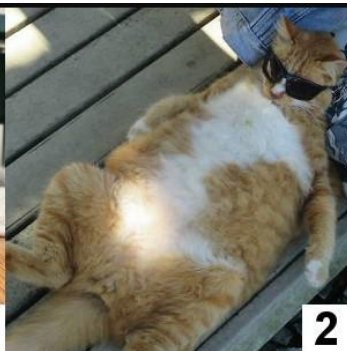




*How are you  
feeling today?*

**SOMERVILLE**   
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Welcome!**

**Kindergarten  
Information  
Session**



# Agenda

- Welcome to Somerville Public Schools
- Enrollment
- Somerville Family Learning Collaborative
- Community Schools



# Our Schools

Albert F. Argenziano School

Benjamin Brown School

Capuano Early Childhood Center

East Somerville Community School

Arthur D. Healey School

John F. Kennedy School

West Somerville Neighborhood School

Winter Hill Community Innovation School

## Kindergarten hours

- Monday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.
- Tuesday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.
- Wednesday 8:10 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
*(early dismissal every Wed.)*
- Thursday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.
- Friday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.

Aftercare programs available

# SPS Kindergarten Programs



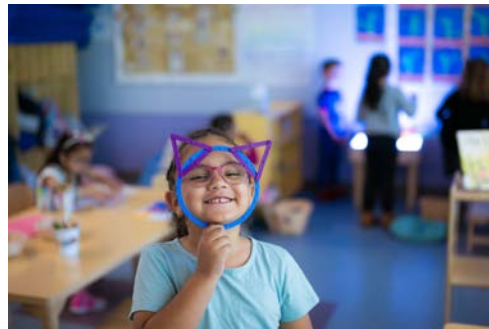
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## General Education

- Kindergarten
- Unidos Dual Language

## Special Education Programs

- AIM (Adapt, Include, Motivate)  
for students needing specially designed instruction on the autism spectrum.
- SKIP (Specialized Kennedy Intensive Program)  
for students with physical and cognitive needs.



# Unidos Dual-Language Program

## What makes Unidos special?

Unidos is located in the East Somerville Community School and is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where students develop their bilingualism, biliteracy, and gain a profound respect for their own language and culture as well as the languages and cultures of others.

## Why dual language?

- Celebrates students' languages and cultures, building confidence and pride
- Fosters sociocultural competence, empathy, and a global perspective
- Opens doors for future education, travel, and career opportunities

## What is the model?

- In kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 70% of the day is taught in Spanish and 30% is taught in English
- In 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, 50% of classes are taught in Spanish and 50% are taught in English

## How to apply

Enrollment is based on space availability and the following program criteria:

- $\frac{2}{3}$  English Learners
- $\frac{1}{3}$  Fluent English Speakers
- Younger siblings of currently enrolled students in the Unidos Program have preference in the lottery

### Questions?

**Contact:** Analiese Reigstad  
*Unidos Curriculum & Instruction Specialist*

East Somerville Community School  
**[areigstad@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:areigstad@k12.somerville.ma.us)**

