



*How  
are you  
feeling  
today?*



**SOMERVILLE**   
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# Welcome to Prekindergarten (PK)!

# Agenda

We will talk about:

- Who We Are
- Our Schools
- Curriculum
- Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC)
- Community Schools and Other After School Options
- Registration
- Getting Ready for School

# Who We Are



# Somerville Early Education & Care Department

## Our Commitment

We are committed to ensuring that all children have access to interesting, high-quality learning experiences where they can play, learn, grow, and be part of the community.



# Our Mixed Delivery System

*The public schools are part of an integrated, mixed-delivery approach aligning quality learning opportunities and wraparound services for young children in Somerville.*

## **SPS Preschool Programs:**

General Education Prekindergarten

Special Education Programs

- Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP)
- AIM (Adapt, Include, Motivate)



**Outside of Somerville Public School - Somerville Partnership for Young Children Partners:** Bigelow Cooperative Daycare Center, Dandelion Montessori, Elizabeth Peabody House, Head Start, Kingdom Rock Children's Center, Open Center for Children, Pooh & Friends Learning Center, Somerville Child Care Center, Tree House Academy

# Somerville Prekindergarten Classrooms

Prekindergarten takes place the year before kindergarten and prepares children to enter kindergarten fostering school success.



# Our Prekindergarten Classrooms

**Albert F. Argenziano School PK–8, 1 PK Classroom**

**Capuano Early Childhood Center PK, 6 PK Classrooms**

**East Somerville Community School PK–8, 1 Sonrisa PK Classroom**  
(Spanish Heritage Delivered in 80% Spanish and 20% English)

**Arthur D. Healey School PK–8, 1 PK Classroom**

**John F. Kennedy School PK–8, 1 PK Classroom**

**West Somerville Neighborhood School PK–8, 1 PK Classroom**

**Winter Hill Community Innovation School PK–8, 1 PK Classroom**



# SONRISA



UN PROGRAMA DE PREKINDER BILINGÜE PARA HISPANOHABLANTES  
A BILINGUAL PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR SPANISH HERITAGE SPEAKERS

## ¿PARA QUIEN ES SONRISA?

- Estudiantes que cumplirán 4 años el 31 de agosto
- Estudiantes con ascendencia del idioma español
- Residentes de Somerville

## WHO IS SONRISA FOR?

- Students who will be 4 years-old by August 31st
- Students with Spanish heritage
- Somerville residents



## ¿CÓMO APRENDERÁN LOS NIÑOS?

Los estudiantes aprenderán en español el 80% del día escolar, y en inglés el 20% del día. Los estudiantes desarrollarán habilidades de alfabetización, académicas y sociales para estar listos para kindergarten. Sonrisa sigue el mismo currículo que otras aulas de prekínder de las Escuelas públicas de Somerville.

## HOW WILL KIDS LEARN?

Students will learn in Spanish for 80% of their school day and in English for the remaining 20% of the time. Students will develop literacy, academic, and social skills to become ready for kindergarten. Sonrisa follows the same curriculum as other prekindergarten classrooms in Somerville Public Schools.

## ¿POR QUÉ SONRISA?

Cuando se afirma la herencia cultural de un estudiante, un estudiante puede sentirse cómodo en diferentes culturas e idiomas. ¡Ser multilingüe ayuda a los estudiantes a desarrollar confianza y desempeñarse mejor tanto dentro como fuera de la escuela!

## WHY SONRISA?

When a student's cultural heritage is affirmed, a student can become comfortable in different cultures and languages. Being multilingual helps students build confidence and perform better both in and outside of school!

## ¿QUÉ PASA DESPUÉS DE LA ESCUELA?

Puede solicitar el cuidado después de la escuela, que está disponible hasta las 5:30 p. m. Hay tarifas y capacidad limitada. Asistencia de matrícula disponible.

## WHAT ABOUT AFTERSCHOOL?

You can apply for afterschool care, which is available until 5:30pm. There are fees and limited capacity. Tuition assistance available.

