

# Universal Pre-K

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# Who qualifies to enroll?

- Children who are 3, 4 or 5 years old on or before August 31 and not enrolled in K
- Enrolled in a prequalified center

## What is a pre-qualified center?

- a NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation;  
or
- 4 Stars in Vermont's *ST*ep Ahead Recognition System (STARS)
- 3 Stars with a plan to get to 4 Stars

# Other Criteria

Centers need:

- licensed or registered with Department for Children and Families
- in good regulatory standing
- Vermont Early Learning Standards

# Other Criteria

- provide a non-secular pre-k education
- enter into a written agreement with the school district
- offer a PreK education a minimum of 10 hours a week for 35 weeks per academic year

# Center Responsibilities

- complete reports
  - enrollment, attendance, child assessment, costs of PreK education, finances
- conduct assessments
  - twice a year and report results of assessment to AOE

# Type of PreK Programs

- Public School
- Privately Owned Licensed Center
- Privately Owned Registered Home

## 3, 4, and 5 STAR Colchester Childcare Sites

- Carolyn's Red Balloon- 5 STARS
- Dino-Mite Day Care - 3 STARS
- Early Learning Center at St.Michael's College- 3 STARS
- Little Feets Daycare- 5 STARS
- Little Tots Academy- 3 STARS



# Potential Pre-Qualified Centers

Heartworks

YMCA

Burlington Children's Space

Trinity

Milton Family Center

Stepping Stones

# How Does the Money Work?

- The District gets money from the state in the form of ADM(average Daily Membership)
- The District sends the money in 3 payments to the Centers
- The Centers give parents a credit on their tuition.

# Financials

ADM Base Amount \$9,459

PreK ADM %

0.46

Pre K ADM Rate

\$4,351

Tuition to Centers

\$3,000

# Questions or Comments