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Selecting a Preschool

A Guide to Preschool and Playschool Options in
Hingham and Surrounding Towns

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Introduction

The HNC "Selecting a Preschool" survey is intended to help you as you research and evaluate the variety of preschool options available in Hingham and surrounding communities to find the best fit for you and your child. In the survey, we have summarized pertinent information about programs in Hingham and nearby. Don't panic! There are generally enough spaces to go around. Many families apply to multiple schools. All schools maintain waiting lists. It may take some time to shake out, but ultimately most families are offered a space in a desired program by June, or even as late as August.

This survey is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the preschools in the area. While it is fairly comprehensive in listing the Hingham preschools, many preschools in surrounding towns chose not to be included, and there are many other quality programs that have served Hingham residents in the past. Ask around; you may find the best match for you and your child through word-of-mouth.

We hope that the survey will answer many of your questions. We encourage you to visit the schools. Most schools schedule open house sessions which offer an opportunity to meet the director, teachers and parents, listen to presentations on the school philosophy and programs, ask questions and see the space. Many schools also welcome visits with your child so that the child may see and respond to the space. It is helpful to see the classrooms in daylight and under conditions of routine activity. The visits must be scheduled to avoid disrupting ongoing classes.

All the schools are dedicated to supporting a positive first school experience for our children. Remember, the most important consideration in this process is to find a program that is a good fit for your child and your family. Everyone's needs vary. For example, although you may like the idea of a cooperative school, if both parents have inflexible work hours, it may be hard to fulfill the parent helping commitments. In addition to the facts and figures that differentiate the schools, there are many intangibles. It helps to visit the schools and to talk with parents of current students. The schools will be able to furnish parental references upon request.

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School Format/Philosophy

Montessori: The Montessori program is based on an education philosophy developed by Maria Montessori. Montessori programs are typically five day per week, multi-age formats.

Traditional: Traditional preschool programs are semi-structured, offering children encouragement and choices based on their interests and abilities.

Cooperative: Cooperative preschools are similar to traditional learning formats with an emphasis on positive social interaction and flexible, experienced-based learning. In addition, parents are required to be actively involved in all aspects of the cooperative schools, from helping in the classroom monthly to serving on the board.

Integrated: Hingham Public School Integrated Preschool is an integrated program for typically developing children and those with special needs.

Daycare: Many of the traditional daycare centers in the area also offer preschools. Several of the preschools within the survey do have daycare options for infants through preschool. Further, these schools have extended day options offering parents flexibility with their schedules.

Playschool: Playschool programs provide a first "school" experience to children for 1 or more days per week.

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Age Eligibility

A child must be five years old before September 1 of a given school year to be eligible for Kindergarten in the Hingham Public School system. Many preschool programs are structured as two year programs to prepare children for Kindergarten, and therefore require that applicants be three years old before September 1.

Within the survey, the schools have identified whether they accept students younger than Age 3 and whether they have a toddler program.

Application Process

All schools give priority in the registration process to returning students and siblings of present and past students. After determining how many openings are available, registration is open to new students. Most Hingham schools prioritize Hingham residents. Some enroll on a first-come, first served basis and others through a lottery or drawing in which all applications are treated as though they are received on the same day and then drawn by chance to fill open places. The same process builds waiting lists.

Number of Days per Week

There is a strong probability that at schools with both 2-day and 3-day options, most openings available to families not already in the system for three year olds will be in a two-morning program. If you think your child is ready for more time in school, ask to see if there is an option to create a third day through Extended Day programs at some of the schools.

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Common Concerns

Toilet Training: The law in Massachusetts requires preschools to accept children regardless of whether they are toilet trained. If you are close, but having minor difficulty, most schools will be willing to work with you to accomplish your goal. Call them early for suggestions. Ask your friends and family for advice. Many of us have struggled; you are not alone. On the flip side, if your child is not toilet trained by the time you are shopping for preschools, it pays to ask questions when you visit the schools. There are no safe assumptions about toilet training, even if your child will be one of the oldest in his/her class. Some schools will hold the student's slot open but not allow the student to attend class in diapers or pull-ups; others will allow the student to attend, but may call the parents to change a diaper if necessary.

Allergies: All schools are required to have health policies and procedures per the Office for Child Care Services and other licensing/accreditation authorities. Many have first-hand experience in dealing with allergies, including potentially life-threatening reactions to peanuts, bee stings and other allergens. Note that if your child has not yet tried certain foods or been stung by a bee, you may not know if you will be affected. Even if your child has no allergies, a school's policy may require you to make modifications in what your child eats at school or brings for a snack. Ask when you call or visit the schools, and make sure you are completely comfortable with the school's policy and how it could affect you and your child.

Twins-or-More! Most, if not all, schools have priority placement for twins or more. If one sibling is admitted, all others will be placed.

Affiliations: Although some schools are physically located in local churches, most operate independently.

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Questions You May Want to Ask at Open Houses/Visits

- What sets your school apart from other preschools? What makes your program unique?
- What is the teacher turnover, and what are the staff qualifications?
- How is the staff/parent interaction facilitated? How do you learn about a child's day or progress? Is there a memo board? What are the opportunities for parent involvement?
- What is the school's philosophy and level of structure, and what is the approach to discipline?
- How much emphasis is put on academics in the curriculum, and how much on social development?
- What is the school population? How many children per class and what is the gender balance?
- What is the cost?
- How are sensitive issues (eg. Faith, death, bias, etc) handled at school?
- Are snacks or food shared? If a child in the class has a known food allergy, are those foods allowed in the classroom?
- Can you observe a class in session (both prior to registration and/or once the child is enrolled and in session?)
- Is there a class list available in advance? It is nice to know in advance who will be in your class in order to arrange summer playdates to ease the transition into that important first school experience.

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Schools Included in this Survey

Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard
Circle Time / Write Time
Derby Academy
Dolly's Nursery School
First Friends
Hingham Nursery School
Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool
Inly School
JCC Early Learning Center
Kids In Action - Hingham Public Schools
Miss Donna's Place
The New Nursery School
Old Colony Montessori School
Pre-School Playmates
The Ridge Hill School of Norwell
Saint Paul School
Seaside Montessori
South Shore Conservatory of Music
Su Escuela Language Academy
Sweet Relief
Wilder Memorial Nursery School

School Name	Age as of Sept 1	Days of Week	Times	Application Dates	Location
Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard	2.9	Up to 5 days	7:00-6:00 (part time available)	Rolling admissions	Shipyard
Circle Time / Write Time	2	1, 2 or 3	8:30-12:00, 12:30-4:00	Registration opens in Jan	Crow Point
Derby Academy	4	5 days	8:00-12:00	Rolling admissions	Downtown Hingham
Dolly's Nursery School	2.9	2, 3, or 5 days	9:00-11:30, 12:30-3:00, 9:00-3:00	Registration opens 12/1/16	East Hingham
First Friends Family Childcare	18 months	2 day minimum	8:30-11:30	Currently accepting	Crow Point
Hingham Nursery School	3	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:45-11:45, 8:30-1:30	Due 3/1/17	South Hingham
Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool	3	2, 3, or 4 days	8:50-11:20, 12:20-2:50	Due 2/10/17	East Hingham
Inly School	18 months	2, 3, or 5 days	8:30-11:30, 8:30-3:00	Due 1/20/17	Sctuate
JCC Early Learning Center	15 months	Up to 5 days	9:00-1:00, 9:00-2:00	Currently accepting	South Hingham
Kids In Action - Hingham Public Schools	4	5 days	8:30-11:30, 8:30-1:00	Registration opens in Jan	East Hingham
Miss Donna's Place	2.5	1, 2, 3, or 4 days	9:00-11:45, 12:00-2:30	Rolling admissions	South Hingham
The New Nursery School	2	2, 3, or 4 days	9:00-11:30, 12:30-3:00, 9:00-2:00	Due Jan 2017	Norwell
Old Colony Montessori School	2.9	2, 3, or 5 days	8:30-11:30, 8:30-3:00	Rolling admissions	South Hingham
Pre-School Playmates	2.9	Up to 5 days	9:00-1:00, 7:00-5:30	1/7/17	South Hingham
The Ridge Hill School of Norwell	2.9	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:30-12:15, 12:45-4:30, 7:30-5:00	Currently accepting	Norwell
Saint Paul School	3	3 or 5 days	8:20-12:30, 8:20-2:20	Rolling admissions	Downtown Hingham
Seaside Montessori	2.9	3, 4, or 5 days	9:00-12:00, 12:15-3:15, 9:00-3:15	Due 3/1/17	Hull
South Shore Conservatory of Music	2.9	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	9:00-12:00, 12:00-3:30, 9:00-2:30	Rolling admissions	West Hingham
Su Escuela Language Academy	3 months	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:45-11:30, 8:45-1:00, 8:45-3:00	Due 3/18/17	Shipyard adjacent
Sweet Relief Nursery and Preschool	20 months	2 day minimum	8:30-12:00, 12:00-3:30	Rolling admissions	Cohasset
Wildier Memorial Nursery School	3	2, 3, 4, or 5 days	8:30-11:30, 12:30-3:30	Due 2/28/17	South Hingham

Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard

School/Center:	Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard
Contact Information:	Address: 168 Shipyard Drive, Hingham
Email: hing@brighthorizons.com	
Contact: Christine Rockett	
Website: www.brighthorizons.com/hingham	
Please provide a description of your program:	Preschool, we also provide care for infants, toddlers, preschool, and Kindergarten Prep.
Please provide a description of your facilities	We are a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) registered center located at 168 Shipyard Drive in Hingham. Bright Horizons offers Infant, Toddler, Preschool, and Kindergarten-Prep programs. Our professionally trained and committed teachers provide children with quality, consistent care and education.
	The majority of our staff has their Bachelors or Masters degrees in education or related fields. While others are working towards obtaining their degrees.
	We encourage dialogue with you about your child and welcome your participation in the center through parent partnership meetings, special family fun events, parent conferences, online children portfolios, and parent workshops.
	Enrichment Programs and Spaces: Movement Matters Zone - custom-designed enrichment space and equipment to support our Movement Matters program, including a rock climbing wall Art Studio and program, Music, Cooking, Gardening and StartSmart computer stations
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Hours of Operation: M-F: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	We have part time (0-6 hours), full time (6-9 hours) and extended schedules (9 hours +)
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	New tuition amount for 2017 will be available in December 2016.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	Our Preschool class size is up to 20 children per classroom
# of Teachers	Our Preschool classrooms have two teachers per room.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old
What is your toilet training policy?	Children will be toilet trained in accordance with the requests of their parents/guardians and in a manner that is consistent with the child's physical and emotional abilities. All children are required to have a complete extra set of weather-appropriate clothing in the Center at all times.