Para inscribirse en las Community Schools, vaya aquí

To enroll in Community Schools, go here: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/afterschool>



## INFORMACION DE LA ESCUELA / SCHOOL INFORMATION

Arthur D. Healey School @ 5 Meacham Street, Somerville, MA  
Lunes - Viernes / Monday - Friday, 8:45 am - 1:45 pm

## ¿CÓMO INSCRIBO A MI HIJO?

llame o envíe un correo electrónico para hacer una cita:  
617-629-5670 o [enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us)  
Horario de oficina: Lunes - Viernes, 8AM - 4PM

Oficina de Matrículas: 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145  
<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/preschool>

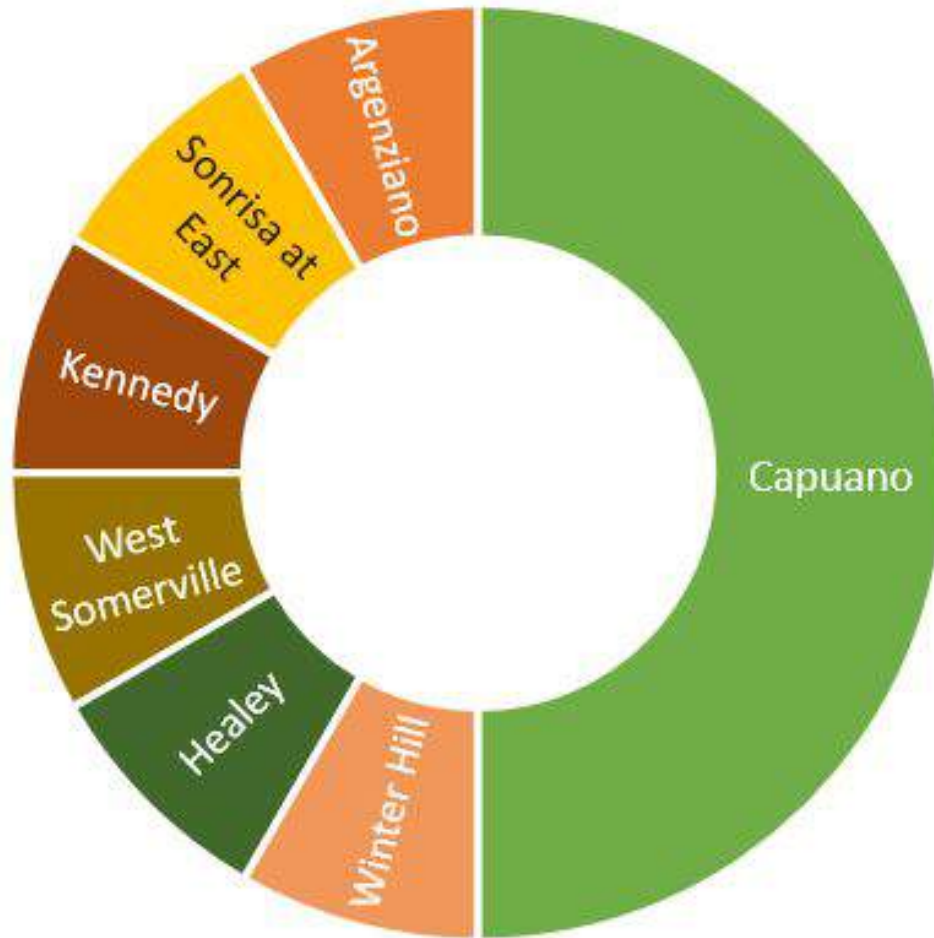


# Sonrisa: un Programa de Prekinder Bilingüe para Hispanohablantes

This program is located at the East Somerville Community School at 50 Cross Street.



# General Education PK Classrooms



# Prekindergarten Curriculum



# A Sample PK Day

- 8:15–8:45 a.m. Free Breakfast
- Arrival Routines and Morning Meeting start at 8:45 am
- Read Aloud
- Choice Time
- Lunch
- Recess
- Mindfulness/Quiet Time
- Snack
- Literacy/Math Centers
- Closing Meeting
- 1:45 p.m. Dismissal



