

Orange Township Public Schools Orange Early Childhood Center Mrs. Jacquelyn Blanton, Principal



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Orange Township Public Schools Preschool Program Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Is preschool in Orange free? Yes, as long as you are a resident of Orange Township.
- 2. At what age can I enroll my child in preschool? Is there a cut off age for preschool? Children need to be 3 by October 1st.
- 3. Does my child have to be potty trained before he/she starts school? No, however we encourage the parent to introduce it at home.
- 4. Where do I register for preschool? **Preschool registration is done at the Orange Early Childhood Center**, **397 Park Avenue.**
- 5. What do I need to bring to register my child? Your child's original birth certificate, your CURRENT lease or mortgage statement, 2 ADDITIONAL proofs of address and a photo ID of the parent that comes to register.
- 6. Does not my child need be immunized? Yes, unless there is a religious or medical exemption.
- 7. Does my child need a physical? Yes, annually before entering school.
- 8. Does my child need a flu shot? Yes, between September 1st December 31st, until the age of 5.
- 9. Where are the preschools located? (Orange Township Public School District Preschool Providers)
- 10. What is the difference between in-district preschools and provider preschools? An In-district school is a preschool that is located in a district elementary school. A provider preschool is located at a local, privately owned preschool, that the OBOE contracts with to provide the same services as we do in the elementary school setting.
- 11. Do I have choice in the preschool that I want my child to attend? You can choose to attend any Provider Preschool if space is available. The Montclair Child Development Center is a Head Start program and has an income eligibility process in order to attend. In-District preschool sites are designated in the same way as your child's kindergarten school is determined. You must live in the zone where your elementary school is located in order to attend preschool in that specific elementary school and if space is available.
- 12. What if I do not get my first choice in preschools? You will be placed on a wait list and called if a space opens up.
- 13. What if I want to transfer my child from one preschool to another? You can transfer as long as there is space available. We discourage transferring a child after 60 days because by then a child has acclimated to the school environment.