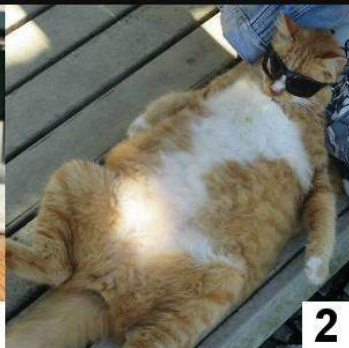


Enrolling for Kindergarten in the Somerville Public Schools

— Enrollment Information Session —
For Fall 2025



*How are you
feeling
today?*

We are here to help!

Our job is to help guide you through this process.

Last year, we helped 375 families enroll their children in kindergarten.

We look forward to helping your child join the high school class of 2038.



Explore the Somerville Public Schools

Albert F. **Argenziano** School, Benjamin G. **Brown** School, **Capuano** Early Childhood Center, **East Somerville** Community School, **Unidos** bilingual Spanish program at the East Somerville, Arthur D. **Healey** School, John F. **Kennedy** School, **West Somerville** Neighborhood School, **Winter Hill** Community Innovation School

Kindergarten hours: 8:10 a.m. to 2:35 p.m., M, Tu, Thur, F

Free Breakfast starting at 7:30 am

Dismissal: 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday

[Community Schools](#) (after-school program)



Visit our Schools!

PK- 8th grade Open Houses

Friday, December 6th, Tours at 9 am, 10 am, 11am, and 12 pm

Thursday, January 9th, Tours at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am and 12 pm

Thursday, January 30th, Tours at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am and 12 pm (Snow date: Friday, January 31st)

¡Visite nuestras escuelas!

Día de visitas a las Escuelas Públicas de Somerville de prekindergarten - 8vo grado

viernes, 6 de diciembre, Visitas con un guía a las 9 am, 10 am, 11 am y 12 pm

jueves 9 de enero, Visitas con un guía a las 9 am, 10 am, 11 am y 12 pm

jueves, 30 de enero, Visitas con un guía a las 9 am, 10 am, 11 am y 12 pm

(Si nieva, se pasa al: viernes, 31 de enero)

Visite as nossas escolas!

Dia de Visitas às Pré-escola - 8º ano das Escolas Públicas de Somerville

Sexta-feira, 6 de dezembro, Passeios com guias às 9h, 10h, 11h e 12h

Quinta-feira, 9 de janeiro, Passeios com guias às 9h, 10h, 11h e 12h

Quinta-feira, 30 de janeiro, Passeios com guias às 9h, 10h, 11h e 12h

(Em caso de neva: sexta-feira, 31 de janeiro)

Vizite lekò nou yo!

Lekòl Piblik Somerville yo Prematènèl - 8yèm ane Vizit Lekòl yo

Vandredi, 6 Desanm, vizite a 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, ak 12 pm

Jedi, 9 janvyè, vizite a 9 am, 10 am, 11 am ak 12 pm

Jedi, 30 janvyè, vizite a 9 am, 10 am, 11 am ak 12 pm

(Dat nèj: Vandredi, 31 janvyè)

To register online,
login or create an
account via
PowerSchool (our
online portal).

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

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

To comply with COPPA, I affirm that I am 13 years or older.

Create Account

Back to Sign-In

Registration Timeline

Kindergarten is open to any child who will be 5 years of age by August 31.

Registration begins on Friday, January 3, 2025.

For the best chance to receive your first choice school, complete (not just start) your registration by Friday, February 21, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

Parents with children who already attend the Somerville Public Schools are encouraged to complete their child's kindergarten registration by February 21 to keep their children together at the same school.

To register, please visit <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/enroll>



Documentation and Information Needed to Register

- Parent/Guardian Identification: Mass ID, Driver's License, Passport, or Government Photo ID
- Child's Birth Certificate-Not the hospital letter
- 2 Current Proofs of Residency. See attached document or find more info on the website:
somerville.k12.ma.us/enroll
- School/Camp Physical Exam Form (medical) and immunization records provided by your child's doctor's office. Lead Test and TB Risk Assessment required. For more info:
somerville.k12.ma.us/health
- Doctor's Name and Phone Number
- If your child will need to take any medicine at school or has any medical condition/concerns (such as life-threatening allergies, asthma, or a seizure disorder), additional forms will be required. For more info: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/nursing>
- 2 Emergency Contacts other than parent/guardian with Name, Relationship, Phone Number
- Email Address and Working Cell Phone Number
- **Incomplete registration applications will NOT be assigned a school.**

Unidos Dual-Language Program

Consider if you would like your child to join the Spanish/English bilingual program: Unidos!

What makes Unidos special?

Unidos is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where students develop their bilingualism, biliteracy, and gain a profound respect for their own culture as well as the culture of others.

What is the model?

In kindergarten and 1st grade, **70% of the day is taught in Spanish** and **30% is taught in English**.