Bright Horizons at the Hingham Shipyard

<p>What is your food allergy policy?</p>	<p>Our center is 100% NUT FREE, Parents/guardians should notify the center/school regarding any food or environmental allergies that their children have. When children with food or other allergies attend the center/school, each child with an allergy should have a care plan on file completed by the child's physician, which should include: _Written instructions regarding the food(s) or substance(s) the child is allergic to and steps that need to be taken to avoid this item(s) and a detailed treatment plan to be implemented in the event of an allergic reaction, including the names, doses, and methods of administration of any medications that the child should receive in the event of a reaction._The plan should include specific symptoms that would indicate the need to administer one or more medications; The plan should be signed by the medical provider, parent/guardian, center/school management, and child's caregiver(s).</p>
<p>Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.</p>	<p>We are licensed and NAEYC accredited.</p>
<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>Whether you are a new or returning family, we are thrilled to welcome you and excited to have this opportunity to provide your child with the highest quality education and care. As a part of the enrollment process, Bright Horizons is required to obtain additional information about your family. Many of the forms are available on this website and will need to either be completed and brought to your child's intake meeting or updated before pre-registration. All forms are available for download using Adobe Acrobat software. Adobe Reader 8 or higher will also allow you to complete the forms online and save a completed copy for your files. To get started, select the state in which your child will be receiving care. Your center director can answer any questions you may have as well as provide any additional forms that may need to be completed.</p>
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>No deadlines. We will fill to capacity and then prospective students would be put onto a wait list.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>\$150.00 registration fee</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>We will often bring in outside specialists to supplement the learning experience</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>7:00-8:45 (drop off/small group activities/Growing Readers)</p>
	<p>8:45-9:15 (morning snack)</p>
	<p>9:15-10:15 (small group reading/Weekly Reader, morning circle time)</p>
	<p>10:15-10:55 (playground/outside activities)</p>
	<p>10:55-11:25 (enrichment programs: Spanish, movement, cooking, garden, music)</p>
	<p>11:25- 11:55 (center projects- Handwriting Without Tears, Everyday Math, Shared Reading)_</p>

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	11:55-12:05 (show and tell)
	12:05-1:00 (question of the day and lunch/family style dining)
	1:00-3:00 (rest, journaling, and reading)
	3:00-3:30 (afternoon snack)
	3:30- 4:00 (free play/centers/individual activities)
	4:00-4:45 (playground/outside activities)
	4:45-6:00 (pick up, small group activities)
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	<p>Bright Horizons philosophy consistently emphasizes basic respect for the individual child. Young children are striving for understanding, independence, and self-control. Children learn by exploring, experimenting and testing the limits of their environment and experiencing the consequences of their behavior. In this way, they begin to understand how the world works, their own limits, and appropriate assertiveness. Children learn self-control and how the world works in a relaxed, positive atmosphere of support and understanding that recognizes the child's struggle. Adults should view discipline as an important aspect of teaching and learning, but accept children as they are. Development is viewed as a growth process, with each age and stage having its own characteristics, its own challenges and needs. Through positive guidance of behavior and modeling, the staff helps children to feel good about themselves and to behave in responsible ways.</p>

Circle Time/Write Time

School/Center:	Circle Time / Write Time
Contact Information:	Address: 50 Kimball Beach Rd, Hingham Email: c6chittick@verizon.net Phone: 781-749-6194 Contact: Joan Chittick
Please provide a description of your program	Morning Session – Playschool 2 and 3 yr old Afternoon Session – Academic Enrichment in Handwriting, Beginner Math and Phonics 4yr
Please provide a description of your facilities	The Circle Time classroom area is an attached structure to my home located Crow Point. It is designate as a classroom-only space, with its own separate entrance, storage, workroom, play and bathroom facilities. The interior and exterior meet and exceed all the necessary occupancy and safety codes set by the State of Mass for preschools.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	<u>Circle Time</u> 8:30 to 12:00 2 year olds, Tues/Thurs 3 year olds, Mon/Wed/Fri <u>Write Time</u> 12:30 to 4:00 Afternoon sessions
Do you have an extended day option?	No
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Not applicable
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp?	No
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	We offer a supplemental, afternoon program to reinforce the Hingham Public School Kindergarten handwriting program.
Tuition for 2017/2018	\$4,500 for 2 mornings \$6,750 for 3 mornings \$2,225 for afternoon Program (one day)
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	No more than 6
# of Teachers	1 lead teacher
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years old for 2 year old program 3 year old for 3 year old program 4 years old for afternoon program

Class Size	No more than 6
# of Teachers	1 lead teacher
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years old for morning program 4 years old for afternoon program
What is your toilet training policy?	We will work with families to move their child through the toilet training process no matter the stage the child is in.
What is your food allergy policy?	We will work with families to provide a safe environment for their child, prohibiting any food that may present a health issue.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	I am licensed by the State of Mass Division of Early Education and Care. My licensed is reviewed every three years. I was successfully re-licensed in Sept. of 2012.

Circle Time/Write Time

<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>I have a 3 tier process that begins with re-enrolling current students first. I will then reach out to siblings of past Circle Time clients followed by my wait list. Interested potential new clients should reach out to me via email at c6chittick@verizon.net in order to start the enrollment conversation.</p>
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>I start the first tier of the enrollment process in early January.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>There is no application fee. During the enrollment process clients pay the first month's tuition in full which then secures the child's spot for the year.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>We have occasional visitors to the classroom. For Example: A retired science teacher whose hobby is organic gardening works with the children on science and gardening related projects. He helped the children install an outdoor classroom garden and with our science projects. We have a very friendly/gentle/old Jack Russell that visits at the beginning of the year when the children are working on a D is for Dog unit. He continues to visit periodically. We affectionately call Rexie the Circle Time mascot!</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p><u>Circle Time - Morning Session</u> 8:30 - 8:40 Arrival, Check-in and Hand washing 8:45 - 9:15 Free Play, Socialization and Small Group Instruction 9:15 - 9:35 Mat Time - Reading of Curriculum based books, Songs and Finger Play 9:45 - Snack - Fruit and Yogurt, Vegetables and Hummus etc (provided by Circle Time) 10:00 Teacher Assisted Art Project related to a weekly Alphabet, Color or Number Unit. 10:30 Clean Up followed by Music, Dance and Yoga 11:00 Mat Time - Alphabet Exploration, Learning the Letters in Our Name. Weather Board, Counting with Manipulatives 11:20 -12:00 Set up for Lunch (parent provides), Outdoor Exercise followed by Dismissal</p> <p><u>Write Time – Afternoon Session</u> 12:30 - 12:40 Arrival, Check-in and Hand washing 12:40 – 1:00 Set up for Lunch (parent provides), 1:00 -1:20 Math Time - Introduction of Math concept and practice of concept 1:30 -3:15 Individual Instruction (1 on 1) in Alphabet Recognition, Phonetics and Handwriting Skills. Small Group/Teacher Assisted Art Project related to letter of the week. 3:15- 3:40 Story and Calendar Activity 3:40 -4:00 Snack - Fruit and Yogurt, Vegetables and Hummus etc (provided by Circle Time) Outdoor Exercise followed by Dismissal</p>

Derby Academy

School/Center:	Derby Academy
Contact Information	Address: 56 Burditt Avenue, Hingham Email: ncarnes@derbyacademy.org Phone: 781-749-0746, ext. 130 Contact: Nicole Carnes Website: www.derbyacademy.org
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8
Please provide a description of your facilities	Derby's unique Primary School program offers full and half day instruction in Pre-Kindergarten and full-day instruction in Kindergarten. Each grade level is led by two well-qualified, experienced teachers who are supported by specialist teachers in the arts, physical education and Spanish. Both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten benefit from two well-equipped classrooms and share specialist facilities scaled for younger learners. A dedicated outdoor playground space and a children's garden add to the extensive educational facilities, providing students with ample room to learn and explore.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes. (For example: Morning Session 9am - 12noon, Afternoon Session 1pm - 4pm)	Pre-Kindergarten is a 5 day program - Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 12:00, and Fridays 8:00 to 1:10. Optional Enrichment Program Monday through Thursday afternoons from 12:00 to 3:10. Kindergarten is Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 3:10, and Fridays 8:00 to 1:10.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes. See Pre-K schedule above. There is also an afterschool program available until 6:00.
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Afterschool Adventures is offered from 3:10 until 6:00 Mon through Thurs., and Extended Day from 1:10 until 3:30 is offered on Fridays. We also offer afterschool instrumental lessons in Grades 1-8. All of these options are open to the public, not just Derby students.

Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program. (If you do not offer, please state not applicable and proceed to the next question).	Yes, we offer an arts based summer program for children ages 3 to 15, as well as a variety of one week specialty camps.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes, please see schedule above.
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Current tuition: Pre-K 5 half days: \$10,350. 4 full days & ½ day Friday: \$18,850. 2 full days & 3 half days: \$14,885. Kindergarten: \$23,455.
Is there financial aid available?	Yes—we award over \$1million in financial aid each year. All awards are needs based.
Class Size	Prekindergarten - up to 18 children with 2 lead teachers and assistant. Kindergarten - up to 24 children with 2 lead teachers and an assistant. Although we have one Pre-K class and one Kindergarten class, both grades have two large classrooms.
# of Teachers	2 lead teachers plus an assistant

Derby Academy

Minimum Age by Sept 1	4 years old for Pre-K 5 years old for K
What is your toilet training policy?	Children must be toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a nut aware school. We also have a full time nurse on staff to help with all health needs, including any and all food allergies.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are AISNE (Association for Independent Schools of New England) accredited.

Please describe the application process for your school.	In addition to the application and a parent questionnaire, parents are also asked to come in for a tour and a conversation. The children come for a group play-date. We also ask for a form to be completed by a current preschool teacher if applicable.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Pre-Kindergarten applications are accepted on a rolling basis beginning in September. Kindergarten applications are due by February 2 nd .
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 registration fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	We adhere to the principles and strategies of the Responsive Classroom to form the scaffolding of our social curriculum. Teachers model appropriate language, facilitate negotiation and support the resolution of differences directly and constructively, and the teachers play an essential role by helping each child look beyond him or herself, see another point of view and put words or actions into a bigger context. These learned skills develop independent thinking and a child's growing appreciation for the nuances in social connections with peers and adults alike. By providing a physically and emotionally safe environment with consistent rules and expectations and predictable daily requirements and routines, children feel comfortable and confident throughout the school day.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	Students have specialists in art, library, music, Spanish and physical education. We have field trips in Kindergarten related to the area of study.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	Morning meeting, Literacy, Special (art or music, etc.), snack/recess, book look, journal writing, lunch/recess, rest/story, IPC (International Primary Curriculum), projects, clean up, story and reflections.

Dolly's Nursery School

School/Center:	Dolly's Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 14 Pine Street, Hingham Contact: Kevin Battista Email: kev4213@gmail.com Phone: 781-749-4213 Website: www.dollysnurserieschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities	Our center has three activity areas: Our classroom, Music Room and Big Room. Classes are divided into three groups and the groups rotate rooms every forty-five minutes in the morning session and again in the afternoon session. Our outdoor playground has three tube slides, a sailboat, an ice cream house and a riding patio. Our play area is turfed and padded for safety.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes. (For example: Morning Session 9am - 12noon, Afternoon Session 1pm - 4pm)	Morning session: 9am to 11:30am. Afternoon session: 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Full Days: 9:00am to 3:00pm. Extended Days: 7:00am to 6:00pm. Lunch Bunch: 9:00am to 12:30pm.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	We are open 7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. We also offer "Lunch Bunch" to extend a half day by an hour to include lunch.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	These rates are not yet available. See our website after Thanksgiving. www.dollysnurserieschool.com.
Is there financial aid available?	Yes
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program. (If you do not offer, please state not applicable and proceed to the next question).	Yes, Dolly's Summer Day Camp offers an exciting, flexible, and educational program for your four through eight year-old child. Our camp presents each child with a variety of daily activities, including daily swim classes in a heated pool, three weekly field trips, computer play (we have 7 computers), nature hikes, arts and crafts, group and individual activities, special guests, music and just plain FUN! We are one of best summer programs anywhere. You may choose the weeks that you wish to send child AND the number of days each week.
Class Size	30 children per session, divided into 3 groups of 10.
# of Teachers	4 teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old
What is your toilet training policy?	Children may attend if they are not toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are peanut free if any child is allergic to peanuts or tree nuts.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Licensed.
Please describe the application process for your school.	We begin accepting applications for the Fall session on December 1st of preceding year. A \$50.00 registration fee plus tuition for September is due with the application form.

Dolly's Nursery School

	Forms are available on our website.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	There is no due date, but our mornings have usually sold out by early January.
What is the application fee?	\$50.00 for the first year and \$35.00 for a subsequent year.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Redirect children to a new, more interesting activity.

Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	We do not have field trips during the school year. We include Early Start Art, Kids Yoga and monthly visitors to our center.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	Our program enrolls thirty children per session. We divide the children into three groups according to age. Basically, a three year-old class, a four year-old class, and a five year-old class. Each class enrolls ten children. There is one teacher for the four year-old and the five year-old classes. The three year-old class has two teachers. There are four exploration areas in our preschool. A fantastic outdoor large play area, a great indoor active play area, the Music Room, and the Class Room. The three groups rotate, spending forty-five minutes in each area during the morning and afternoon sessions. Individual nurturing is facilitated by the small size of our groups. Each day your child will work and play to develop large motor, fine motor, music, social and self-help skills.

First Friends

School/Center:	First Friends
Contact Information:	Address: 194 Wompatuck Rd, Hingham
Email:	firstfriendsfamilychildcare@yahoo.com
Contact:	Linnea Marks
Website:	First Friends Family Childcare Facebook Group
Please provide a description of your program:	First Friends is a toddler morning enrichment program that operates on the belief that children learn best through exploration and hands-on experience. The program offers an environment that is saturated with activities that strengthen all areas of development by providing opportunities to use fine motor and gross motor skills as well as language, pre-math and sensory awareness skills.
Please provide a description of your facilities	The program provides an open environment that encourages exploration and self-choice. The space is divided into two parts, one area encourages imaginative play, as well as offering activities that encourage large motor play. The second area allows for the children to work with materials/equipment that require the use of fine motor skills and sensory awareness. Time spent outside in our play area focuses primarily on the use of gross motor skills; however, it is also a terrific opportunity for the children put his/her imagination to use. First Friends uses all play areas to work on language and to provide opportunity for socialization.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Program hours: 8:30-11:30 or 12 Days: 2-3 day options Monday-Thursday
Do you have an extended day option?	No
If yes, please provide details of your options.	
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Contact for more info.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	6 Children per group
# of Teachers	1
Minimum Age by Sept 1	18 months
What is your toilet training policy?	Not required
What is your food allergy policy?	Food provided by the program will reflect the dietary/allergy restrictions of all children in the program.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	I am licensed by the state of Massachusetts. The program meets or exceeds all family childcare regulations.

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<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>The program begins enrolling for the upcoming school year on March 1st; however, during the current school calendar a rolling admission is available whenever vacant spaces exist.</p>
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>No date.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>\$25</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Varies year to year.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>8:30-8:45 Arrivals 8:45-9:15 Free Play 9:15 Clean up 9:30 Snack Time 9:45 Table Activities/Sensory Activities 10:15 CircleTime 10:30 Group Activities 10:45 Diapering/Toileting 11:00 Gross Motor/Outside Play 11:30 Departures 11:40 Lunch Bunch 12:00 Departures</p>
<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>In most cases, redirection is used to deter unwanted behavior.</p>

Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool

School/Center:	Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool
Contact Information	Address: 2 Collins Street, Hingham Phone: 781-741-1570 Contact: Elizabeth Costanza Email: ecostanza@hinghamschools.org website: hinghamschoolspreschool.weebly.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities	The purpose of the Hingham Integrated Preschool is to educate children with disabilities and their typically developing peers within a comprehensive, structured language-based program. In alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks the program will provide the support, structure and respectful school environment necessary for children to master pre-academic, communication and social/emotional standards, while also meeting the individual needs of each child. Staff will collaborate with parents to support the children's learning and progress.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	3-4 year olds: MWF or T/TH 8:50-11:20am 4-5 year olds: M/T/Th/F 12:20-2:50pm
Do you have an extended day option?	No
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Not available for typically developing peers
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Not available for typically developing peers
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/18	Tuition for 2016-2017: 2 days-\$1250, 3 days-\$1870, 4 days-\$2455 (there will be a slight increase for the 2017/18 school year)
Is there financial aid available?	Extenuating circumstances
Class Size	10-15 children
# of Teachers	1 teacher & 1-2 para-educators
Minimum Age by Sept 1	3 years old
What is your toilet training policy?	Preferred
What is your food allergy policy?	Our policy is dependent on the needs of the children. Currently we have dietary restrictions for some children and all classrooms are peanut free.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	The Hingham Public Schools Integrated Preschool program reports to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The teachers are licensed in Early Childhood Education as well as Special Education. The program follows federal and state disabilities law including IDEA-2004. The Preschool Curriculum follows Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or the Early Childhood Program Standards and Guidelines for Three and Four Year Olds.

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<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applications are available to print on-line for incoming preschoolers for September 2. Parents are notified via newspapers, website, and school district emails 3. Completed application including birth certificate and proof of residency is due in February (date will be on application) 4. Children are invited to participate in a screening, late February/early March 5. A lottery is held in March. 6. Parents are notified in March of acceptance or wait-list.
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>Applications are available on-line in December and due 2/10/17. The screening will be held 3/1/2017. Notification will be posted in the Hingham Journal.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>How do you encourage or discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>Each situation is handled based on the situation and intervention is based on the unique needs of each child.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Specialists such as OT, PT, and Speech and Language therapists may co-teach in the classroom. Guest readers, etc. are invited at times. Field trips may be taken depending on the needs of the class (not usually).</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Arrival/Self Help Skills (hang up backpack, attendance) Gross Motor Time (outdoors, gym, yoga) Circle time (literacy, phonemic awareness, math, social skills) Centers (literacy, math, social skills, social studies, science, fine motor, etc.) Snack/Play areas/Story time (shared reading, read aloud, socialization) Dismissal/Self Help Skills</p>

Kids in Action- Hingham Public Schools

School/Center:	Kids In Action - Hingham Public Schools
Contact Information	Address: 220 Central Street, Hingham Phone: 781-741-1540 ext. 4235 Contact: Kathleen Jordan Email: kjordan@hinghamschools.org website: http://hinghamschools.com/kids-in-action/
Please provide a description of your program	Pre-Kindergarten
Please provide a description of your facilities	The Kids In Action Pre-Kindergarten Program is currently located at East Elementary School in the Pre-Kindergarten wing. The bathrooms, cubbies and sinks are located in the classroom. There is a beautiful playground, a large grass field and a gym that can be used during inclement weather.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	5 Day Morning Session 8:30 - 11:30 5 Day Extended Day 8:30 - 1:00
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	11:30-1pm
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	No
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	2016/2017 Tuition: 5 Day Morning Session 8:30 - 11:30 \$4350.00 yearly 5 Day Extended Day 8:30 - 1:00 \$6450.00 yearly 2017/2018 Tuition to be determined. Typically, there is a 5% increase.
Is there financial aid available?	No. State of MA CCK Vouchers are accepted.
Class Size	20 children
# of Teachers	2 Teachers 1 Teacher's Assistant
Minimum Age by Sept 1	4 years old
What is your toilet training policy?	Children need to be toilet trained. We have no changing facilities.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a peanut and tree nut free classroom.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are under the Hingham Public School Licensing. Our curriculum follows Massachusetts Early Childhood Standards and Guidelines.
Please describe the application process for your school.	Registration Forms are available on The Hingham Public School Website; hinghamschools.com under the Kids In Action tab. Registration Forms may also be mailed upon request.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	We begin accepting Registration Forms in January.
What is the application fee?	\$25. Registration fee is due when the child is accepted.

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<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>The Second Step Empathy Training Program is a part of the Kids In Action curriculum. The program teaches children to recognize and identify feeling and emotions in themselves and others. It teaches problem solving techniques, self-control and reinforces manners. The children are able to practice these skills with the teacher's assistance during daily activities.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>If the children have been screened by the Hingham Public Schools and they require a specialist, we are able to accommodate the time needed. We do go on field trips.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your classroom.</p>	<p>Table Manipulatives and Games Morning Meeting Gross Motor Play (playground, gym, music & movement) Snack Time Story Time Learning Circle First Center Second Center Dismissal for those leaving at 11:30 Group Activity Lunch Third Center Dismissal 1pm</p>

Hingham Nursery School

School/Center:	Hingham Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 1101 Main Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-0029 Contact: Murnie Leary Email: murniehns@comcast.net website: www.hinghamnurseryschool.com
Please provide a description of your facilities	Our school is a stand-alone building; It was built specifically for us 10 years ago. There is a large indoor play space in the center of the building with four classrooms off of the space. There is a large fenced in playground in the rear of the building.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	5 Day 4-5 year olds 8:30- 1:30 pm (Mon.-Thurs) (Friday until 11:30) 4 day 4 - 5 year olds 8:30 – 1:30 (Monday-Thurs.) 3 day 4-5 year olds 8:45-1:15 (Mon. Wed.) . (Friday 11:45) 3 day 3-4 year olds 8:45 - 11:45 (Monday 1:00) (Wed. Fri. 11:45) 2 day 3-4 year olds 8:45-11:45 (Tues. Thurs.)
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes – two different programs
If yes, please provide details of your options.	4-5 years old 1:30-2:30 Wednesdays, Thursdays 3-4 year olds 11:45-1:45 Wednesdays 3-4 year olds 11:45-1:00 Thursdays Sign up is by the session. There are three for the year.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, a 2 week session in June
Kindergarten option	No
Tuition for 2017/2018	5 days \$10,500 4 days \$8600 3 days(4-5 year olds) \$6400 3 days (3-4 year olds) \$5200 2 day (3-4 year olds) \$3350
Is there financial aid available?	Yes, Applications can be obtained by calling or emailing the school. All are inquiries are confidential.

Minimum Age by Sept 1	3 years old by Aug 31; (Sept 1-Nov 30.) birthday, space permitting) 4 years old by Aug 31;
What is your toilet training policy?	We expect children to be toilet trained but it is not a criterion for admission.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are nut free but we also accommodate all food allergies.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are licensed by the State of Massachusetts, Dept. Early Education and Care. .
Please describe the application process for your school.	If there are more applicants than places, we have a lottery. Sibling and legacies have preference for placement within the school, though not a specific class. We encourage prospective parents to visit by appointment when school is in session. We have an Open House for families on January 22, 2017 from 12-2. Applications are available online or by calling the school.

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<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>Returning students Feb 23, 2017 New applications are due by March 1, 2017 Deposits due March 15, 2017</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>\$50 application fee. Returned if no spot available.</p>
<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>The interactions between the teachers and the children are positive and respectful. We describe behavior not judge behavior. We help the children with words to enable them to communicate, encourage and problem solve with each other. This creates a positive atmosphere for everyone.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>We have a music teacher that comes in once a week. The 4 and 5 day classes have My Gym 2 times a month. In the fall, we go next door to buy pumpkins. The 4-5 year olds go to the beach in the Spring.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>The 3-4 year olds come into the classroom first. They choose from a variety of age and developmentally appropriate activities and materials. After play, they have circle and story time, and then go out on the playground. The 3 day 4-5 year olds go out onto the playground first then come inside, have a circle time then play with a variety of developmentally appropriate materials. They have their story at the end of the day. The 5 and 4 day classes come inside first. Snack is during the morning. They have free choice, morning meeting, centers and small group time and playground. After playground, centers and small group time continues until cleanup followed literacy/book time .Then there is lunch followed by rest time and read aloud. Music and movement come next, then it is outside time again!</p>

