.</p> <p>Our field trips are by "legs only". We visit a nearby lane and our neighboring field to observe animal habitats, tracks and patterns in nature with various the seasons.</p>
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	<p>We provide the Nursery children with a visual chart of how their day goes: free play, snack, art, music, outside time, lunch bunch and circle time (stickers, and story).</p> <p>The afternoons we refer to as "opposite days" for the children who have progressed here from the AM program to the PM program.</p> <p>In the winter, we will omit the art medium in order to be outside.</p> <p>Here we are much more interested in teaching a child to be independent about getting on their outside clothing themselves (which is what they are all about) than sending home a quick "teacher-do" art project to hang on the wall. We save painting, baking, bowling, floor puzzles, Hullabaloo and basketball for rainy days-, which make it so much more special for the children and for the teachers!</p>

Wilder Memorial Nursery School

School/Center:	Wilder Memorial Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 666 Main Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-3518 Contact: Cissy McCullough Email: wildernurseryschool@gmail.com Website: http://wilderschool.org
Please provide a description of your program	Wilder School is rich in history and unique in its traditions and has served generations of families since 1924. Wilder Memorial Nursery School is a COOPERATIVE school. The staff and parents work together to ensure a quality program for the children. At Wilder children will play in a warm and safe environment all while learning the skills and fundamentals for grade school readiness. We want children to feel safe and secure and to discover that learning is fun. Children should love coming to school! Our program is planned with a structure that is open and flexible. We incorporate themes into our curriculum and we find that each theme brings its own language, books, props, foods, songs and dramatic play. Themes become the basis for learning with many questions, projects and activities. The Wilder students each have a "home base" classroom and two teachers to call their own, but they will be encouraged to interact with the children and staff in all three classrooms. We call this our GLOBAL approach. Our hope is that they will interact and spend time with as many of the children and staff as possible. Encouraging the different age groups to mix has proven beneficial to preschool children and we support this approach. The children will know everyone and that adds to their sense of security, enhances their comfort level and forms a very special community and bond. We celebrate childhood at Wilder and therefore we celebrate special days. This includes Birthdays, Halloween, Special Guy Saturday, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St.Patrick's Day, The Wilder Rodeo, Wilder Graduation and many more. Childhood is a magical time for children and we love to embrace the pure joy that these special days bring. Finally, the Wilder Staff consist of very dedicated, loving and experienced early childhood professionals. Some of our staff have many years of experience at Wilder. Many teachers on staff were once Wilder parents. This consistency has enabled Wilder to provide a warm and welcoming environment like no other, with a tradition of fun, family and excellence.
Please provide a description of your facilities	Wilder Memorial Hall, the building that houses our school, is a testament to the generosity and compassion of Martin Wilder. Born in Hingham in 1790, he made a fortune building and designing carriages. Upon Wilder's death he left his wealth in a trust that was dedicated to promoting education, charity and the arts. To fulfill Martin Wilder's mission Wilder Hall was built in 1879 and in 1924 Wilder Nursery School moved in and officially became the first cooperative nursery school in the United States. Located on Main Street in Hingham, Wilder School resides in a neighborhood of beautiful historical homes. Inside Wilder School there are three light and airy classrooms filled with the appropriate supplies and equipment to meet the many needs of the preschool children. Our fenced in playground, located in Wilder's beautiful tree filled backyard, is large and inviting. We have a variety of play equipment for the children to explore and enjoy with their friends.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Our morning sessions run from 8:30 am - 11:30am. We offer a 3(MWF) and 5(M-F) morning PreK program and a 2(T/TH) and 3(MWF) day Preschool program. Our afternoon sessions run from 12:30pm - 3:30pm. We offer a 4(M-TH) and 5(M-F) day afternoon PreK program, a 3(MWF) afternoon Preschool program and a 2(T/TH) day Preschool Primary program (2.9).
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	The Enrichment program is offered to our Pre-Kindergarten classes on Friday afternoon from 11:30-1:30. During Enrichment the children will have an opportunity to enhance their learning that is taking place in their regular classroom. This can be achieved through books, board games, dramatic play, critical thinking, listening skills, music, art, science and movement. This is a hands on program where children are engaged in one on one activities with the teacher and the other children in the program. The children will also bring their own lunch and eat with their friends and teacher.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2018/2019	Please see this information online at our website www.wilderschool.org .
Is there financial aid available?	Yes

Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes,	We do not offer a summer program per se but for the last two weeks of the school year Wilder School becomes "Camp Wilder" with camp tees, water play outdoors, popsicles, bubble fun, Arts and Crafts, a camp song all our own, and all the fun and activities of a summer "camp." "Camp Wilder" is a theme and the children and the staff have a great time with it! Camp is offered only to enrolled Wilder students.
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Wilder Memorial Nursery School

Class Size	Our smaller classes have no more than eleven children. Our one large class has no more eighteen. All have two teachers.
# of Teachers	Wilder has 12 teachers on staff. Each classroom has a one Lead Teacher and one Teacher.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	For our youngest class (2.9) children must turn three between Sept. 1st - Nov. 30th. For our Preschool Program children must turn three on or before August 30th and for our PreK program they must turn 4 on or before August 30th.
What is your toilet training policy?	We encourage parents to toilet train their children prior to enrollment. However, we do not reject a child if this skill has not been acquired. We ask our parents to be phone accessible in the event of a toileting "accident."
What is your food allergy policy?	Wilder is a nut free school. We constantly remind our parents of this rule. We are trained every year in administering an Epi-Pen and are alert to all our "allergy" children and their needs. We aim to protect all our students.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are licensed by the State Department of Early Education and Care and are monitored by them on a routine basis.
Please describe the application process for your school.	Parents should go to the Wilder website in order to enroll. They would download the application and send it to the school at 666 Main Street along with a \$50.00 enrollment fee. This fee is refunded if a child is not accepted into the program. A lottery in late February to determine acceptance into Wilder. We are also holding 2 Open Houses~Sunday, Dec. 2nd and Jan. 27th from 10:30-12:30. This is a great opportunity to come and learn about our special little school and to pick up enrollment packets and information.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Applications are due on January 31st for the 2019-2020 school year.
What is the application fee?	\$50.00 registration fee which is refundable if a child does not get in to the program.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	The Wilder staff provides a caring and supportive environment. At the beginning of each school year the classes set up their own set of rules and are reminded of these throughout the year. Being a GOOD FRIEND is always the first rule! Children are encouraged to "use your words, not your hands" with their school friends and they are given time to think about the consequences of their actions. In place of physical or negative behavior our students are taught proper ways to communicate with their peers. We set reasonable limits for children and help them to reach for their self-control. Recognizing and praising POSITIVE behaviors and actions may influence a child to behave in a more acceptable manner. Respect and an acceptance of others is all part of our curriculum. As children grow and mature they learn to express their needs and feelings in more appropriate ways.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	We invite a Policeman, Fireman, Dental Hygienist, Bike rider, Physician, and a Nurse to come to the classes to discuss safety issues of all types with the children. We also have musician, animal trainers, wildlife experts, special readers, puppeteers and magicians for the children to enjoy. The children go to Weir River Farm, Hornstra Farm, the Hingham Library, the Hingham Playground and the Hingham Recreation Center. The younger children celebrate all our summer birthdays at a variety of special, fun places with parents joining them.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	Every day the children experience the following: circle time/ sharing time where the "meteorologist" of-the-day will help his/her classmates with discussing that day's weather and the calendar. The day's theme and activities are discussed at circle time as is Show and Tell (one child per day.) Free choice allows the children to choose their own activities in our different classroom centers. Every day there is a story followed by a washing of the hands and a simple snack; this is usually a very social time! If someone is celebrating a birthday then the parent attends and brings the special (nut free) snack and of course we sing Happy Birthday! A project and other fun activities such as art, play-dough or a cooking project are offered. Our students learn the alphabet by using the "Lively Letters" program; it is the same program used by the Hingham public schools. The Wilder children are so ready for their Kindergarten year! The Wilder schedule remains the same every day, as children do not like surprises, but within the schedule the activities are changed. The children spend time on the playground every day unless it is raining or extremely cold. There is a great deal of learning happening at Wilder School. It is a great place for children to learn, grow, and feel safe.