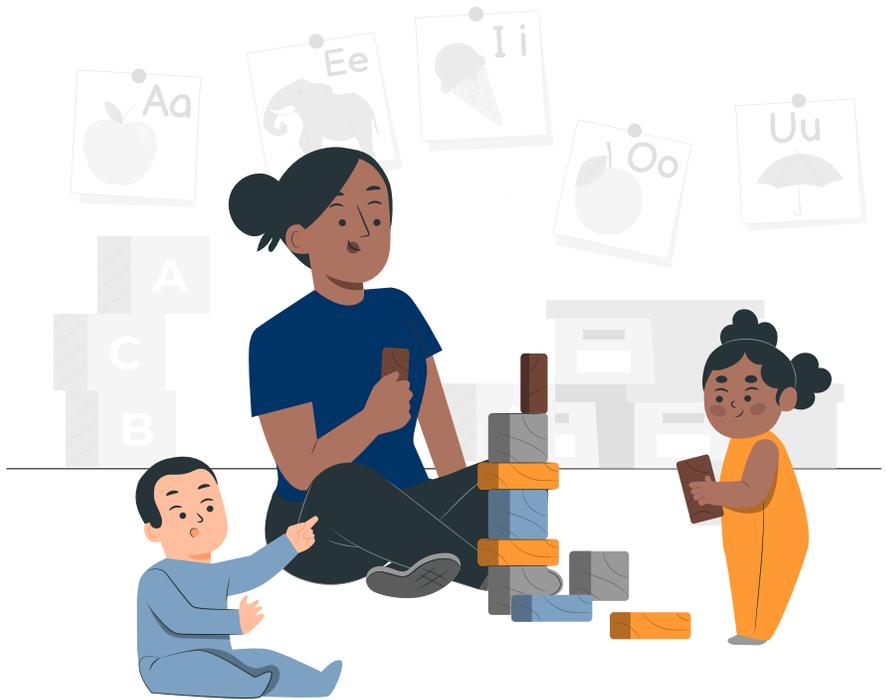


Apply to 3-K & Pre-K

All New York City families with children born in 2022 can apply to pre-k, and families with children born in 2023 can apply to 3-K for fall 2026.



Important Dates

- **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**
3-K & pre-k applications open
- **Friday, February 27, 2026**
3-K & pre-k applications close
- **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**
Pre-k offer release
- **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**
3-K offer release



MySchools.nyc

Use this resource to learn about schools, build, and submit your child's application.

schools.nyc.gov/3K | schools.nyc.gov/PreK

Find the latest admissions updates. Watch videos to learn about the admissions process, including how to use MySchools and how students get offers.

schools.nyc.gov/FWC

You can also make an appointment with a Family Welcome Center or call us at 718-935-2009 to get personalized support.



Admissions Checklist

Explore and Learn

- Log in to MySchools.nyc to see schools near you.
- Learn more about 3-K and pre-k settings, and the seat types they may offer on the next page.
- Attend a virtual information session (schools.nyc.gov/ESEvents) and/or open houses (MySchools.nyc/Calendar)

Apply by February 27, 2026:

- Online with MySchools.nyc
- By phone at **718-935-2009**
- Through a Family Welcome Center—learn how at schools.nyc.gov/FWC
- List programs in your true order of preference—your top choice first! There's no limit to how many programs you may list.
- Admissions is not first come, first served—apply anytime before the deadline.

Accept Your Offer

- Accept your child's offer by the deadline on MySchools to secure your child's seat. You can accept your offer online through MySchools.nyc or by contacting the school directly. Accepting this offer does not affect waitlist chances.
- Add your child to additional waitlists (optional). If they get a waitlist offer, the program will contact you.

3-K & Pre-K Programs

Learn about the various 3-K and Pre-K programs available, including eligibility requirements and important factors to consider, so you can choose the best option for your child.

Grade	Seat Types	Program Hours	Program Settings*
3-K Children are eligible in the calendar year in which they turn three	City Transitional All NYC students are eligible. Priority is based on family income and needs.	Year-Round (8 or 10 hours a day)	
	Extended Day and Year Eligibility requirements apply: schools.nyc.gov/ECEligibility		 
	School Day All NYC students are eligible	September – June (6 hours 20 minutes a day)	   
Pre-K Children are eligible in the calendar year in which they turn four	City Transitional All NYC students are eligible. Priority is based on family income and needs.	Year-Round (8 or 10 hours a day)	
	Extended Day and Year Eligibility requirements apply: schools.nyc.gov/ECEligibility		
	School Day All NYC students are eligible	September – June (6 hours 20 minutes a day)	  

* Program Setting Types:

3-K and pre-K options are located in a variety of settings. Each setting provides children with a safe and nurturing learning environment. You can choose any or all of these settings, depending on your family's preference.

 **District Schools**
Elementary schools run by NYC Public Schools

 **Pre-K Centers**
Sites run by NYC Public Schools that only offer 3-K and pre-k

 **NYC Early Education Centers**
Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) that partner with NYC Public Schools to offer 3-K and pre-k

 **Family Child Care (3-K only)**
Home-based programs that offer 3-K in a home setting by a licensed, qualified child care provider

How Offers Are Made

Children receive 3-K and pre-k offers based on four key factors: your application choices, each program's seat availability, each program's admissions priorities, and randomly assigned numbers. Learn more about how offers are made at nyc.gov/3K or nyc.gov/PreK.