

Colchester School District Offers Publicly Funded Pre-Kindergarten
For children between the ages of 3 and 5 who reside in Colchester
Enrolling for the 2016-17 School Year

What is publicly funded pre-kindergarten education?

Publicly funded pre-kindergarten is defined as:

- Ten hours per week (for 35 weeks) of developmentally appropriate early learning experiences that is based on Vermont's Early Learning Standards.
- Children who reside in Colchester and are between the ages of three and five are eligible.
- Pre-Kindergarten education is limited to the academic year (September 2016-June 2017).

Where are these publicly funded programs?

Colchester School District's publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs are located in community private early care and education programs that meet specific quality standards, and two classrooms in the Malletts Bay School.

Qualified programs anticipated to be under agreement with Colchester School District for the 2016-2017 school year:

- ❖ ABC Academy – Milton, 893-2223
- ❖ Adventures in Early Learning – Shelburne, 985-9025
- ❖ Annette's Preschool – Hinesburg, 482-2525
- ❖ Ascension Childcare, Inc. – Shelburne, 658-0212
- ❖ Bluewater Early Childhood Program – Shelburne, 985-8118
- ❖ BTC Preschool – Burlington, 864-8422
- ❖ Burlington Forest Preschool – 310-7028
- ❖ Carolyn's Red Balloon – Colchester, 878-5001
- ❖ Champlain Valley Head Start – Colchester, 651-4180
- ❖ Children's Preschool and Enrichment Center – Essex, 878-1060
- ❖ Children Unlimited – Williston, 878-5899
- ❖ The Children's School – So. Burlington, 862-2772
- ❖ Colchester Early Education Program – Colchester, 264-5912
- ❖ Discovery Preschool – So. Burlington, 860-4370
- ❖ E.J.'s Kids Klub, Inc. – Williston, 860-1151
- ❖ Early Learning Center at St. Michael's College – Colchester, 654-2650
- ❖ EJRP Preschool – Essex Jct., 878-1375
- ❖ Essex Hollow Playschool, Inc. – Essex Jct., 879-0791
- ❖ Frog and Toad Childcare and Learning Center: Burlington, 864-7150 and Essex Jct., 871-5309
- ❖ Future Einsteins – Colchester, 288-9035
- ❖ Green Mountain Montessori School – Essex Jct., 879-9114
- ❖ Heartworks: Burlington, Shelburne and Williston, 985-2153
- ❖ Kid Logic Learning – So. Burlington, 660-3600
- ❖ Kids & Fitness: Essex, 879-7734; So. Burlington, 658-0080; Williston, 864-5351
- ❖ Kinderstart – Williston, 878-4289
- ❖ Little Feats Childcare & Preschool – Colchester, 878-4220
- ❖ Little Feats Too Childcare & Preschool – Milton, 893-4569
- ❖ Little One's University – Essex Jct., 872-7444
- ❖ Little Tots Academy – Colchester, 876-7317
- ❖ Lorrie Ploof – Essex Jct., 878-4603

- ❖ Lund Family Center – So. Burlington, 861-2156
- ❖ Nadeau’s Playschool – Williston, 652-9800
- ❖ Pine Forest Children’s Center – Burlington, 651-9455
- ❖ Reach for the Stars Childcare and Preschool, Essex Jct. (879-4427)
- ❖ Robin’s Nest Children’s Center – Burlington, 864-8191
- ❖ Sara Holbrook Community Center – Burlington, 862-0080
- ❖ The Schoolhouse – So. Burlington, 658-4164
- ❖ Sheila Quenneville – So. Burlington, 777-7758
- ❖ Trinity Children’s Center – Burlington, 656-5010
- ❖ UVM Campus Children’s Center – 656-2025
- ❖ Williston Enrichment Center – 846-9402
- ❖ Y Early Childhood Program @ Chamberlain School – So. Burlington, 862-9622
- ❖ Y Early Childhood Program for UVM Medical Center – Winooski, 338-9208
- ❖ YMCA – Greater Burlington, 862-9622

If your child’s current preschool/childcare is *qualified* (must have 4 or 5 STARS and a VT licensed teacher with an endorsement in early education) and is not listed above, you may submit a written request to: Colchester School District, PO Box 27, Colchester VT 05446-0027 or by email to PreK@colchestersd.org. CSD will send an agreement to your child’s program.

Is this 10 hour/week program tuition free?

Public education funding is to support 10 hours of pre-kindergarten per week (35 weeks per year – September-June). Your child must attend a program for at least 10 hours a week to receive funding for tuition. For the 2016-2017 school year, the state mandated compensation is \$3,092 per child. For children who attend less than 35 weeks, the amount shall be pro-rated. These funds are paid directly to the child care center by the school district and are applied toward your child’s tuition. The program you attend may not charge you for the 10 hours, 35 weeks of pre-kindergarten paid for by your school district. Please contact your program for more information about tuition fees for additional time (above and beyond the 10 hours, 35 weeks per year) your child attends the program.

Is my child eligible for Colchester School District publicly funded Pre-Kindergarten?

If your child is 3 years old before September 1, 2016 and resides in Colchester, then your child is eligible to participate. Children born after this date will need to wait for the following school year to apply.

How do I apply?

Complete and submit a Colchester Early Education Program Enrollment Packet which is posted on our website at www.csdyt.org. Enrollment forms can also be obtained by calling 264-5983 or my emailing PreK@colchestersd.org.