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## Open Houses, Tours Available for Incoming PK and K Families in Somerville Public Schools in Advance of School Year 2025-26 Enrollment

*SPS Online Enrollment System opens January 3, 2025*

*Information Sessions and three Open House Events planned in November, December, January.*

**Somerville, MA** – The Somerville Public Schools’ (SPS) annual school enrollment period for prekindergarten and kindergarten students will open on January 3, 2025, and SPS staff are gearing up to make sure Somerville families are ready and able to enroll students. All students who will be 4 years old by August 31, 2025 are eligible for the district’s PK program. All students who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2025 are eligible for kindergarten.

This month, SPS staff will hold virtual and in-person information sessions to provide details and answer questions about the enrollment process, and a series of three Open Houses are planned in December and January at our PK-8 schools.

The Enrollment Office team is also available to answer questions and support families during business hours at Central Administration. The office is located at 167 Holland Street (Third Floor). Parents and guardians are advised to make an appointment by emailing [enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us) or calling 617-629-5670. The Enrollment Office has open hours Monday through Friday. Visit their website to find more about hours: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment>

### Enrollment Information Sessions

- Wednesday, November 13
  - 9-10:00 a.m.: Prekindergarten Information Session. Online via Zoom. [Register here.](#)
  - 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Prekindergarten / Kindergarten Joint Information Session, East Somerville Community School library, 50 Cross St.
- Thursday, November 14
  - 9-10:00 a.m. Kindergarten Information Session, online via Zoom. [Register here.](#)

Local community groups can request an additional session if interested. Please contact the Enrollment Office directly with inquiries.

### Open Houses

Incoming SPS families are welcome to attend upcoming Open Houses at schools that include classrooms for grades PK–8. A full list of schools and locations is available at [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schools](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schools). Open Houses are scheduled as follows:



- Friday, December 6th – tours at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon.
- Thursday, January 9 - tours at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon.
- Thursday, January 30 - tours at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon (snow date only if necessary Friday, 1/31).

## PK & K Enrollment Process

The enrollment portal for Somerville Public Schools will open on January 3, 2025.

- **Prekindergarten** families who enroll by February 21, 2025 will be assigned a school based on a lottery system with no criteria for assignments.
- **Kindergarten** families who enroll by February 21, 2025 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 before February 21, 2025 will receive their assignments by the week of March 17, 2025.
- Families who enroll after February 21, 2025 will be assigned a school based on seat availability.

When the online system is open, it will be available at [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment). More information will be released prior to the online enrollment date, and information can always be found on the Enrollment page. Families who are unable to access online services and/or families needing additional support should contact the SPS Enrollment Office at 617-629-5670 or [enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us).

## Community Schools Afterschool Program Registration

**IMPORTANT:** Families who are interested in enrolling their students in the Community Schools Afterschool program, run by Somerville Public Schools, 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 18 – 28, 2025

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

Community Schools Afterschool is only one option available to families in Somerville. Community Schools is part of the SPS system, though there are costs associated with participation. For other available afterschool programs please visit Somerville Hub Connect [website](#), updated by the City's SomerPromise Department.