Inly School

School/Center:	Inly School
Contact Information	Address: 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate Phone: 781-545-5544 Contact: Stephanie Allison Email: sallison@inlyschool.org website: www.inlyschool.org
Please provide a description of your program	Toddler (starting at 18 months), preschool (half day or full day), grades K–8
Please provide a description of your facilities	<p>Inly School is a progressive, arts-rich, independent Montessori school on Boston's South Shore that combines an integrated curriculum with an experiential approach to deliver a highly individualized education for students in toddler through middle school. Inly blends Montessori curriculum and philosophy with educational best practices to teach core academic subjects, world languages, arts, athletics, life skills, and creative thinking in a hands-on manner. Inly was founded in 1973 and draws 280 students from 17 nearby towns. Inly's expanded 10-acre campus includes the 4-acre Outdoor Classroom and the da Vinci Studio, an innovation lab with a Think Tank, Robotics and Maker Spaces, and Digital Lab and Design Studio. Our diverse and inclusive community draws 281 students from 20 South Shore towns including Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, Hanover, Marshfield, Pembroke, Weymouth, and Hull. The campus is comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic hilltop 10-acre campus • Spacious classrooms, 6 of which are new construction as of September 2016 • da Vinci Studio - an innovation lab for robotics, 3D printing, and digital video creation • Digital Lab and Design Studio providing exploration of architecture, graphic design, digital design, and photography techniques and ideas • Think Tank with whiteboards for students to imagine, draw, and invent • New library featuring collaborative spaces, meeting rooms and opportunities for dynamic learning • Three playing fields for recess and after-school sports • Three age-appropriate playgrounds for outdoor play • Arts Barn: A performing arts facility and auditorium • Four-acre outdoor classroom • Organic gardens and greenhouse • Project Adventure equipment (climbing wall, ropes, etc.) • Gym for indoor recess, phys ed classes and sports • Spanish for toddler, preschool, and grades K–8 • Chinese for kindergarten and after school • Music Room and Art Room
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	<p>Toddler House: • 18 months old by September 1 • Half day: 8:30–11:30 am • Full day: 8:30 am–3:00 pm • Students may attend 2, 3, or 5 days a week • Schedules are Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or Monday–Friday</p> <p>Children's House: • Ages 3–4: Half-day preschool, 8:30–11:30 am (5-day program, Monday–Friday) • Ages 3–4: Full-day preschool, 8:30 am–3:00 pm (5-day program, Monday–Friday, includes morning Montessori program plus afternoon Discovery enrichment program)</p> <p>Ages 5–6: Full-day kindergarten, 8:30 am–3:00 pm (5-day program, Monday–Friday)</p> <p>Grades 1–8: • 8:30 am–3:00 pm</p>
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes

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<p>If yes, please provide details of your options.</p>	<p>Inly offers Extended Care from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before care: 7:00-8:30 am • After care: 3:00-5:30 pm <p>Options: Toddler House: • Lunch Bunch is offered from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Monday–Friday) Children's House Preschool: • Lunch Bunch is offered to half-day students from 11:30 am–12:30 pm (Monday–Friday)</p> <p>After-School Program: • Free classes for students in grades K-8 from 3:00–4:00 pm</p>
<p>Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.</p>	<p>Yes. Details TBD.</p>
<p>Do you offer a Kindergarten option?</p>	<p>Yes. Full day: 8:30 am–3:00 pm, Monday–Friday.</p>
<p>Anticipated tuition for 2017/2018</p>	<p>Toddler House (Ages 1–2)</p> <p>2, 3, or 5 days, 8:30–11:30 am: \$10,445 / \$12,535 / \$14,940</p> <p>2, 3, or 5 days, 8:30 am–3:00 pm: \$13,950 / \$19,199 / \$20,620</p> <p>Children's House Preschool (Ages 3–4)</p> <p>5 half days, 8:30–11:30 am: \$12,750</p> <p>5 full days, 8:30 am–3:00 pm: \$18,840*</p> <p><i>(*includes 5 half-day program, plus 5 days of Discovery 11:30 am–3:00 pm Enrichment Program)</i></p> <p>Kindergarten (Age 5)</p> <p>5 full days, 8:30 am–3:00 pm: \$21,095</p> <p>Lower Elementary (Grades 1–3): \$24,150</p> <p>Upper Elementary (Grades 4–6): \$26,600</p> <p>Middle School (Grades 7–8): \$31,270</p>
<p>Is there financial aid available?</p>	<p>Yes. Between 15–20% of our student body receives some form of financial aid.</p>
<p>Class Size</p>	<p>Toddler House: 12 children with 3 teachers Children's House: 24 children with 2 teachers</p>
<p># of Teachers</p>	<p>Toddler House: 12 children with 3 teachers</p>

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	Children's House: 24 children with 2 teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	18 months
What is your toilet training policy?	Toilet learning is part of the curriculum in our toddler program. We ask for those students who are 3+ years old to be independent by the start of school.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a strict nut (and tree nut)-free community. Inly School has received an award from the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) for its commitment to safety and for promoting allergy awareness throughout the school community.

Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Inly is fully accredited by both the American Montessori Society and the Association of Independent Schools in New England.
Please describe the application process for your school.	The application process is designed to be a two-way exploration to see if your child and family and Inly School are a good fit for each other in terms of a philosophical approach to educating and raising a child. The process involves an online application, a student visit, and a parent interview.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	To be considered in our first round of file reviews, applications are due January 20. Decisions are mailed March 10 and enrollment agreements are due April 10. Applications received after the January deadline will be considered in our second round of file reviews, if space is available, or for our wait list.
What is the application fee?	\$50 registration fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952) was an early expert on child development. She believed that children are motivated by a natural curiosity and a thirst for knowledge. She shifted the paradigm of a teacher-centered system with external rewards to a learner-centered one in which a child's intrinsic drive is fostered. Her belief was that the goal of a school should be to cultivate a child's natural desire to learn, not to simply fill the child with facts. A student who feels the satisfaction that comes from engagement in purposeful work needs very little discipline. Montessori classrooms are multi-age groupings where the older students model appropriate behavior for the younger ones. When a child is not engaged, the teacher will gently redirect that individual to different work.

Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	Inly offers a rich array of specialists for our preschool and kindergarten students: Spanish, Mandarin, music, creative movement, physical education, library, and art. They also participate in our winter concert. The preschool and kindergarten students have weekly trips up to Sunflower Hill (our 4-acre outdoor classroom) with our faculty naturalist. The kindergarten students stage an annual musical (Stone Soup) and go on one or two field trips per year (to places like Plimoth Plantation). The Spanish, music, and movement specialists also teach in our toddler program. As part of a larger school, our youngest Inly students have the advantage of seeing musical productions and other performances by our older students.
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<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Toddler House Daily Schedule 8:15 Arrival, time outside, settling in, and Montessori work time 9:30 Circle (songs, stories, group lessons) 9:45/9:50 Snack 10:00 Specialists, toileting 10:45 Clean up and story 11:00 Outdoor play 11:30 Dismissal for half-day students 11:45 Story/prepare beds for rest 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Toileting 12:45 Rest 2:45 Rise, toileting 3:00 Dismissal for full-day students</p>
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JCC Early Learning Center

School/Center:	JCC Early Learning Center
Contact Information	Address: 1112 Main Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-4000 Contact: Myra Perlis Email: mperlis@jccgb.org website: www.jccearlylearning.org/hingham-jcc-early-learning.html
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool 2.9-5 yrs, Toddler Program - 15 mo - 2.8 years
Please provide a description of your facilities	4 Classrooms – 2 Toddler, 2 Preschool, PreK (3.11-5yrs) Natural furnishings Separate Toddler Playground with Sandbox Preschool Playground with Sandbox Outdoor bicycle riding track.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	1 Session all classes 9:00 am -1:00 pm 9:00am-2:00pm for our Pre-K Early Morning Drop off 8:00 am -9:00am
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes. Enrichment classes are also available.
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Children can stay either from 1:00-3:00pm
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, safe nurturing environment where children ages 15 months - 5 years explore indoors and outdoors under the guidance of experienced educators. Art exploration; Story telling; Movement and Music; Nature walks; Outdoor/indoor water play; Recreational games; Jewish Enrichment; and Shabbat Celebration
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Not able to comment at this time. These should be available mid-November for 2017-18
Is there financial aid available?	Yes
Class Size	Toddlers - 9 children Preschool - 18 children PreK - 18 children
# of Teachers	Toddlers 2 teachers Preschool - 3 teachers Pre-K – 2 teachers
Minimum Age Sept 1	15 months
What is your toilet training policy?	There is no toilet training policy. All children may enter our program regardless if they are toilet trained
What is your food allergy policy?	We are a nut free school.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	EEC Licensed, NAEYC Accredited
Please describe the application process for your school.	A completed application and deposit Children are accepted with priority to currently enrolled families, then siblings.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Our applications are accepted beginning in November for the upcoming school year
What is the application fee?	\$400 is the registration fee and deposit. \$350 is applied towards tuition. \$50 Administration fee. This is a non-refundable deposit.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Through positive reinforcement, Positive language, and Problem solving.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	My Gym program, Music Specialist, Developmental Behavior Specialist, Speech and Language specialist. No Field Trips - Community helpers visit the school

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Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.

Morning Explorations
Snack
Activity/Literacy/science/music
Outdoor time
Lunch
Activity - Manipulatives/story telling

Miss Donna's Place

School/Center:	Miss Donna's Place
Contact Information	Address: 4 Cushing Street, Hingham Phone: 781-801-5010 Contact: Donna Ward Email: missdonnasplace@gmail.com Website: www.missdonnasplace.com
Please provide a description of your program	Busy Bee's: 2.5- 3 years Active Cats: 3-5 years After school arts and science program with pick up from local schools if needed
Please provide a description of your facilities	I have two large play rooms and large art room. I have a tennis court for outdoor play activities and an extensive nature trail for adventures and discovery. I have a ropes course for challenges and confidence building, a secret garden, Gnome homes, a Native American Teepee for education and activities, and many animals for discovery.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Morning session 9:00am-11:45am Afternoon session 11:45-2:30 We also offer after school art and science classes for children 5 and above. Classes run from 4pm-5:15 in addition we have after school care with pick up from local schools if needed.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Children are always welcome to be dropped off earlier, and we also provide pick up and drop off options from other preschool programs and elementary programs.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, my summer program runs from 9-2 Monday-Thursday. It is a much more laid back homey environment with daily adventure outings. Tennis lessons, art, and a carnival on Thursdays are a part of the week's activities as well.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No

Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Tuition for 2017/18 depends on what option kids choose. I offer 2, 3 and 4 days per week, as well as a 1 day option if space allows for it, but we recommend at least two days. The current fee is roughly \$48.00 per day.
Is there financial aid available?	I do offer financial aid
Class Size	10 children per class
# of Teachers	1 Teacher, 1 Teacher's Assistant
Minimum Age by Sept 1	Most children are 3 years old by September, but I do make exceptions if parents feel their child is ready earlier.
What is your toilet training policy?	Most kids are toilet trained, although we have no problem when help is needed.
What is your food allergy policy?	If there is an allergy in one of the classes, we take all the necessary precautions to ensure the environment is safe.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Both my staff and I are required to be licensed by the state of Massachusetts. I also have a teaching degree in Biology as well as a Masters degree in therapy and counseling.
Please describe the application process for your school.	My website has a pre-registration form for the upcoming school year which can be filled out at any time. It is a first come first serve registration process.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Enrollment is always open until I am at capacity.

Miss Donna's Place

What is the application fee?	\$50.00 application fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	I encourage positive behaviors through praise, example and setting understandable boundaries. I deal with negative behaviors in various ways but primarily distraction and direct communication. I also use puppetry and story telling to help bring character traits into a place of understanding, especially around issues like sharing, bullying and being responsible.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	I do not use specialists in my program but I do teach yoga to the kids as well as have days where we roll out the gymnastic mats and do simple coordination and strength training exercises. Field trips will include monthly community service to the Hingham senior center, we visit the local ponds and parks in Hingham for nature discovery. We also do festivities around the holidays that take us around the town.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	Circle time starts our day with a description of what our plans and activities are for the day. Depending on the child's age we usually have different projects so we divide them into play and work groups. We spend as much time as needed on our projects, and then have a snack before going outside to nature trail, ropes course, gnome home or tennis court. We have lunch when we come in followed by show and tell and a story, and then it is time to leave.

