



# Somerville Public Schools

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Enrollment for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten for 2024-2025 School Year Now Open**

*189 families enrolled students on the first day of enrollment period on January 3, 2024.*

*Families who enroll by the February 23, 2024 deadline are eligible for the first round of school assignments.*

**Somerville, MA** – The Somerville Public Schools’ (SPS) annual school enrollment period for prekindergarten and kindergarten students opened on January 3, 2024, and SPS staff are ready to support families through the process of enrolling their student(s). All students who will be 4 years old by August 31, 2024 are eligible for the district’s PK program. All students who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2024 are eligible for Kindergarten. 189 Somerville families enrolled a student on the first day of the enrollment period on January 3, 2024.

### **SPS PK & K Enrollment Process**

Parents and guardians can access the online SPS enrollment portal through the Enrollment Office website, [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment).

- **Prekindergarten** families who enroll by February 23, 2024 will be assigned a school based on a lottery system with no criteria for assignments.
- **Kindergarten** families who enroll by February 23, 2024 will be eligible for the first round of school assignments through a lottery system based on Somerville School Committee policy, which prioritizes sibling preference and proximity (school to which your address is connected).
- Families who enroll after February 23, 2024 will be assigned a school based on seat availability.

### **Registration Help for Families**

Families who could benefit from interpretation or technology access are encouraged to contact the multilingual Enrollment Office team. The team is available to answer questions and support families during business hours at Central Administration. Appointments are preferred, if possible.

Make an appointment with the Enrollment Office by emailing [enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us) or calling 617-629-5670. The Enrollment Office is located at 167 Holland Street, third floor.

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Enrollment Office hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Enrollment Office is closed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays

## Information about the Enrollment Process and Our Schools

Prior to the annual enrollment period, the SPS Enrollment Office hosts information sessions and Open Houses for all prospective students and families. In November and December, 2023, over 200 community members attended Open Houses. Families can find enrollment and school information on the SPS website.

- A full list of schools and locations is available at [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schools](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schools).
- Find your child's neighborhood school (proximity school) by address on [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schoolchoice](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schoolchoice).
- Families with questions about specific schools may contact the school's main office to speak with a staff member.

Also in Fall 2023, SPS held four information sessions to familiarize families with school enrollment. You can review information from these sessions at the links below.

- Prekindergarten Information Session Recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOGwsvUyZKQ>
- Kindergarten Information Session Recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHlhWzYt-ug->

## Community Schools/Afterschool Registration

**IMPORTANT:** Families who are interested in enrolling their students in the Community Schools Afterschool program will need to register through a **separate** registration system. The Community Schools portal will be open for Somerville Public Schools students, as follows:

- Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Afterschool Registration: March 19 – 28, 2024
  - *Community Schools registration for returning students in grades 1 and up will also open on March 19, 2024.*

Afterschool seats are assigned based on availability at sites and through a weighted enrollment system. For more information, visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/CommunitySchools](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/CommunitySchools).

Links to lists of other after school programs available to Somerville students can be found on the Out of School Time page, <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/ost>.