# Sample Kindergarten Day

7:30am

Free Breakfast

8:10am

Arrival Routines & Morning Meeting start

Literacy Activities and Centers

Snack

Math Centers

Recess

Specialists

Lunch

Read Aloud

Second Step

Choice Time/Science Centers

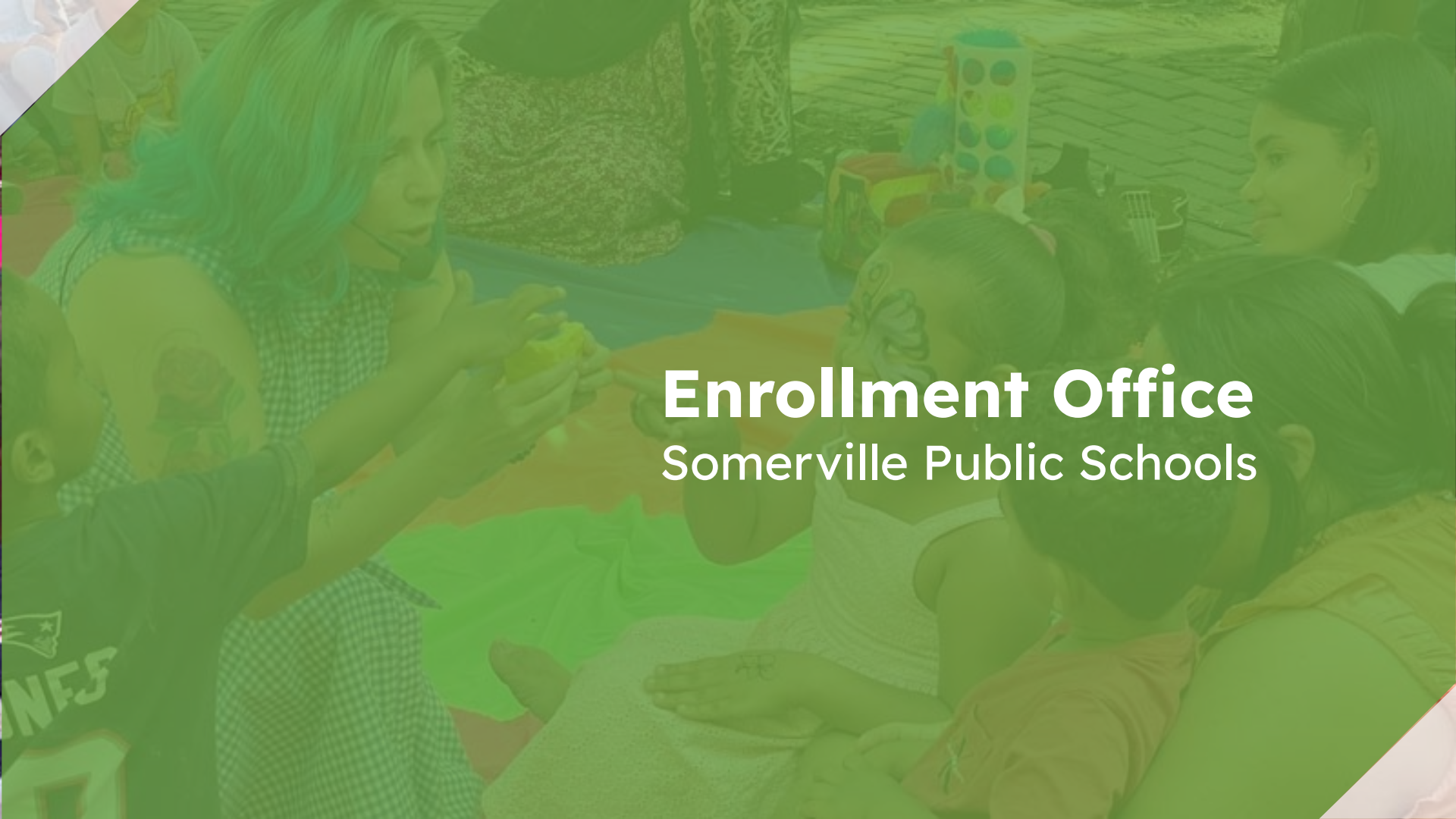
Closing Meeting

2:35pm

Dismissal

*1:00 p.m. dismissal on Wednesdays*





# **Enrollment Office**

Somerville Public Schools

# Registration Timeline

**Is your child eligible?** Any Somerville child who will be 5 years of age by August 31, 2026.

**When is the priority registration period?** January 2 – February 13, 2026 (by 4:00 pm)

**Can you register after February 13, 2026?** Yes, however ...

Your child is more likely to receive your first choice school, when you complete and submit (not just start) your registration by Friday, February 13, 2026 at 4:00pm.

- ★ Enrolling during this period can increase your chances of finding a spot for your kindergartener at the same school as older siblings who are already enrolled in Somerville Public Schools.

# Visit our Schools!

Visit our Prekindergarten thru grade 8 schools!

¡Visita nuestras escuelas desde prekínder hasta 8vo grado!

Visite nossas escolas da pré-escola até 8ª série!

Vizite lekòl nou yo depi prematernèl rive nan 8yèm ane!



**Tours begin at 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm**

→ **Tuesday, December 9**

→ **Thursday, January 8**

→ **Tuesday, January 27**

(Snow date: Tuesday, February 10)

# Choosing A School

**Select your top five schools, in order of preference.**

During last year's priority registration period, 98% of families were assigned to their first-choice school. (not including the Unidos Program that typically maintains a waitlist)

**Criteria for student assignment is as follows:**

1. If you have a sibling already enrolled at their first choice school.
  2. If your first choice school is your "proximity school," also called your neighborhood school.
- Find your proximity school here:

[https://somerville.k12.ma.us/files/Enrollment\\_Street\\_Register\\_3.31.25.pdf](https://somerville.k12.ma.us/files/Enrollment_Street_Register_3.31.25.pdf)



# Enrollment Documents



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## Have the following documentation and information available to facilitate the registration process:

- Parent/guardian government-issued identification with photo (license, Mass ID, or passport if born outside the U.S.).
- Your child's birth certificate.
- School/camp form. This form will have your child's latest physical date, list of immunizations, lead test results and the TB Risk Assessment that are the requirements for school entry. If you use a health care app this document is usually sent to the letters folder after your child's well visit.
- If your child will need to take medication at school or has a medical condition, additional forms are required.
- Two current proofs of residency/occupancy
  - Current signed lease, recent mortgage statement, or notarized residency affidavit
  - Recent utility bill (gas,oil, electric, or cable), or printed pay stub
- Two emergency contacts *other than* parent/guardian: full name, relationship, telephone number
- Doctor's name and telephone number.
- Your email address.
- Your cell phone number.