In 2nd-8th grade, **50% of classes are taught in Spanish** and **50% are taught in English**.

Why Dual-language?

- Cognitive benefits
- Strong sense of identity and sociocultural awareness
- Preparation for success in global economy

How do I apply?

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

- $\frac{2}{3}$ Native Spanish speakers.
- $\frac{1}{3}$ Non-native Spanish speakers.
- Younger siblings of currently enrolled students in a Dual Language Program have preference.

Questions?

Contact:

Analiese Reigstad

*Unidos Dual Language Curriculum &
Instruction Specialist*

East Somerville Community School

areigstad@k12.somerville.ma.us

Home Language Survey

As part of registration, state and federal regulations require us to ask if your child speaks or understands a language in addition to English in order to identify their specific language needs. This information is essential in order for schools to provide meaningful instruction for all students. If a language other than English is indicated in the questionnaire, we will contact you to schedule an English language proficiency assessment. The Language assessment takes about 30 minutes and must be completed in person.



School Choice and Placement

Select your top five schools in order of preference.

Placement criteria:

1. Sibling preference, and
2. Proximity preference (to first choice of school)

Last year, 100% of families got their first choice.

We place students who require a specialized classroom separately.



Waitlist

Every effort will be made to accommodate parents' preferences within the system of priorities, according to the Somerville Public Schools Assignment Plan.

Students who are not assigned to a first choice school will be placed on the waitlist. The Enrollment Office will inform parents/guardians when a space becomes available. The waitlist is paused after November 1 and then we will be in touch with families the following spring to see if they are still interested in a change of school for the following academic year.



WAITLIST

Assignment Letter



Week of March 17, 2025:

Kindergarten Assignment letters will be emailed to families.

-For all complete applications received by Friday, February 21, 2025 by 4:00 pm, school assignments are made by a lottery built in our registration platform and developed according to our Assignment Plan.

-Your child's classroom teacher will be assigned by a Principal. You will be informed by the 3rd week of August.

2025
MARCH

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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.

**The School-based Family Liaison Team*

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

Supporting families from Birth - Adulthood

- Home Visits
- Parent Support Groups
- Playgroups
- Developmental Screenings
- Parent /Guardian Workshops
- Parent/Guardian English Classes
- School-based Family Liaisons*
- Multilingual Services
- Basic Needs and Housing Support Services
- Community-Wide Events



Elementary Schools Contacts, Main # 617-625-6600

Capuano Early Childhood Center
Principal: Felix Caraballo
Secretary: Kristen Taddeo x3600
Family Liaison: Deborah Duarte-Calorio
X3657

Albert F. Argenziano School
Principal: Glenda Soto
Secretary: Tiffany Ramkissoon x6300
Family Liaison: Telma Leitao, x6354

Benjamin G. Brown School
Principal: Christopher Ames
Secretary: Courtney Martell x6400
Family Liaison: Marla Aguirre x6415

East Somerville Community School
Principal: Berenice Mace-Diaz
Secretary: Sandy Figueiredo x3700
Family Liaison: Gisela Hernandez, x3709
and Marla Aguirre x3707

Arthur D. Healey School
Principal: Sarah Wahl
Secretary: Marie Baxter x6500
Family Liaisons: Heidi Castro and Deborah Duarte-Calorio, x6551

John F. Kennedy School
Principal: Steve Marshall
Secretary: Crystal Legaski x6600
Family Liaison: Francesca Nguyen vo Broekman, x6604

West Somerville Community School
Principal: André Pelletier
Secretary: Nana Shvelidze x6440
Family Liaison: Lee-Anne King x6451

Winter Hill Community Innovation School
Principal: Courtney Gosselin
Secretary: Nancy McWeeny x6700
Family Liaisons: MaryLou Carey-Sturniolo, Karla Cabrera x6708

Citywide Haitian Creole Speaking Liaison:
Nehemie St. Louis x611531



After School Programs that are inside SPS “Community Schools”

Online Registration Portal opens 9:30 a.m. March 18 - 28

- Care until 5:30 p.m.
 - Financial Assistance/vouchers
 - Small groups
 - Early childhood focus
 - Snack
 - Play
 - Projects
- Registration is available online and assistance is available at the Community Schools Office, 167 Holland Street, 1st floor. Please call 617-625-6600 x6970 to make an appointment. The office is open Monday – Friday 8:15 am – 4 pm.
 - If applying for financial aid, please bring appropriate documentation
 - K-5 day option only at Capuano, \$149/week
K-5 at schools other than Capuano(3 day minimum), \$149-5 days, \$139-4 days, \$119-3 days

Community Schools Registration

Registration is online at <https://www.ezchildtrack.com/parentportal/?c=CSAfterschool>. Information will be available at Community Schools main office, all elementary schools, and on the Somerville Public Schools website.

Financial assistance is available for families that qualify. The scale is expanded to fit the needs of the community. Financial Aid applications are available at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/afterschool and in EZChildtrack, and must be submitted to Community Schools office.