The New Nursery School

School/Center:	The New Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 460 Main Street, Norwell Phone: 781-659-2535 Contact: Danielle M. Biggins Email: newnurseryschool@gmail.com Website: http://thenewnurseryschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities	Housed in the United Church of Christ Norwell, New Nursery School offers part day Toddler, Preschool and PreK programs. The playground is equipped for all ages and provides opportunities for children to practice gross motor skills in the sun or the shade. We also have an indoor play space, for those rainy or very cold days when we can't get outside. The mission of The New Nursery School of the United Church of Christ is to provide a safe, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing learning environment in which children are encouraged to discover and explore who they are as well as the world around them. The New Nursery School strives to provide a sense of community for children and parents in which love, support, and respect for self and others will maximize all of the child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	The New Nursery School is in session 5 days a week with morning and afternoon class offerings. We offer Toddler, Preschool, and PreK classes. Our morning session is 9-11:30am and our afternoon session is 12:30-3pm. We offer an extended day PreKindergarten class, which runs 9am-2pm.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	The New Nursery School offers Early Drop off beginning at 8:30am as well as Lunch Bunch. Lunch Bunch gives children the option to stay or come in early for an extended day. The options for Lunch Bunch are: 11:30-12:30pm, 11:30-1 pm or 11:30-2 pm (Fridays only) to have lunch and play.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Not yet determined
Is there financial aid available?	Yes- a Scholarship is available to a PreK family each year.

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Class Size	Toddler Class = 9 children Preschool and PreK Class = 16-19 children
# of Teachers	Total number of teachers at New Nursery School is 11.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	Toddlers = 2 years old Preschool = 2 years, 9 months old PreK = 3.9 years old
What is your toilet training policy?	We do not discriminate on toilet training status.
What is your food allergy policy?	The New Nursery School is a Peanut/Nut Free Building. All snacks provided are Peanut/Nut Free. If there is another allergy in the class, all snacks provided will be one all children can enjoy.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	The New Nursery School is licensed through the MA Department of Early Education and Care.
Please describe the application process for your school.	Every family is encouraged to tour before enrollment time, so they can meet with the Director, the teachers, as well as see a classroom in action and see our facility. Beginning in January, applications are accepted on a first-come first-served basis from the following: 1. Enrolled Families 2.Siblings of Enrolled Families 3. Church Members 4. Alumni 5. New Families
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	January
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 non-refundable registration fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	The New Nursery School recognizes that a responsive, warm interaction between young children and their teacher supports a child's growth and development in all areas. Positive discipline teaches and encourages the healthy development of a child's self-esteem. Our teachers praise and call attention to appropriate behavior thereby reinforcing it. Teachers are role models in order to influence, encourage and reinforce children's positive behavior. Limits, of course, are necessary. We set limits that are developmentally appropriate. When a child behaves outside the limits, teachers stop the action, describe the behavior they see and state their expectations. This helps the whole group understand the guidelines necessary for group living. Our goal is to help the child gain self-control and develop the ability to verbalize feelings and ideas so that problem solving can be done by talking with others rather than by physical means. At times, when appropriate, teachers may encourage children to negotiate rules for a play situation or for the entire class to follow. This negotiation procedure models problem-solving abilities.

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<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>We offer many opportunities for enrichment in the forms of Mama Steph, Art classes, My Gym, Science Programs and Children's Yoga.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>9 am Arrival/ Greeting of children and families/Free choice play 9:15 Morning Meeting -class comes together to discuss plans for the day. Also: calendar, songs, questions, conversations, Handwriting without Tears activity. 9:30-10:25 Free Play in Developmental areas - fine motor, sensory, art, quiet book area, dramatic play, play dough & blocks. 10:25-10:35 Clean up time, Bathroom, wash hands 10:35-10:50 Snack 10:50-11:00 Story time 11:00-11:30 Playground 11:30 Dismissal</p>

Old Colony Montessori School

School/Center:	Old Colony Montessori School
Contact Information	Address: 247 Gardner Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-3698 Contact: Courtney Palek Email: courtneypalek@gmail.com Website: www.oldcolonymontessori.org
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool, Also offering full-day Kindergarten and Elementary Programs
Please provide a description of your facilities	Old Colony Montessori School (OCMS) is located off of Derby Street (driveway entrance at 247 Gardner Street) in Hingham. The OCMS campus includes a Children's House building for 2-day, 3-day & 5 day half-day & full-day preschool and full-day Kindergarten. The Elementary Program has its own building on campus. A playground, outdoor classroom and athletic field/sports court complete the current campus layout.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Children's House Programs (preschool): 5 half-day Children's House Program (ages 2.9 to 5) 8:30am to 11:30am 2 half-day and 3 half-day Children's House Programs (ages 2.9 to 3.5) 8:30am to 11:30am 5 day full-day Children's House and full-day Kindergarten Program (ages 5 and 6) 8:30am to 3:00pm 5 full-day Elementary Program 8:30am to 3:00pm Lunch Bunch offered daily from 11:30am to 1:30pm Daycare offered daily until 6pm
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	5 day Children's House Extended Day (preschool) 8:30am to 3:00pm Lunch Bunch (for half-day Children's House students) offered daily from 11:30am to 1:30pm Full-day Kindergarten offered from 8:30am to 3:00pm Daycare offered daily until 6pm
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp?	No
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes. OCMS has a full-day Kindergarten Program from 8:30am to 3:00pm

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Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	<p>5 morning Children's House half-day (8:30am to 11:30am) = \$9,630.00</p> <p>3 morning Children's House half-day (8:30am to 11:30am) = \$5,665</p> <p>2 morning Children's House half-day (8:30am to 11:30am) = \$3760</p> <p>5 day Children's House Extended Day Program and full-day Kindergarten Program (8:30am to 3:00pm) = \$13,622.00</p> <p>Elementary Program (8:30am to 3:00pm) = \$15,321.00</p>
Is there financial aid available?	Yes, scholarships are available
Class Size	<p>2 day and 3 day half-day Children's House Programs = maximum of 15 children</p> <p>5 day half-day Children's House Program, Extended Day Children's House Program, full-day Kindergarten and Elementary Programs = maximum of 24 children</p>
# of Teachers	15 Teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old
What is your toilet training policy?	Children do not need to be toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are peanut and tree nut free.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Licensed and accredited by the State of Massachusetts Office of Early Education and Care
Please describe the application process for your school.	Rolling admissions
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Applications are accepted throughout the year.
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 registration fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	Multi-age grouping helps older children set good examples of behavior for the younger students, we talk about our feelings with our friends, what it feels like if someone hurts us, etc. The OCMS staff models kind behavior and sets the expectation for kindness in the classroom.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	<p>5 day full-day Children's House Programs go out on field trips, experience art instruction with Lynn Titleman Rizzotto (Director, Childrens Creativity Workshops in Hingham), foreign language instruction, and have many specialists visit the classrooms (South Shore Natural Science Center, for example). The Elementary Program experiences music with Ed Sorrentino, art with Lynn Titleman Rizzotto, organic gardening with Jon Belber of Holy Hill Farm, foreign</p>

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	<p>language, physical education with My Gym, Juniko, South Shore Sports Center, Cohasset Sports Center and Weymouth Club, goes out of the classroom on myriad field trips and participates in top rated science programs.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Students are given lessons on age (and ability) appropriate Montessori materials, play outside every day, eat snack when they are hungry, have circle time, read books, engage in many activities in both group and individual settings. 5 day full-day Children's House, full-day Kindergarten and Elementary Programs typically go outside twice per day and eat lunch with their friends.</p>

Pre-School Playmates

School/Center:	Pre-School Playmates
Contact Information	Address: 204 Whiting Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-2109 Contact: Amy Gaffey, MS ECE, Director Email: earlyeducation@gmail.com Website: www.preschoolplaymates.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool
Please provide a description of your facilities.	<p>Second to safety, our goal at PSP is to prepare the children for kindergarten – socially, emotionally and academically. All of our Lead Teachers have either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and many years of classroom experience. We place a heavy emphasis on learning through fun activities (because it is preschool after all!) and we also work closely with the Hingham and other area public schools to ensure that we remain aware of their expectations.</p> <p>Our ratio is approximately 7:1 and we divide the children into developmentally appropriate groups which allows us to ensure all children remain engaged and challenged while having fun (can you tell we like to have fun?!?!).</p>
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Lunch Bunch 9AM - 1PM Full Day 7AM - 5:30PM
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	We are open from 7:00am - 5:30pm
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	<p>Summers at PSP are all about STEM! With a heavy emphasis on FUN, we will be incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning as part of our summer curriculum.</p> <p>Young children are inquisitive learners who ask an average of 76 questions per hour! They are natural scientists and engineers who learn STEM concepts through play. Research confirms that the brain is particularly receptive to learning math and logic during the pre-kindergarten years and recent studies also show that math readiness as children enter school is a strong indicator of future reading success (and of course it helps them with math as well :)</p> <p>We also turn our climbing structures into water slides and we have lots of outdoor water-based games for the children to play! To make each week special and unique we have weekly themes that we follow. Some of our weekly camp themes include a circus theme, baseball theme, cooking with food from around the world theme and an under the sea theme. We have</p>

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	many visitors including the Fun Bus, puppeteers, a zoo-mobile, magicians, singers and more. We will also create various arts & crafts each day depending on the theme.
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Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Tuition will range from approximately \$300 to \$1,100 per month depending on program and number of days.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	We have an "open concept" classroom style on each of our floors and we maintain a ratio of approximately 7:1 (children:teachers)
# of Teachers	7 teachers plus a full time Director and 2 Executive Directors
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old
What is your toilet training policy?	We work in partnership with the parents to help the children become trained! Since we take children as young as 2 years 9 months we're well versed in dealing with accidents!
What is your food allergy policy?	While we are not a peanut free school we do have children with various allergies. This is something we take very seriously and devote a lot of time training our teachers as to the proper methods of safe food handling. All of our teachers attend annual First Aid and CPR training which includes how to administer an EpiPen and what to do in various allergy related situations. We also hold individual meetings with families of children who have allergies to make sure everyone is on the same page and that the plan we develop is appropriate.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Our program has been licensed by the MA Department of Early Education and Care for 37 years! All of our Lead Teachers have either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and many years of classroom experience.
Please describe the application process for your school.	We will begin accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year at our Open House on Saturday, January 7 th , 2017. We operate on a first-come first-served basis. We encourage private tours prior to that date if families are interested in learning more about our program.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	We have an open enrollment policy though we are typically full, or very close to it after our Open House in January.
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 registration fee

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<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>Designing schedules that minimize transitions and maximize the time children spend engaged in developmentally appropriate activities is the first step in decreasing challenging behavior. Schedules in which children engage in planned activities or projects for significant periods of time, spend little time in transitions, or seldom spend time waiting with nothing to do decrease the likelihood of challenging behavior. Our schedules are designed to limit the number of transitions. These schedules have several advantages, including (a) fewer times when all children have to transition at the same time; (b) less time in large groups and more time in child-directed activities; and (c) longer center time so Teachers have more time to work with small groups or individual children. Implementing these types of schedules increases the likelihood that children will be engaged and decreases the likelihood that challenging behavior will occur.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Yes, we work closely with various specialists and welcome them into our school. We have regular field trips which including apple picking and visits to Weir River Farm in Hingham. As much fun as the field trips are, it often seems that the most fun for the children is riding on a school bus for the first time! We also invite parents to come along as chaperones.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>9:00AM – 9:30AM Free play/children arrive- Blocks, coloring, Play-Doh, painting, dramatic play, puzzles, etc. 9:30AM – 9:40AM Clean-up for “morning circle” 9:40AM – 10:00AM “Morning Circle” Attendance, calendar, weather, daily jobs, music. Daily plans. 10:00AM – 10:15AM Snack time 10:15AM – 10:20AM Clean-up / get ready to go out 10:20AM – 11:05AM Outdoor play 11:05AM – 11:30AM “Middle Circle” (lesson-directed) 11:30AM – 12:00PM Choice time - All areas, lesson related projects, teacher and child-directed lessons 12:00PM – 12:10PM Clean-up 12:10PM – 12:25PM Show and tell 12:25PM – 12:45PM Lunch 12:45PM – 1:00PM “Closing Circle” and dismissal for Lunch Bunch 1:15PM – 3:00PM Rest Time - Full Day children 3:15PM - 4:00 PM Outdoor play, group games 4:00PM – 4:30PM “Afternoon Circle” 4:30PM - 5:00PM Arts /crafts, cooking, listening center 5:00PM - 5:30 PM Quiet activities, music, clean-up, evening departure</p>

