

## Ten signs of a great preschool

### How to spot a top-notch program for your child.

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 6 and attends a childcare center, preschool, or kindergarten program, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) suggests you look for these 10 signs to make sure your child is in a good classroom:

1. Children spend most of their time playing and working with materials or other children. They do not wander aimlessly and are not expected to sit quietly for long periods of time.
2. Children have access to various activities throughout the day. Look for assorted building blocks and other construction materials; props for pretend play; picture books; paints and other art materials; and table toys such as matching games, pegboards, and puzzles. Children should not all be doing the same thing at the same time.
3. Teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.
4. The classroom is decorated with children's original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling, and stories dictated by children to teachers.
5. Children learn numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences. The natural world of plants and animals and meaningful activities like cooking, taking attendance, or serving snack provide the basis for learning activities.
6. Children work on projects and have long periods of time (at least one hour) to play and explore. Worksheets are used little if at all.
7. Children have an opportunity to play outside every day. Outdoor play is never sacrificed for more instructional time.
8. Teachers read books to children individually or in small groups throughout the day, not just at group story time.
9. Curriculum is adapted for those who are ahead as well as those who need additional help. Teachers recognize that children's different background and experiences mean that they do not learn the same things at the same time in the same way.
10. Children and their parents look forward to school. Parents feel secure about sending their child to the program. Children are happy to attend; they do not cry regularly or complain of feeling sick.

**Your Child  
May Qualify for  
FREE Preschool!**

**Register your  
child now!**



**Full Day Preschool Program  
For 3 & 4 Year Old Paterson Children  
2018-2019 School Year**

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# Frequently Asked Questions:

*Full Day Preschool Program Beginning September 2018*

## Who qualifies for the program?

All Paterson children who have reached the age of 3 or 4 by October 31, 2018.

## When do I register my child for the locations listed under Pre-School Centers?

For these locations registration is ongoing for the September 2018-2019 school year. Please call the individual locations to register your child.

## When do I register my child for the locations listed under In-District Locations?

For In-District Registration please call (973) 321-2501 for an appointment. Registration began February 5, 2018 for 2018-2019 school year.

## What do I need to bring to register my child?

When You Register Your Child, You Need To Bring:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- 3 Proofs of Residence
- Child must be present (PSE&G Bill, Cable Bill or Phone Bill)

## What do you do if the center of your choice is full?

Call the Early Childhood Department at (973) 321-0674 to determine where there are openings.

## Is transportation provided? No.

Please contact the Department of Central Registration at (973) 321-2501 for information regarding the registration process at School #1, School #9, School #15, School # 16, School # 21, School #24, School # 25, School # 27, School #28, Dale Avenue , Early Learning Center and EWK .

If you have any questions regarding the State Mandated Preschool Program, please call (973) 321-0674.

### Project Child Find

If you are a Paterson resident and have or know of a child between the ages of 3-5 who demonstrates significant developmental delays or has a diagnosed condition contact the Department of Special Services, 90 Delaware Avenue.  
Call 973-321-0431 for further information.

**All information is confidential.**

# Participating STATE MANDATED Preschool Centers & In-District Locations

Pre-School Center	Address	Phone
* B.J. Wilkerson I	437 W. Broadway	595-5272
* B.J. Wilkerson III	124 Haledon Ave.	595-5272
* Calvary Baptist	575 E. 18th St.	278-4130
* El Mundo De Colores	44 Ward St.	523-0919
* El Mundo Del Niño	433 Main St	279-7100
* Friendship Corner II	186 Butler St.	405-6711
* Gilmore	505 E. 22nd St.	977-8977
* Gilmore II	69-72 Montclair Ave.	862-701-6301
* Head Start– Eastside	500 E. 35th St.	546-2634
* Head Start– Westside	265 Totowa Ave.	546-2634
* Hogar Infantil	560 Main St.	279-4486
* La Vida Too	116 Jackson St.	279-7067
*La Vida Three	279 Carroll St.	569-0001
* Memorial Day	397 Grand St.	742-3295
* Memorial II	238 Straight St.	345-0281
* Michael’s Energy Factory of Greater Bergen Community Action	101 Oliver St.	684-2278
Omega Preschool	277-6th Ave.	278-8787
* Paterson Day Care 100	363 Broadway	278-5200
* Paterson Family Center	32 Spruce St.	413-1570
* PCCC Child Dev. Center	1 College Blvd.	684-5915
* St. Joseph’s Child Care	800 Main St.	754-4433
*YMCA	128 Ward St.	684-2320
In-District Locations		
School No. 1	1 East 32nd St.	
School No. 9	6 Timothy St.	
School No. 15	98 Oak St.	
School No. 16	11-22nd Ave.	
School No. 21	322 10th Ave.	
School No. 24	50 19th Ave.	
School No. 25	287 Trenton Ave.	
School No. 27	250 Richmond Ave.	
School No. 28	200 Presidential Blvd.	
Dale Avenue School	21 Dale Ave.	
Early Learning Center	660-14th Ave.	
EWK	295-315 Ellison St.	