For more information, please visit the Community Schools, 8:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
167 Holland St., Room 132, Somerville, MA 02145.

Phone: 617-625-6600 x6970

Website: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/afterschool

Outside of SPS After School Options - YMCA



K Out-of-School Time Program!

Program Days & Hours of Operation:

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri pick up at 2:35pm and closes at 6pm. Wednesdays pick up at 1pm for K+ and close at 6pm

Vacations weeks (December, February, April and summer) open from 7:45am-5:45 pm

For information on rates, please see the details listed on the website.

Transportation provided from the following

Pre-K schools:

- Prospect Hill Charter Academy
- Capuano
- East Somerville
- Argenziano

Program Location:

97 Highland Avenue (next to the YMCA)

Program Ages:

5-6 years

Vouchers and Contracts accepted. Sliding fee scale available for all families.

These Programs are currently FULL for 2024-2025 but you may complete and send your registration packet to be put on the waitlist.

To register for 2025-2026, see website in March 2025 to complete application.

<https://somervilleymca.org/programs/child-care/pre-k-kindergarten-out-of-school-time-interest-form/#>

Outside of SPS - Mystic Learning Center

Kindergarten Program designed to expand interests and horizons and to develop positive attitudes toward others

Age: Youth ages 5-13 (or up to 16 with special needs)

For information on rates, please see the details listed on the website.

Times: M,T,Th,F, 2:30 to 5:30pm.

On early release days, the program opens at 12:00pm.

The MLC does not offer any vehicle or bus transportation to and from our programs. Offer **walking transportation** from the Healey School and Winter Hill School.

Vouchers are accepted. <https://mysticlearningcenter.org/join-the-mlc>

To enroll for September 2025 year, you can apply in May 2025.



Outside of SPS - Elizabeth Peabody House

Afterschool

Students Ages 5 (attending kindergarten) -12 years old

Times:

Monday-Friday 2:30-5:30pm

Wednesdays 12:00-5:30pm

For information on rates, please see the details listed on the website.

Ongoing Enrollment Period. For year 2025-2026 you can submit application any time and specify date of service to begin September 2025. Best to apply several months before your desired start date of enrollment. Vacancies are limited.

This program is currently full for 2024-2025 but you can submit the application and request to be placed on the waiting list.

<https://www.teph.org/prospective-families-school-age/>

Vouchers and DCFs accepted



Additional Programs

Please visit the **Somerville Hub Connect** to find other opportunities in the area:

[Afterschool Child Care Program Folder | Somerville Hub Connect \(findhelp.com\)](#)

For further support, please contact Estefany Ramos Parada
Youth and Family Resources Navigator
eparada@somervillema.gov
Cell: 781-296-2278
Office: 617-625-6600 x 2346



Getting Ready for School All Year Long

Social-Emotional Learning Readiness

- Practice self-help skills such as:
 - Toileting
 - Handwashing
 - Zipping and unbuttoning
 - Getting dressed
 - Opening snack containers
- Aim for 10–12 hours of sleep and a consistent bedtime routineSet regular times for meals
- Visit the doctor and dentist regularly and get vision and hearing checked
- Visit the school and playground
- Set up playdates



Getting Ready for School All Year Long

Academic Readiness

- Read aloud 15 minutes a day
- Help your child to recognize or write their first name
- Count objects from 1–10
- Attend PK/K Orientation Day before school begins!



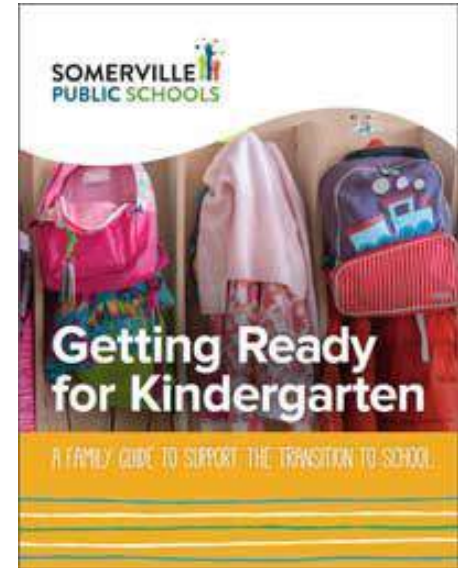
Getting Ready for School in the Spring

Explore our multilingual guide “Getting Ready For Kindergarten – A Family Guide to Support the Transition to School”

[Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#) | [Preparándonos para kindergarten!](#)
| [Preparando-se para o Jardim de Infância!](#) | [Preparasyon ou
Jadendanfan!](#)

In this guide, you will find:

- Key information about Somerville Public Schools kindergarten classrooms
- The people who support your child’s educational journey
- Ideas to help your child get ready for kindergarten
- Ways to be active in supporting your child’s success
- Somerville Public Schools contact information





Please email for information, support, or to schedule an appointment
enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us

617-629-5670

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to
the Somerville Public Schools!