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The Ridge Hill School of Norwell

School/Center:	The Ridge Hill School of Norwell
Contact Information	Address: 102 High Street, Norwell Phone: 781-871-0018 Contact: Victoria DeFreitas Email: ridgehill@comcast.net Website: http://ridgehillschool.com
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
Please provide a description of your facilities	We are a private preschool through kindergarten school. We offer morning and after programs as well as full day kindergarten. Visit our website for a complete tour of each classroom and description of our programs.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Morning Session 8:30-12:15 Preschool Morning Session 8:00- 12:30 Pre-K/K Afternoon Session 12:50- 4:00 : Preschool Afternoon Session 12:50-4:30 : Pre-K/K Full day option available for all programs We open at 7:30 and close at 5:00. Extended care option is available upon request
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	A parent can request to have early morning drop off or late afternoon pick up if needed.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	No
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes

Anticipated Tuition for 2016/2017	Range from \$126 per week to \$303 per week depending upon length of day and how many days per week. Please visit our website at http://ridgehillschool.com for more details.
Is there financial aid available?	Upon request
Class Size	Preschool Class Size: 18 children Pre-K Class Size: 26 children Kindergarten Class Size: 8 children
# of Teachers	4 preschool teachers 4 pre-k teachers 1 kindergarten teacher
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years, 9 months old or 5 if entering Kindergarten
What is your toilet training policy?	Children do not have to be toilet trained.

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What is your food allergy policy?	We are a peanut free, egg free, nut free school.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Yes, licensed by the Mass Department of Early Childhood Education
Please describe the application process for your school.	Parents fill out an application on line, call the school and schedule a visit. We begin the enrollment process in October for the following school year in September.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	First Come First Serve Basis
What is the application fee?	\$150.00 registration fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	We believe in teaching the children cooperation, kindness, using their words to express their feelings, build self-confidence, self-esteem, role play to teach appropriate classroom behaviors.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	Yes, sometime specialists visit the classroom. We have in house field trips at RHS.
Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.	<p>Preschool Schedule</p> <p>8:00-8:45 Morning Arrival</p> <p>8:50 Ring the Bell Clean up</p> <p>9:00-9:15 Morning Meeting</p> <p>9:15-9:50 Choice Time</p> <p>9:55-10:15 Snack</p> <p>10:20-10:30 Story/ Music</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Outdoor Time 2 small groups</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Indoor Small group time</p> <p>11:00-11:30 Outdoor Time 2 small groups</p> <p>11:00-11:30 Indoor Small group time</p> <p>11:30 Lunch Transition</p> <p>11:45-12:15 Lunch and Pick up</p>

Seaside Montessori

School/Center:	Seaside Montessori
Contact Information:	Address: 760 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045
Email: info@seasidemontessori.com	
Contact: Rachel Gilroy	
Website: www.seasidemontessori.com	
Please provide a description of your program:	Preschool & Kindergarten (half or full day)
Please provide a description of your facilities	Seaside Montessori's children's house program provides a welcoming learning environment where your child will thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. Just steps from Nantasket Beach, our location offers a wonderful opportunity to extend our learning to the outdoors. Our large open outdoor area includes gardens, a hill, sand play area, and climbing dome. Our classroom consists of an open layout flowing through the Montessori curriculum areas of Practical Life, Creativity, Sensorial, Math, Literacy, Cultural & Science/Technology.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	3 day per week option for 3 year olds (flexible scheduling) 4 or 5 day per week option for 4-6 year olds (flexible scheduling) Half Day – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 12:15 PM – 3:15 PM Full Day: 9:00 AM – 3:15 PM
Do you have an extended day option? Yes	
If yes, please provide details of your options.	8:30 AM – 9:00 AM, Lunch Bunch for half day students from 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes. Full Day 9:00 AM – 3:15 PM
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	2016/2017 Tuition Rates are as follows: 3 day half day: \$3,330 4 day half day: \$4,385 5 day half day: \$5,410 3 day full day: \$6,240 4 day full day: \$8,220 5 day full day: \$10,140 2017/2018 Tuition rates will be available in January, 2018
Is there financial aid available?	No.
Class Size	15 children with 2 teachers
# of Teachers	15 children with 2 teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 years 9 months
What is your toilet training policy?	We encourage toilet training to be attempted prior to starting but it is not a requirement for admittance to the program.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are peanut and tree nut free.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are licensed with the Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care (EEC)

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<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>Applications are available in January for the following school year. Applications are due by March 1st with a \$50 application fee. Priority is given to existing students, siblings, 5 day full day enrollments.</p>
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>Applications are due by March 1st</p>
<p>What is the application fee? \$50</p>	
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>At Seaside we love to explore our natural surroundings. We take nature walks on Nantasket Beach, neighborhood walks and scavenger hunts around our area, or walk over to L Street Playground to enjoy a change in our gross motor options. We also enjoy a weekly music class. And we welcome visitors with unique experiences or interests to share!</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Upon arrival the children place their belongings in their cubbies and come to circle to share a story or a special treasure with their friends. Following circle they choose projects appealing their own interests and ability level within the classroom or engage in a lesson with a teacher. Depending on the day there may be a craft or activity inspired by a season, holiday, or friend's share. Snack is available in the kitchen area to be enjoyed with a friend or two. Each child has her own labeled cup and bowl. At 11:00 AM a friend rings the tidy up bell for their job and all come to circle to get ready for outside time. We head out and play until lunch or morning pick up. Morning kids go home at 12:00 PM. After lunch the children again choose projects appealing their own interests and ability level within the classroom or engage in a lesson with a teacher. Afternoon children arrive at 12:15 PM. At 2:00 PM a friend rings the tidy up bell for their job and all come to circle to get ready for outside time. We head out and play until pick up at 3:15 PM.</p>
<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>With a multi-age grouping we benefit from having older children to model appropriate behavior for our younger friends. When a situation arises we first question to understand the issue. We then work out what a better course of action would be if necessary. We discourage tattling and encourage using our words with our friends to solve a conflict. Grace and courtesy is the cornerstone of our Montessori philosophy.</p>

South Shore Conservatory of Music

School/Center:	South Shore Conservatory of Music
Contact Information	Address: One Conservatory Drive, Hingham Phone: 781-749-7565 x 36 Contact: Rachel Gellis, Director Email: r.gellis@sscmusic.org Website: www.ssc.music.org/preschool
Please provide a description of your program	Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten, Housed in a Community School for The Arts
Please provide a description of your facilities	SSC is a breathtakingly beautiful arts facility that houses many programs within our stunning building. The Preschool / Pre-K / K programs reap the benefit of such a splendid arts facility. The Kindergarten has a designated space and the other classes hold class in our performance hall which affords us the opportunity to perform at a moments notice when the spirit of expression calls. We have arts specialist opportunities that provide our classes with varied arts experiences that enhance their classroom activities and curriculum. Our facility allows us as teachers to utilize the space as the educational moment speaks to us.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	2Day Class T, Th, 9-12 for 32 weeks 3Day Class M,F,W 9-12 for 32 weeks 4Day Pre-K Class 12-3:30 M-F, 32 weeks Full Day Kindergarten 9-2:30 M-F 32 weeks
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	We are working on having an extended day on Wednesdays for 3-day program to extend the day until 1pm. Kindergarten classes have the option of Extended Day Classes 4 days a week (such as Piano FUNdamentals, HipHop Dance Class, Time Train Rhythm class, and Drum and Sing Music Class) 2:30 -3:30pm All classes can take advantage of a variety of classes offered at South Shore Conservatory that are designed to fit an extended day schedule.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, Arts Tell A Story a 2 week program for currently enrolled students at the completion of their school year as well as the public, space withstanding Summer Theatre at SSC: Curtain Going Up for 4-7 year olds Summer Stage Camp for 8-14 year olds Let's Put On A Show for 6-11 year olds All Year Continuing Programs: Music Together ages 0-4 Music Sprouts ages 3-5 Drum & Sing ages 4-6 Primo Voice Class ages 7-9 For more comprehensive listings please visit www.sscmusic.org
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes, Full Day Arts Integrated Kindergarten 9-2:30

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Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018 (* subject to change)	2 Day T & Th 9-12 / \$3900- 32 weeks 3 Day M, W, F -9-12/ \$5255 – 32 weeks Afternoon PreK M-F 12-3:30 \$7135 Full Day Kindergarten M-F \$10230
Is there financial aid available?	Yes, financial aid is available
Class Size	2 Day 23 children max 3 Day 24 children max 4 Day 20 children max 5 Day Kindergarten 16 children max
# of Teachers	7 teachers on staff and 7-8 specialists available weekly
Minimum Age by Sept 1	2 Day are usually 2.9 yrs old by Sept 1st 3 Day are usually 3 yrs by Sept 1st 4 Day need to be 4 by Sept 1st 5 Day Kindergarten class need to be 4.9 by Sept 1 st
What is your toilet training policy?	SSC does not discriminate on the basis of individual toilet development. Training is in accordance with parent requests but typically placed in our Two day program if in transition.
What is your food allergy policy?	SSC is a nut and tree nut free facility The teachers meet with the child's parents and Health Care Consultant to make sure that all allergy concerns and needs have been met and a plan is in place in accordance with parent and Doctor's allergy action plan Absolutely no home baked products are allowed at SSC. This plan is updated yearly.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	SSC Preschool/Pre-K/K are licensed by the Dept of Early Education and Care
Please describe the application process for your school.	An application packet is sent to inquiring families Parents and child visit SSC for class & school tour upon receipt of fee and application the process starts Currently enrolled children have a Jan.30 th deadline to secure their spot after which new families are contacted of their child's enrollment status.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	We accept applications all year depending upon current enrollment . Jan 30th for current SSC students to secure spot with a deposit for following year. Accepted new families have 2 weeks to secure their space with a deposit for the following year.
What is the application fee?	\$75.00 application fee/ \$500 deposit which is non-refundable but applicable to total tuition.

