

Tewksbury Preschool

Dewing School, 1469 Andover Street



About the Dewing Preschool

The preschool program offers a child-centered curriculum. The program is designed to create a structured learning environment which fosters creativity, independence and community building. The social-emotional learning needs of each student are addressed. The program focuses on preparing students for Kindergarten. The curriculum is aligned with Massachusetts Curriculum Standards. Students learn through play and exploration of their environment. Daily activities include language arts, math, readiness, and structured activities for social development. The longer, full-day option allows for lunch, recess and a rest period.

The Integrated Preschool supports a population of diverse learners and is developed to support students who are receiving special education services in an inclusive learning environment. The preschool is developed to meet the individualized learning needs of all students. Staff are DESE licensed early childhood special educators and related service providers.

Dewing Preschool Options

D1

**1/2 DAY INTEGRATED
PRESCHOOL**

5 Mornings

8:00-10:15

4-Year-Old Students

Tuition: \$240/month

D2

**1/2 DAY INTEGRATED
PRESCHOOL**

5 Afternoons

12:15-2:30

3-Year-Old Students

Tuition: \$240/month

D3

FULL DAY OPTION

8:00-2:30

5 Days

*Students will either attend Integrated Preschool program in the morning or afternoon and will attend the Full-Day Option for the remainder of the day.

Tuition: \$658.61/month

Longer Day Option: For families who require a longer day, students may be enrolled in a 1/2 day preschool program and attend an optional longer-day session to complete their day. Students will be assigned to two different teachers. The curriculum in the longer-day classroom will further enrich the curriculum in 1/2 day session. 4 year-old students must be enrolled in the AM 1/2 day preschool and 3 year-old students must be enrolled in the PM 1/2 day preschool in order to be eligible for the longer day option.

*Please contact the Office of Community Services if you require extended day services beyond 2:15 pm.

Contact Information:

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Tewksbury Preschool

Heath Brook School, 165 Shawsheen Street



About the Heath Brook Preschool

The preschool program offers a child-centered curriculum. The program is designed to create a structured learning environment which fosters creativity, independence and community building. The social-emotional learning needs of each student are addressed. The program focuses on preparing students for Kindergarten. The curriculum is aligned with Massachusetts Curriculum Standards. Students learn through play and exploration of their environment. Daily activities include language arts, math, readiness, and structured activities for social development. The longer, full-day option allows for lunch, recess and a rest period.

Classes are taught by a preschool teacher and an aide, who cooperatively support the children in their learning.

Contact Information

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Heath Brook Preschool Options

H1

1/2 DAY PRESCHOOL

5 Mornings

8:25-11:30

Monday-Friday

Tuition: \$329.76/month

H2

1/2 DAY PRESCHOOL

5 Afternoons

11:30-2:30

Monday-Friday

Tuition: \$329.76/month

H3

5 FULL DAYS

8:25-2:30

**Tuition: \$658.61/
month**

H4

1/2 DAY PRESCHOOL

4 Mornings

8:25-11:30

Monday-Thursday

Tuition: \$267.75/month

H5

1/2 DAY PRESCHOOL

4 Afternoons

11:30-2:30

Tuesday-Friday

Tuition: \$267.75/month

H6

4 FULL DAYS

8:25-2:30

Mon-Thurs- Age 4 or

Tues-Fri-Age 3

Tuition: \$526.83/month

Frequently Asked Questions for Dewing and Heath Brook Preschools

I live in the Heath Brook district, may I enroll my child at the Dewing Preschool/I live in the Dewing district, may I enroll my child at the Heath Brook School?

We are fortunate to have great preschool programs at both of our PK-2 elementary schools. Because we offer programs at each school, our tuition programs are only available to families at the elementary schools of residence, and families are not eligible to enroll their child in the other programs.

I see that the Heath Brook program offers more options. Can you please explain?

The program at the Dewing supports our special education program. It is important for all of our students to have consistent attendance. Therefore, our Integrated Program has set days and times for attendance.

My child does not turn three until November. May I register him/her for preschool?

No. If you plan to enroll your child in a community slot as a 3-year-old, s/he must turn three by August 31, 2019. If you plan to enroll your child in a community slot as a 4-year-old, s/he must turn four by August 31, 2019.

At the Dewing, why can't I enroll my 3 year-old child in the morning session?

At the Dewing, our classrooms are primarily grouped by age. This allows our teachers to differentiate the learning experience based on age. There may be times when teams make recommendations for placement in a different-aged classroom, but these recommendations are made on an individual basis and only after observation and data collection.

Will there be changes to the program at the Dewing?