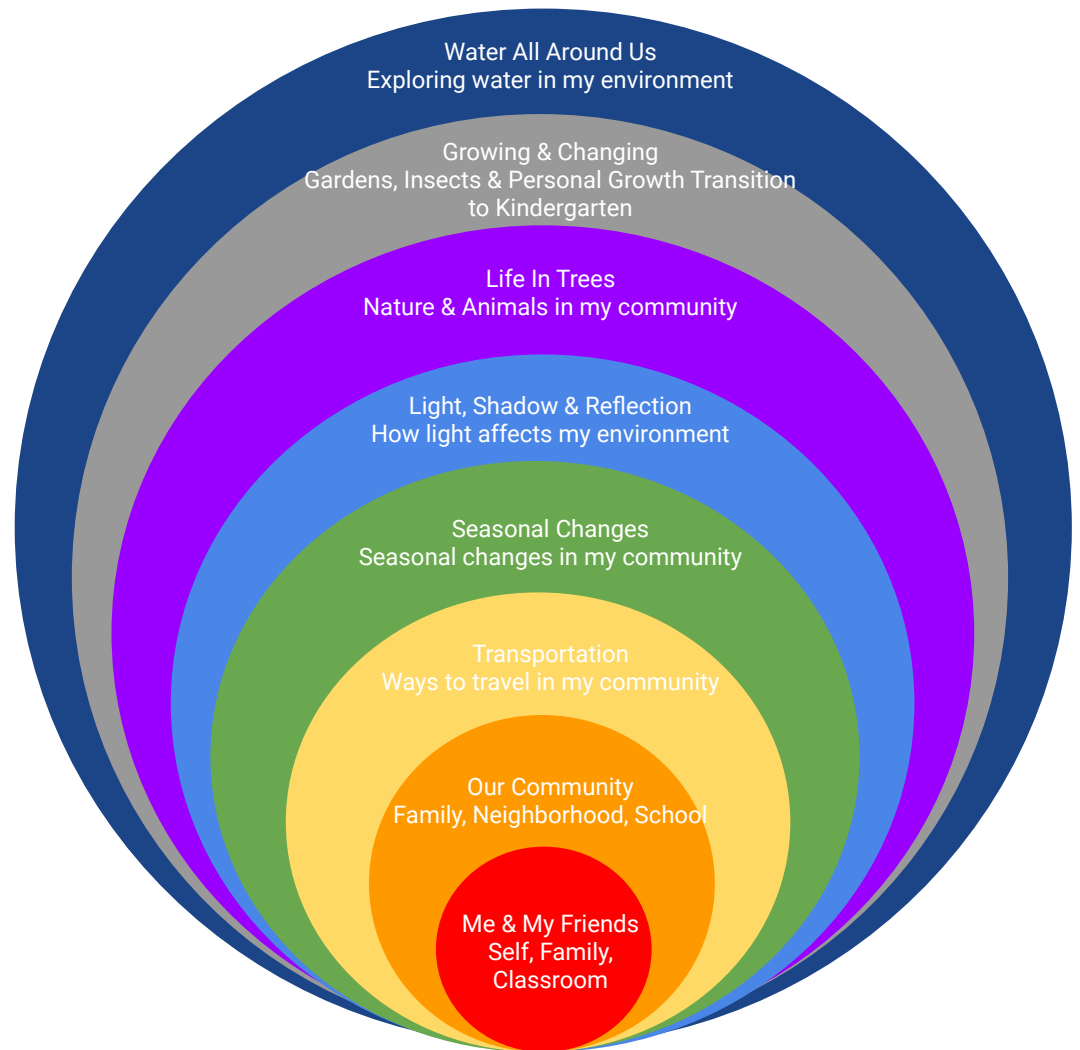
# SEE Every Child Teaching & Learning Framework



- Comprehensive, teacher developed
- Best practices
- Play-based
- Thematic and multidisciplinary
- Integrated anti-racist approach







# Big Ideas

- Thematic units throughout the year
- Centered around student interests, knowledge, and questions
- Incorporates Math and Literacy within a Big Idea unit
- Integrated with Project Approach



# Social-Emotional Learning

Strong social-emotional skills support academic success, positive behavior, and healthier life choices.

Fair Ways to Play	How to Calm Down
<p>Play together</p> 	<p>Put your hands on your tummy. Say "Stop."</p> 
<p>Trade</p> 	<p>Name your feeling.</p> 
<p>Take turns</p> 	<p>Take belly breaths.</p> 

# 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.

## *\*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 to 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 Wraparound Services
- Educational Forums
- Community-wide Events



# Elementary Schools Contacts

## Main Phone Number 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 Ramkisson 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 x6708 and Karla Cabrera x6766