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<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>SSC utilizes many and varied techniques for maintaining a classroom atmosphere of respect and kindness. Role playing is one way in which we achieve this amiable tone within the classroom. Through literature, improvisation, modeling, and musical dramatic play songs the child is encouraged to behave as one would like to be treated. "You need to be a friend, to make a friend". The children are encouraged to listen to each other and use their voice to help with the communication process during the interpersonal peer connection. SSC teachers work with the parents to make sure we are a team during this special social development process.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>All classes visit the specialists regularly and often the specialists will participate in classroom activities as well. 2-Day and 3-Day classes receive music and drama specialist time. PreK and Kindergarten classes receive music, drama, movement and yoga. PreK has an additional literature specialist and Kindergarten has reading and visual art specialist time for 1/2 day per week. Kindergarten and Pre-K are the only classes that go on field trips</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>In the world of Preschool/PreK/K is there a typical day? All classes start with morning (or afternoon) meeting time Followed by child- directed free choice Small group activities / Specialist Time Clean-up Time Snack and Story / Improv Fun Outdoor Play. Kindergarten Schedule is more encompassing due to their academic and arts activities Please check our website for a more detailed breakdown</p>

St. Paul School

School/Center:	Saint Paul School
Contact Information	Address: 18 Fearing Road, Hingham Phone: 781-749-2407 Contact: Jean Schnorr Director of Enrollment Email: jschnorr@spshingham.org Website: www.stpaulschoolhingham.com
Please provide a description of your program	Early Childhood Center: Half and Full Day Preschool (3 year old), Half and Full Day PreKindergarten (4 year old), and Full Day Kindergarten. The Elementary Program includes Grade 1 through Grade 8 programs. Before and After School Care available.
Please provide a description of your facilities	Saint Paul School is a three story building that houses Preschool through Grade 8. There is a gym, art room, science lab, computer lab, library, and auditorium that ECC students utilize in addition to their classrooms. There are also four play yards, an ECC play gym structure, an elementary student play gym structure and outdoor fitness stations. The classrooms are bright and spacious and equipped with developmentally appropriate learning materials and state of the art technology including a SmartBoard.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Preschool and PreKindergarten offer three or five day programs with the following options: Three half-days (M/W/F, Preschool, only) (8:20a- 12:30p) Five half days (8:20a-12:30p) Five full days (8:20a - 2:20p) A combination of 2 half (T/Th) and 3 full days (M/W/F)
Do you have an extended day option?	Before School Care is available for all students and After School Care is available for students enrolled in our full-day programs.
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Availability: Mornings from 7:00a – 8:10a Afternoons from 2:20p – 5:45p Drop in fee = \$6/hour (AM) and \$20/day (PM) <i>Prepay and Full-Year enrollment discounts.</i>
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Summertime Enrichment Programming
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes, our school offers a Full Day Kindergarten program for 5 year olds (by August 31st)
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018 (Tuition will be announced in April 2017 for the 2017-18SY)	<u>2016-17 Preschool & PreKindergarten:</u> 3 Half days (Preschool) \$3,900 5 Half days \$6,500 2 Half days+3 full days \$7,800 5 Full days \$8,200

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	<u>2016-17 Kindergarten - Grade 8</u> 5 Full Days \$6,975
Is there financial aid available?	Yes

Class Size	10- 22 children
# of Teachers	1 teacher and 1 paraprofessional per classroom
Minimum Age by Sept 1	Preschool = 3 years old; PreKindergarten = 4 years old ; Kindergarten = 5 year old
What is your toilet training policy?	We expect all students to be toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	We are an allergy aware school in which the nurse holds training each year on allergy safety and epi-pen administration for all staff.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Saint Paul School is accredited by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges).
Please describe the application process for your school.	We evaluate applicants through parent interviews, academic assessments and screenings, school reports and teacher evaluations. All applicants are recommended to visit Saint Paul School and tour / visit their current class. Please visit our website for all application materials: www.stpaulschoolingham.com
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	We offer rolling admission with first round of new applicant decisions being rendered March 1, 2017.
What is the application fee?	\$50.00 non-refundable application fee
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	We use positive behavior supports in school and communicate frequently with parents to coordinate common expectations for student behavior.
Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?	"Specials" are held in the appropriate classrooms. Specials include library, gym, art, and Spanish. The core of our Preschool and PreKindergarten curriculum is OWL (Opening the World of Learning) published by Pearson Education. It is a comprehensive research based program that includes literacy, math, social science/science and technology. The OWL leads to a thoughtful and reflective learning environment. Enrichment activities occur frequently, including musical shows, puppet shows, author visits, science lab lesson, etc. Occasionally, students will attend field trips.

St. Paul School

<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>The Preschool and PreKindergarten students start the day with morning activities, including prayer, the pledge of allegiance, and morning song. Morning meeting is then held to discuss events of the day, weather, calendar activities, etc. Students proceed to work in centers in small groups. They have a special snack time mid-morning. The half-day program ends at 12:30p. All students stay for the lunch/recess break. The afternoon offers numerous activities such as nature walks, crafts, story time, and dramatic play options.</p>
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Su Escuela Language Academy

School/Center:	Su Escuela Language Academy
Contact Information	Address: 75 Sgt. William B. Terry Dr., Hingham Phone: 781-741-5454 Email: administration@suescuela.com Website: www.suescuela.com
Please provide a description of your program	<p>Su Escuela Language Academy is the first and only full-immersion private school in Massachusetts that prepares English-speaking children as young as 3 months linguistically, academically, and socially to excel in our global society through instruction in a second and third language. Su Escuela is committed to strive for excellence in education and student achievement. Our students benefit from second and third language instruction by becoming globally-aware citizens of the 21st century.</p> <p>A child's early years are the most important time in the life of a family and the most influential time for children as they start on the road to learning. All of our classrooms are full of resources for students to learn to communicate their needs, express their feelings, and socialize with friends, as well as use imagination and creativity. In order for children to speak, read, and write fluently in a second language, they must be fully immersed 100% of the time. In this way, children are not only fluent, but attain proper syntax and comprehension.</p>
Please provide a description of your facilities	Su Escuela is conveniently located at 75 Sgt. William B. Terry Dr. Hingham, MA, across from the Hingham. The facility is an attractive one level building with 18 classrooms, indoor gym, four outdoor playgrounds, and soccer field. The classrooms are divided into the Pre-school—infants, toddlers, preschool, pre-Kindergarten, and Junior Kindergarten—and Elementary School—Kindergarten through Sixth grade. Each classroom is designed in a way to benefit students through the use of lighting, color, the scale of surroundings, and the navigational aspects inside and outside the classroom.
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	2 days 3 days 4 days or 5 days Morning session: 8:45-11:30am Half Day Sessions: 8:45-1:00pm Full day Session: 8:45-3:00pm Extended Day: 7:00-8:30am, 3:00-6:00pm
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	Extended Hours offered: Mornings 7:00-8:45am and afternoons 3:00-6:00pm.
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	Yes, at Su Escuela, we offer summer programs for children ages 3months to 9 years old. The Summer Program spans 10 weeks with very flexible schedule options. All summer classrooms are full immersion Spanish. With weekly themes varying from Fairy Tales and Dinosaurs to Discovering the Ocean and Engineering, children of all ages are sure to stay engaged and excited to see what comes next! This is a great way to give your child the benefit of learning a second language in a fun way while making unique and imaginative

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Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	Yes, Su Escuela offers Full Day Kindergarten as well as a supplemental Kindergarten Enrichment class for students who attend another half day Kindergarten program.
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	Tuition Varies based on Program (Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Junior K, Elementary). Please call 781-741-5454 ext 603 for tuition pricing.
Is there financial aid available?	Scholarships are available at the discretion of the Director.
Class Size	Class size varies by age and by program. Infant ages 3-14 mos max group size is 7 students Toddlers ages 15 mos-2 years 9 months max group size is 9 students. Preschool ages 2.9 – 5years max group size 10 - 12 students. (varies by program) Elementary School K-5th max group size 12 students.
# of Teachers	Number of teachers varies by age and by program. Infant ages 3-14 mos 1:3.5, 2:7 Toddlers ages 15 mos-2.9 1:4.5, 2:9 2.9 - 5 max group size 1:10, or 1:12 (varies by program) Elementary School K-5th max group size 12 children.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	Infant, Toddler, and Preschool programs all offer rolling admissions. For Junior K students must be 4 years old by Sept 1. For Kindergarten, students must be 5 years old by Sept 1.
What is your toilet training policy?	Students are not excluded from the program based on toilet training status. Children may use the toilet as often as they request. Teachers will respond quickly to a child's request to use the toilet and will support the child's emerging self-help skills and independence. If a toileting "accident" occurs the child will never be shamed, humiliated or embarrassed by the teacher. Rather, the teacher will provide a change of clothing for the child, either from home or from extra school clothing, and will assist the child if necessary. Soiled clothing will be double bagged in sealed plastic bags and sent home with the child on the same day. Children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after toileting. Staff members will also wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after assisting children or toileting themselves. Paper towels will be used to dry hands. Toilet training, if necessary, will be conducted in accordance with the parents' requests and be consistent with the child's physical and emotional abilities. Children will be supervised at all times during toileting by a class room teacher or the director.

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<p>What is your food allergy policy?</p>	<p>Su Escuela has a Registered Nurse on site, and is a peanut and tree nut free facility. We require that students with severe allergies send in an allergy action plan from their doctor with the associated medicine (Benadryl, Epi-pen, etc.) and medication consent forms.</p>
<p>Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.</p>	<p>Su Escuela's Infant, Toddler and Preschool programs are licensed by the EEC. The elementary school Kindergarten - 6th grade is an Accredited Private School. Su Escuela Language Academy is one of 5 private schools in Hingham, MA.</p>
<p>Please describe the application process for your school.</p>	<p>Infants – Junior K 1. Attend an open house or schedule a tour by calling 781-741-5454 or emailing info@suescuela.com 2. Submit registration form with application fee. 3. Receive Confirmation of schedule from Director of Admissions. 4. Submit deposit. Elementary School 1. Attend an open house or schedule a tour. 2. Submit registration form with application fee. 3. Receive Confirmation of schedule from Director of Admissions. 4. Submit deposit. 5. Submit AISNE forms to current school.</p>
<p>What are the dates that applications are due for your program?</p>	<p>Registration for new students in the 2017-2018 school year will be accepted until March 18, 2017.</p>
<p>What is the application fee?</p>	<p>\$65.00 non-refundable application fee. Followed by a \$750 deposit to secure spot.</p>
<p>How do you encourage/ discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>Because Su Escuela has such small class sizes, there is ample opportunity for individual attention and allows for a more engaging and interactive learning environment. If needed, teachers will redirect a child to stay focused and engaged with the material.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Many of our teachers are specialists in their respective fields such as art, mathematics, language, etc. Students in grades K-6th go on several field trips throughout the year.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Morning greeting - each child is welcomed by their teacher; children get settled and greet each other. Calendar and Weather Time - students are introduced to many important math skills and climate vocabulary. Students participate in songs and activities related to the days of the week, the months of the year, the date, and the weather. They will also share jobs in the classroom, which will be explained during this time. Art - Before students work, teachers will show them how to plan their project and they will introduce new vocabulary according to the activity. Planning allows students to set a purpose for their time and work. After their project, the students will work together to clean the room, sorting materials into their correct places. After cleaning, the students will gather to recall what they did at work time. Snack Time. Mathematics - This is a chance for students to experiment with mathematics materials planned and introduced by the teacher. Indoor/Outdoor Play - Students will participate in movement activities (indoors and outdoors). Lunch Time. Story Time/Nap</p>

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	<p>Time - Stories will be told using various props, such as pictures, flannel figures, and drawings, and will include lessons about the theme of the week. Students will be encouraged to retell stories. This will aid in having the students feel more comfortable using the vocabulary just learned. World Geography - This is a time where students will have the opportunity to work on an art project focused on learning about a certain culture. Science - Students will have an opportunity to be curious thinkers working on a fun project. Students will describe in their own words what they are doing. Indoor/Outdoor play. Music and Movement - Students will dance to music from Spanish countries; they will be exposed to the culture and new vocabulary of the specific country.</p>
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Sweet Relief

School/Center:	Sweet Relief
Contact Information	<p>Address: 38 Summer Street, Cohasset Contact: Owner/Director-Lyn Previte 781-383-9723 Email: sweetrelief143@aol.com (preferred communication) Website: http://sweetreliefnurseryandpreschool.com</p>
Please provide a description of your program	<p>2014, 2015 and 2016 #1 Reader's Choice for Cohasset Nursery / Preschool Programs.</p> <p>Sweet Relief is a "play based" educational small private school, located right outside Cohasset Village.</p> <p>We adhere to the guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences created by the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the MA Board of Education- MA Curriculum Guidelines.</p> <p>We have no closed Professional Development Days and no half- days.</p> <p>We have a daily schedule that we adhere to. This structured yet emergent curriculum creates an avenue of security for the children. There is a pictorial version of our schedule, which we can refer to with a child who may be unsure of how the day will progress.</p> <p>We are a 10-month program beginning after Labor Day and continuing to the end of June.</p> <p>Our teachers are highly skilled and experienced in multiple early childhood learning methodologies including the use of our abridged version of American Sign Language to assist with behavioral and communication challenges.</p> <p>We also have a Golden Retriever Therapy Dog on site working with the children through out the day. He is read to, confided in, curled up with, sat on, and dearly loved.</p> <p>SR also offers a unique program referred by parents as our "sell a class" program. If you child will not be attending school for a day or days, you may email all our families, announcing your student's vacancy. Another parent can purchase your students class, and write you a check! We do not need to be paid twice and prefer to see a full classroom!</p> <p>We offer lunch bunch and sports for kids every day- free. It is part of your child's day with us. Going outside every day is a priority- even in the cold of winter.</p> <p>Sweet Relief puts out a weekly newsletter to parents, has a FB page, which enables you to see your child in action (if you so choose) as well as a weekly updated digital frame in the schoolhouse pick up waiting area.</p>

