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Dear Parents,

If you are interested in our 3K/ Pre-K program for 2025-2026, please apply on Myschools. Application dates open on January 15. During the application period, families can apply one of three ways:

**1. Online with MySchools.** <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>

**2. By phone at 718-935-2009.** Interpretation services are available in more than 200 languages for over-the-phone applications. You can ask questions and request information about admissions in any language when you call.

**3. In person at a Family Welcome Center.** An Enrollment Counselor can assist you in submitting an application.

Below are the application open, close, and offer release dates. These dates are for students who are applying during the 2024-2025 school year for admission in the 2025-2026 school year.

**-Wednesday, January 15, 2025:** 3-K and Pre-K Applications Open

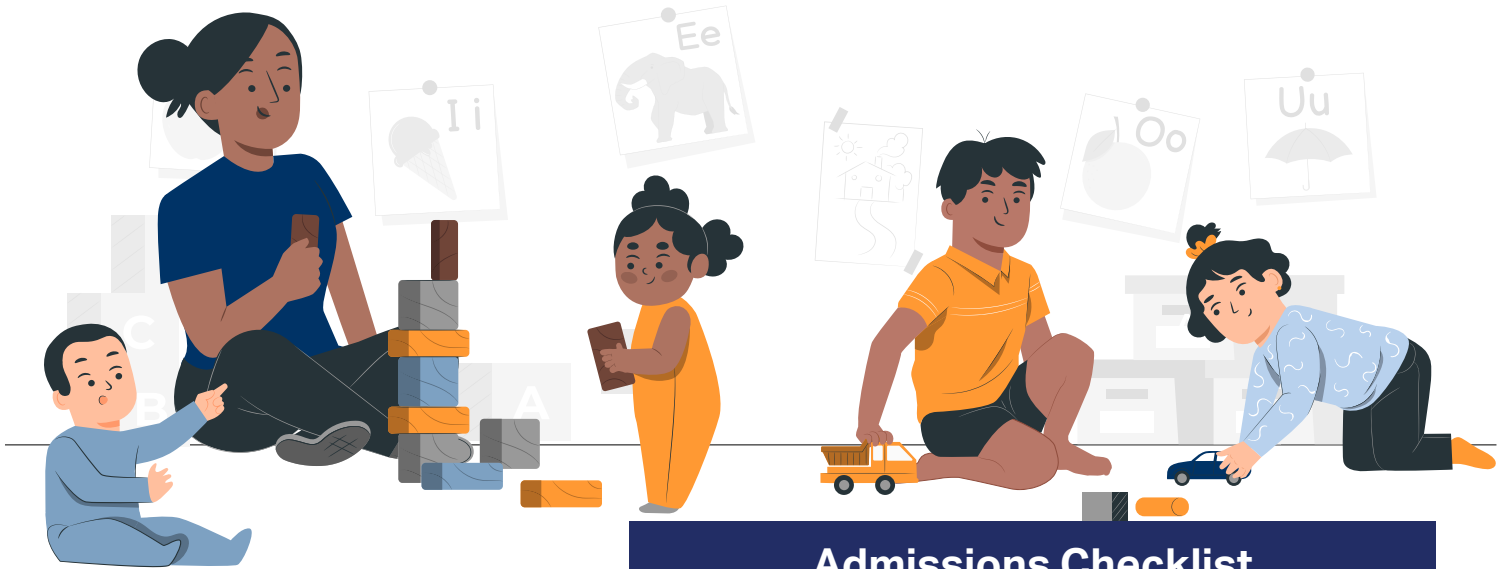
**-Friday, February 28, 2025:** 3-K and Pre-K Applications Close

**-Tuesday, May 13, 2025:** Pre-K Offer Release

**-Tuesday, May 20, 2025:** 3-K Offer Release

Regards,  
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# Apply to 3-K and Pre-K

All New York City families with children born in 2021 can apply to pre-K, and families with children born in 2022 can apply to 3-K for Fall 2025.

## MySchools.nyc

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

## nyc.gov/3K | 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](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov) to explore your child's school options.
- Learn more about 3-K and pre-K settings, and the seat types they may offer on the next page.
- Attend one of our virtual Elementary School admissions information sessions. Information on how to join is on our events page: [schools.nyc.gov/ESEvents](https://schools.nyc.gov/ESEvents).
- Attend open houses or tours! Check the MySchools event calendar for dates, times, and locations, or visit schools' websites directly for the latest event updates, resources, and contact information.

### Apply

- Apply by the deadline listed on [schools.nyc.gov/Enroll](https://schools.nyc.gov/Enroll)
  - List programs in your true order of preference, with your favorite choice as #1. There's no limit to how many programs you may list!
  - Some seat types have eligibility requirements. Learn more on the next page.
- Submit one of the following ways:
  - Online with [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov)
  - By phone at **718-935-2009**
  - Through a Family Welcome Center—learn how at [schools.nyc.gov/FWC](https://schools.nyc.gov/FWC)

### Get Your Offer

- Accept your child's offer by the deadline provided in their offer letter. This secures your child's seat at their school. You can accept your offer online through [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov) or by contacting the school directly. Accepting this offer will not affect your child's chances of receiving a waitlist offer later!
- Add your child to additional waitlists (optional). If they get a waitlist offer, the program will contact you.

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## 3-K & Pre-K Settings

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 to apply to programs in 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 grades before kindergarten
- **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

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## 3-K & Pre-K Seat Types

There are three types of 3-K and pre-K seats. A single school may offer one, two, or all three seat types, which vary mostly in terms of hours and eligibility requirements.

- **School Day**  
6 hours and 20 minutes a day during the school year, typically September to June – all NYC children are eligible to attend
- **Extended Day and Year**  
8 or 10 hours a day, all year round for families who qualify based on income and needs
- **Head Start**  
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### Eligibility Requirements

Your child may qualify if your income falls below a certain amount AND you have at least one of the following approved reasons for care:

- You work an average of 10 or more hours per week
- You are in an educational or vocational training program
- You have been looking for work for up to six months (including while receiving unemployment benefits)
- You live in temporary housing
- You are attending services for domestic violence
- You are participating in an approved substance abuse treatment program

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### Eligibility Requirements

Your child may qualify if your income falls below a certain amount OR at least one of these categories apply to you:

- You are enrolling a child who is in foster care
- You receive SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
- You receive HRA (Human Resources Administration) Cash Assistance
- You live in temporary housing
- You receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits.

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## How Offers Are Made

3-K and pre-K admissions are not first come, first served. All applications received by the deadline will be treated equally. 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](https://nyc.gov/3K) or [nyc.gov/PreK](https://nyc.gov/PreK).

### Stay in the loop

Sign up for our 3-K and pre-K admissions email list at [schools.nyc.gov/SignUp](https://schools.nyc.gov/SignUp). We'll send you updates and reminders throughout the process.