→ **If your child's registration is not complete, your child will NOT be assigned a school.**



Powerschool is our online enrollment portal.

To make an appointment for in-person enrollment support, please email or call.

SPS Enrollment Office  
167 Holland St., 3rd floor  
Somerville, MA 02144

617-629-5670

[enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us)

## Create an Account

Enter the following required information to continue. This account is meant to be created by an adult family member. It is important to create only one account per household so that the system will be able to save and access your information correctly.

Don't Have an Email Address? We suggest that you obtain a free email account online through Google or Yahoo. Or, you may create your PowerSchool Enrollment account with your cell phone number.

### Profile

First Name

Last Name

Daytime Phone

Used to provide support, if requested. Enter entire number, including area code.

Email Address

Used for sign in and important communication.

### Security

Password 

Re-Type Password

Security Question 1 

Security Answer 1

Security Question 2

Security Answer 2

# Language Survey

Massachusetts is home to speakers of many different languages. Part of your child's school registration is answering questions on a Language Survey.

Your answers will help us learn about your child's English language skills and provide support to your child if necessary to help them learn English.

If your response to any of the questions on the survey is a language other than English, the school district will give your child a language assessment to see if they may benefit from English language support.

The language assessment takes about 30 minutes and must be completed in person.

# Waitlist

## What if we don't get our first choice school?

Students who are not assigned to a first choice school will be placed on the waitlist for that school. The Enrollment Office will inform parents/guardians when a space becomes available.

The waitlist will expire on November 1, 2026. After that date, we will contact families to see whether they are still interested in keeping their child on the waitlist for the current academic year.



# WAITLIST

# Kindergarten Assignments

## Kindergarten assignment email

Arrives during the week of March 9, 2026.

## Classroom teacher assignment

Assigned during the third week of August, 2026.

The school principal will make this decision.





# Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC)

## Somerville Family Learning Collaborative

Enhancing the capacity of families and schools to support children's learning and well-being by collaborating with community partners and promoting welcoming, responsive schools and programs.

***Supporting Families from Birth to Adulthood***



# Somerville Family Learning Collaborative



Home Visits  
Parent Support Groups  
Playgroups  
Developmental Screenings  
Parent/Guardian Workshops  
Parent/Guardian English Classes

**\*School-based Family Liaisons**  
Multilingual Services  
Basic Needs and Wraparound Services  
Family Workshops  
Get Ready for School Fair  
Community-wide Events

## **\*School-based Family and Community Liaisons**

creates an environment in every school that is welcoming to families to strengthen the home-school connection.

A photograph of five children in a garden bed, overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The children are engaged in planting or tending to the soil. One boy in the center wears a blue t-shirt with a penguin graphic and the word 'HARRY'. A girl to his right is smiling. In the foreground, two girls are looking down at the garden. A girl on the right is bending over. Small wooden signs with letters are placed in the soil. The background shows a building with large glass windows and some greenery.

# After School Programming Community Schools

# Community Schools

is the SPS After School Program



EZChildTrack  
Registration

**Online Registration March 17–27**  
**Portal opens at 9:30am on March 17**

- Care until 5:30 p.m.
- Financial assistance/vouchers
- Small groups
- Early childhood focus
- Snack
- Play
- Projects

Registration is available online.

Assistance & Appointments:  
**Community Schools Office**  
**167 Holland St., 1st floor**  
**617-625-6600 x6970**

Monday–Friday 8:15am - 4:00pm  
(Last appointment starts at 3pm)

**[www.somerville.k12.ma.us/afterschool](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/afterschool)**

# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Ready for  
School

## SPRING

- Receive your Kindergarten assignment letter (March)
- If desired, register for an afterschool program
- Attend a child development workshop (May-June)
- Attend the Getting Ready for Kindergarten Workshop (May)
- Read the Getting Ready for Kindergarten Family Guide



## SUMMER

- Read the story "I am Going to a New School"
- Meet other families at your school's summer meet-up (June-August)
- Attend the Getting Ready for School Fair (August)
- Go to Kindergarten Orientation (August)



**[somerville.k12.ma.us/readyforschool](https://somerville.k12.ma.us/readyforschool)**

# Important Dates

**Register between January 2 and February 13, 2026** (by 4:00pm)  
to be part of the first round of school assignments.

School Assignment emails sent to families  
**Week of March 9, 2026**

Community Schools application period  
**Opens Tuesday, March 17 at 9:30am & closes on Friday, March 27**

Community Schools emails with status  
**Mid-May 2026**

Orientations at schools, small-group meetings with teachers  
**August/September 2026**





# Questions?



**We look forward to welcoming you and your child to school!**

Start the process and learn more: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/kindergarten](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/kindergarten)