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<p>Please provide a description of your facilities</p>	<p>Sweet Relief is a private intentionally home-based program offering a Nursery and Preschool Curriculum.</p> <p>It is meticulously designed and maintained- featuring maple hardwood furniture and hardwood floors.</p> <p>None of our toys have batteries!</p> <p>Every child's chair and the table legs have tennis balls on them to decrease the noise level.</p> <p>The schoolhouse steps are custom designed ¼ steps- great for toddler legs.</p> <p>Classroom windows are low for children to look out. The schoolhouse faces south, offering great natural light.</p> <p>SR has a sensory table, a "cozy corner" for reading/resting, block area, domestic area, and a center themed table which changes monthly.</p> <p>We have a large, fenced in outdoor space with a focus on our recently configured outdoor classroom.</p>
<p>Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.</p>	<p>Nursery: offered Mon- Fri, 8:30 - noon with a 2 day minimum. 3 1/2 hours each class; lunch bunch included every day.</p> <p>Preschool: offered Mon-Th noon-3: 30 with a 3-day suggested minimum: 3 1/2 hours per class; lunch bunch included every day.</p> <p>We are closed on Friday afternoons.</p> <p>Enrichment classes with Music Together, Inspire Kids Yoga and Handwriting without Tears are offered on Mon/Tues/Wed PM's and Music with Ms. Liz on Tues/Wed AM's; invoiced monthly.</p> <p>These instructors come to your child's classroom- there are no transitions to another location, classmate changes and no transporting. These Enrichment series are a part of your child's day here.</p> <p>We begin shortly after Labor Day- schedule classes up until right before Christmas Day- and are open until the end of June: 30-33 more days than the local Nursery/Preschools and one hour more than most!</p>

<p>Do you have an extended day option?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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If yes, please provide details of your options.	Children from the AM may extend their day and stay into the afternoon class. As the children age, and a class is available, a parent has the option for their child to do a "double".
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	<p>Yes, July camp is offered for 4 weeks. Tues-Fri, 9:00-1:00. Mixed aged classes occur- its summer! At the end of camp, each child gets a personal photo album showing each weeks nature themes, photos of themselves and their classmates as well as a copy of our reading list. Our nature based curriculum centers on the life cycle of ladybugs and butterflies, (we raise and release the ladybugs and Painted Lady Butterflies), our local ocean and its treasures, and concluding with the all-time favorite- Pirate Week!</p> <p>August camp is 3 weeks- 9-1:00, Tues-Friday. This is a great introduction for children enrolled in the fall. Our curriculum is less structured.</p> <p>In House registration for July Camp will be on Monday, March 6, 2017. Public camp registration will be on Monday March 13, 2017.</p>
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018	2 days/week: 3.5 hours per class at \$388.60/month. This represents a .50 hourly tuition rate increase from the previous year.
Is there financial aid available?	No
Class Size	AM: 10 children PM: 6- 10 children
# of Teachers	2 teachers
Minimum Age by Sept 1	20 months
What is your toilet training policy?	Children do not have to be toilet trained.
What is your food allergy policy?	Peanut and tree nut free- a list of allergies will be posted at the beginning of summer camp and the academic year.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	Yes. By the State Department of Early Education and Care and NFCCA. The EEC monitors us regularly.

Please describe the application process for your school.	Please utilize our web site to download and complete the App form: sweetreliefnurseryandpreschool.com
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	In House registration begins Tuesday, November 1 st ; public registration begins November 16, 2016- then we have rolling admissions through out the remainder of the year of we have openings.
What is the application fee?	\$100 non-refundable application fee

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<p>How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?</p>	<p>We support and empower the children to be their best remembering that all children develop differently at different rates. Because our daily schedule shifts every 1/2-hour, we leave little room for boredom and much room for growth. Our schedule also lays the groundwork for very few discipline issues. Few are frustrated- we incorporate sign language into the classroom for all children. The low student teacher ratio enables us to be aware of what behaviors are in the classroom- or could possibly arise in the classroom. Each class has its own personality- as a class. It is the dynamics of a class that sets the tone of how educators handle the class and the individuals who make up the class. Re-direct energy!</p> <p>Reinforcing the positive is always first- praise, setting examples, creating and maintaining consistent comprehensible boundaries by setting appropriate limits and rules. Eye contact and kindness are also key in assisting each individual child to learn the socio-emotional skills required to learn.</p>
<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>Yes. We have specialists who visit us, as mentioned earlier. We offer Music Together on Monday PM's. Our Handwriting Without Tears instructor, Amy Linnell, who has her Masters in Special Ed and is Certified in Project Read and Orton-Gillingham-comes to us on Wed PM's. Renowned Inspire Kids Yoga, Kim Spires, comes to us on Tuesdays PM's. We also have Music offered on Tuesday and Wednesday AM's. These specialists come to your child here during their classroom time- no extra driving your child- no parental participation (and teachers tell us children "soar" without their parents present)- no transitions to another classroom or building.</p> <p>Our field trips are by "legs only". We visit a nearby lane and our neighboring field to observe animal habitats, tracks and patterns in nature with various the seasons.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>We provide the Nursery children with a visual chart of how their day goes: free play, snack, art, music, outside time, lunch bunch and circle time (stickers, and story). The afternoons we refer to as "opposite days" for the children who have progressed here from the AM program to the PM program.</p> <p>In the winter, we will omit the art medium in order to be outside.</p> <p>Here we are much more interested in teaching a child to be independent about getting on their outside clothing themselves (which is what they are all about) than sending home a quick "teacher-do" art project to hang on the wall. We save painting, baking, bowling, floor puzzles, Hullabaloo and basketball for rainy days-, which make it so much more special for the children and for the teachers!</p>

Wilder Memorial Nursery School

School/Center:	Wilder Memorial Nursery School
Contact Information	Address: 666 Main Street, Hingham Phone: 781-749-3518 Contact: Margo Siegfried Email: wilderschool@verizon.net Website: http://wilderschool.org
Please provide a description of your program	Wilder is a fantastic Preschool for children! Our mission is to get our children totally prepared for the next step in the "big school": Kindergarten.
Please provide a description of your facilities	Wilder School is rich in history and unique in traditions and has served generations of families since 1924. Located on Main Street in Hingham, Wilder School is housed in a neighborhood of beautiful historical homes. There are three light and airy classrooms filled with the appropriate supplies and equipment to meet the many needs of the preschool children in Wilder's program. Our children <i>play</i> and <i>learn</i> at the same time! Though our building is an "antique" our classrooms are bright, colorful, and inviting and are set up just right to serve our wee students perfectly! Our playground, which was recently updated, is large and safe with a variety of wonderful equipment for the children. The children love the playground!
Please provide a schedule of your offered classes.	Our morning sessions run from 8.30 am - 11.30am. We offer five mornings, three mornings and two mornings. Our afternoon sessions run from 12.30pm - 3.30pm. We have a four-afternoon class for our Pre-K classes and a three-afternoon class for our younger students.
Do you have an extended day option?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of your options.	We offer an optional Lunch Bunch program for our Pre-K children on Monday and Friday mornings.
Do you offer a Kindergarten option?	No
Anticipated Tuition for 2016/2017	Please see this information online at our website www.wilderschool.org .
Is there financial aid available?	Yes
Does your facility offer a summer program/camp? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your program.	We do not offer a summer program per se but for the last two weeks of the school year Wilder School becomes "Camp Wilder" with camp tees, water play outdoors, popsicles, bubble fun, Arts and Crafts, a camp song all our own, and all the fun and activities of a summer "camp." "Camp Wilder" is a theme and the children and the staff have a great time with it! Camp is offered only to enrolled Wilder students.

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Class Size	Our smaller classes have eleven children. Our one large class has eighteen. All have two teachers.
# of Teachers	We have four Lead teachers, and five teachers all certified by the State and all with college degrees. They are an incredibly creative and intuitive group of women who love children and delight in helping them learn and grow. We also have Assistant teachers.
Minimum Age by Sept 1	The minimum age is three by August 31.
What is your toilet training policy?	We encourage parents to toilet train their children prior to enrollment. However, we do not reject a child if this skill has not been acquired. We ask our parents to be phone accessible in the event of a toileting "accident."
What is your food allergy policy?	We are totally peanut-free. We constantly remind our parents of this rule. We are trained every year in administering an Epi-Pen and are alert to all our "allergy" kids and their needs. We aim to protect all our students.
Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details.	We are licensed by the State Department of Early Education and Care and are monitored by them on a routine basis.
Please describe the application process for your school.	Parents should go to the Wilder website in order to enroll. They would download the application and send it to the school at 666 Main Street along with a \$50.00 enrollment fee. This fee is refunded if a child is not accepted into the program. A lottery in early March determines acceptance into Wilder.
What are the dates that applications are due for your program?	Applications are due on February 28, 2017 for the September 2017 program.
What is the application fee?	\$50.00 registration fee which is refundable if a child does not get in to the program.
How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom?	The Wilder staff provides a caring and supportive environment. At the beginning of each school year the classes set up their own set of rules and are reminded of these throughout the year. Being a GOOD FRIEND is always the first rule! Children are encouraged to "use your words, not your hands" with their school friends and they are given time to think about the consequences of their actions. In place of physical or negative behavior our students are taught proper ways to communicate with their peers. We set reasonable limits for children and help them to reach for their self-control. Recognizing and praising POSITIVE behaviors and actions may influence a child to behave in a more acceptable manner. Respect and an acceptance of others is all part of our curriculum. As children grow and mature they learn to express their needs and feelings in more appropriate ways.

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<p>Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips?</p>	<p>We invite a Policeman, Fireman, Dental Hygienist, Bike rider, Physician, and a Nurse to come to the classes to discuss safety issues of all types with the children. We also have musicians; animal trainers, Wildlife experts, Disney characters, special readers, puppeteers, and musicians for the children to enjoy. The children go to Weir River Farm, the Library, the Hingham Playground and the Recreation Center. The younger children celebrate all our summer birthdays at a variety of special, fun places with parents joining them.</p>
<p>Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program.</p>	<p>Every day the children experience the following: circle time/ sharing time where the "meteorologist" of-the-day will help his/her classmates with discussing that day's weather and the calendar. The day's activities are discussed at circle time as is Show and Tell (one child per day.) Free choice allows the children to choose their own activities in our different classroom centers. Every day there is a story followed by a washing of the hands and a simple snack; this is usually a very social time! If someone is celebrating a birthday then the parent attends and brings the special (peanut free) snack and of course we sing Happy Birthday! A project and other fun activities such as art, play-dough or a cooking project are offered. Our students learn the alphabet by using the "Lively Letters" program; it is the same program used by the Hingham public schools. The Wilder children are so ready for their Kindergarten year! The Wilder schedule remains the same every day, as children do not like surprises, but within the schedule the activities are changed. The children spend time in the playground every day unless it is raining or extremely cold. There is a great deal of learning happening at Wilder School. It is a great place for children to learn, grow, and feel safe.</p>