The Integrated Preschool at the Dewing School is provided through Tewksbury Public Schools. It supports our special education programming and provides great preschool programming for our community members. The longer day option at the Dewing School is currently supported through Community Services. We are currently working on piloting a transition of our longer day option at the Dewing School to be provided by Tewksbury Public Schools staff. If this pilot is confirmed, parents will be notified of the administrative and staffing changes.

How do I enroll in the programs?

Open enrollment will begin on **January 28, 2018 at 6:00 am**. There are a select number of open slots available for each of the preschool programs. *Students who have previously attended the preschool program will have priority, prior to the open enrollment date.* All other openings will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once you enroll in the program, you will receive confirmation of availability via email and must complete the registration process within the designated time frame. Enrollment for all programs will be completed through Community Pass. Please visit our website <https://www.tewksbury.k12.ma.us/departments-programs/community-services/> to create an account. To facilitate the enrollment process, please create a family account in Community Pass prior to the enrollment date and determine program choice.

What is the start date?

The start date for both Heath Brook and Dewing Programs will be on the first day of school (date TBD)

Will there be an information session?

Yes, we will offer the following information sessions: **Tuesday, January 22nd at 10:00 AM** at Tewksbury Public Library and **Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm** at Tewksbury Memorial High School, LG1

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Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant Street



TMHS Preschool Option

T1

1/2 DAY PRESCHOOL

5 Mornings

Monday-Friday

9:00-12:00

Cost: \$50.00 enrollment fee. No additional tuition.

***This program is for students who will turn 4 by August 31, 2019**

Start Date for TMHS Program: September 10, 2019

The classroom has its own separate entrance to the building adjacent to the fenced-in outdoor play area at the high school.

About the TMHS Preschool

THMS Preschool is a part-time public preschool, which offers a fun, safe and secure learning environment. The goal of the program is to address the total development of the child through a mixture of free play and planned activities designed and created by following the Preschool Massachusetts State Frameworks.

The program is staffed with high school students who are enrolled in the high school child care classes. The high school students gain incredible hands-on experience while the preschool children benefit from the favorable low student/teacher/child ratio. High School Students are supervised by a Licensed Teacher.

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The Tewksbury Public School's Community Pass

Registration and Payment System

- Log into **<https://register.communitypass.net/TewksburyPublicSchools>**
Please save this site as a favorite on your computer so you can find it any time you want to check your account or register for something else.
- **Anyone with a child in the TPS already has a login and password.** If you need your login and password please email Maura Rauseo at mrauseo@tewksbury.k12.ma.us or call 978-640-7831 x218. Please write down your login and password and keep it for future use as you will likely need it again this school year. **If you do not have a child in the system yet, please CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT adding yourself and your child to the account.**
- Click **"Browse Activities & Register"** and then pick the program you want to register for:
"2019-2020 HEATH BROOK PREK (PRESCHOOL)"
"2019-2020 DEWING INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL"
"2019-2020 DEWING LONGER DAY OPTION"
- Follow the directions and verify that all information is correct.
- You can register and pay for any tuition/fees right online. **The first month (Aug/Sept) tuition is due at the time of registration to hold your spot.** This deposit is applied to Aug/Sept and the next time you will receive an invoice will be for Oct 1. Invoices are emailed to you a few days before the first of the month and tuition is due on the first of the month, every month. The monthly tuition is the same amount each month, even if there are more or less days in the month, as tuition is a yearly charge divided into 10 equal payments, Aug/Sept thru June.
Ex. The Integrated Program is \$2400 a year divided by 10 to make it \$240 each month.
- To choose credit card payment or EFT (checking account payment) choose credit card. **There is a 2.9% convenience fee for credit card/debit card payments and \$0.40 fee for checking acct payments (EFT – routing number and checking acct. number).**
- If you do not want to pay online due to the convenience fee, please process the registration and choose **"send payment"** at checkout and proceed from there. **We cannot accept cash.** Be sure to write what you are paying for and your family ID in the memo section of your check. **Drop off or Mail checks made out to "Town of Tewksbury" to:** Community Services, 139 Pleasant St., Tewksbury, MA or give it to the teacher at the school your child attends and they will interoffice it to our office.
- You will be emailed a receipt for any transactions you make.
- With this new system you may monitor your account, make payments, print receipts, print flex spending receipts and year end statements (called flex spending in the system) all in one place.
- Be sure to **opt IN** for the cell phone /text messaging as we may use text messaging to communicate important information such as cancelations, closures, evacuations, etc.
- If you have questions about registration and payments please contact Maura Rauseo at mrauseo@tewksbury.k12.ma.us or 978-640-7831 x218.