**City-wide Haitian Creole Speaking Liaison:**  
Nehemie St. Louis x611531



## School Based Family & Community Liaisons

# Afterschool Programming

# After School Programs - Inside Somerville Public Schools Community Schools

**Online Registration March 18 at 9:30 am – March 28**

- Care until 5:30 p.m.
  - Financial assistance/vouchers
  - Small groups
  - Early childhood focus
  - Snack
  - Play
  - Projects
- Registration is available [online](#) and assistance for any grade is available at the Community Schools Office, 167 Holland St., 1st floor. Please call 617-625-6600 x6970 with any questions or to make an appointment. The office is open Monday–Friday 8:15 a.m.–4 p.m. and the last appointment starts at 3 p.m.
  - Tuition: PK is a 5-day option only, \$159/week
  - Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Families are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/afterschool](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/afterschool), or please call 617-625-6600 x6970 for assistance. Completed financial assistance applications should be returned to Adriana Guereque at [aguereque@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:aguereque@k12.somerville.ma.us) or at 167 Holland Street, Room 132.

# Community Schools Registration

Registration is online at

<https://www.ezchildtrack.com/parentportal/?c=CSAfterschool>.

Information will be available at the 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](http://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 office, 8:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Monday–Friday, 167 Holland St., 1st floor, Somerville, MA 02144.

Phone: 617-625-6600 x6970

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

# Outside of Somerville Public Schools - YMCA



## PRE-K OUT-OF-TIME PROGRAM!

### Days & Hours of Operation:

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri picks up at the schools at 1:45

Wednesdays pick up at 12pm

Vacations weeks (December, February, April and summer) open from

7:45am-5:45 pm

### Location:

97 Highland Avenue (next to the YMCA)

### Ages:

4 - 5 year

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

*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://somerillymca.org/programs/cild-care/pre-k-kindergarten-out-of-school-time-interest-form/#>

# Additional After-school 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](mailto:eparada@somervillema.gov)*

Cell: 781-296-2278

Office: 617-625-6600 x 2346



# Prekindergarten Registration





## **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 prekinder - 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 lekòl 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)

# Support for Enrollment

Parents/guardians can enroll online as of January 3, 2025.  
(There is no advantage to enroll on the first day, just submit a completed registration by 4 pm on February 21 )

**To make an appointment for in-person enrollment support, please call 617-629-5670 or email [enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us)**

## **Enrollment Office**

**167 Holland St., 3rd floor, Somerville, MA 02144**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8 am to 4 pm

Last appointment at 3 pm

Closed Tuesday from 9- 10:30 am & Fridays from 12 - 1 pm

# Registration Documents

Online **Registration begins January 3, 2025**

Please visit <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/preschool>

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 (physical within one calendar year of entry to school) provided by your child's doctor's office, immunization record, and lead test. [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/RegistrationHealth](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/RegistrationHealth)
- Doctor's name and telephone number
- If your child will need to take medication at school or has a medical condition, additional forms are required. More info: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/medications>
- 2 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
  - For more info: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/enrollment-office>
- 2 emergency contacts other than parent/guardian, and their full name, relationship, and telephone number
- Your email address
- Your cell phone number

Parents/guardians who need information, online registration support, or to schedule an appointment may call the Enrollment Office at 617-629-5670 or email [enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us).

# Important PK Registration Dates

Activity	Dates
Tours/Open Houses at all Somerville PK–8 Public Schools	9 am, 10 am, 11 am and 12 pm on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Friday, December 6</li><li>● Thursday, January 9</li><li>● Thursday, January 30</li></ul> (snow date if needed on Friday, January 31)
PK Registration Online and with support at the Enrollment Office <a href="mailto:enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us">enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us</a> or call 617-629-5670	Register between January 3 and February 21, 2025 to be part of the first round of school assignments.
School Assignment emails sent to families	Week of March 17, 2025
Community Schools application period	Opens Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 am & closes on Friday, March 28
Community Schools emails with status	Early May 2025
Orientations at schools, small-group meetings with teachers	August/September 2025

# Getting Ready for School

Preparing children for success



# Getting Ready for School

## 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 routine
- Set 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

## 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 Orientation Day before school begins!



# Questions?



Questions about curriculum or classrooms - Kathleen Bailer, Director of Early Education & Care

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

Questions about the enrollment process

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



# Staying Connected

- Somerville Public Schools Website

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

*Links to programs for children and families*

- Somerville Hub – Supports and Resources for Families

[www.somervillehub.org](http://www.somervillehub.org)

