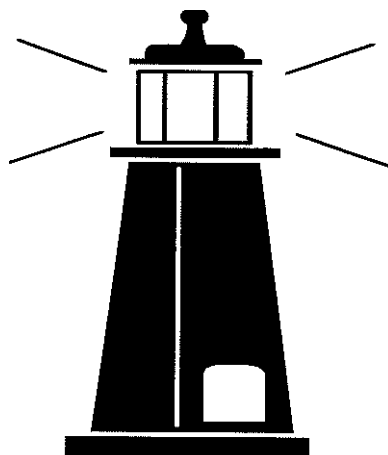


Hull Public Schools
Integrated Preschool

Parent Resource Guide



Lillian M. Jacobs School
18 Harborview Road

INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

Staff Information

Superintendent	Judith Kuehn
Director of Student Services	Kristen Ryan
Lillian M. Jacobs Principal	Kyle Shaw
Lillian M. Jacobs Asst. Principal	Lindsey Rajan
Team Chair, School Psychologist	Lauren Snowdale
Preschool Teacher	Ann Connelly
Preschool Teacher	Christine Donohue
Preschool Teacher	Athena Fazio
Preschool Teacher	Laura Raimondi

Essential Phone Numbers

Lillian M. Jacobs School	781-925-4400
Office of Students Services	781-925-4400 x1121
Dunham Transportation	781-749-4901

Tuition Information

Preschool tuition for the half day program is \$2,000 a year including a deposit of \$300. Tuition for the full day program is \$4,200 a year including a deposit of \$400. The deposit for new students is due at time of registration or April 1, 2024. The deposit for returning peers is due June 1, 2024. Remaining tuition payments are due on or by August 1, 2024 and February 1, 2025. Please contact Amy Hyde at 781-924-4400 ext. 1121 to discuss an alternative payment schedule or for financial aid information.

Registration

All required documents must be submitted by June 1, 2024.

All preschoolers who attend school for walk-in therapy **must** be registered at the Jacobs School office. All preschool children must have a completed registration on file at the Jacobs School to attend school and/or walk-in therapy services. Contact the Student Services office at 781-925-4400 x1121, to obtain more information pertaining to the registration process. Please notify the school immediately of any change in student information, such as address or telephone number. If you are moving from Hull, please sign a Release of Record Form at the Jacobs School Office.

Classroom Day

The Half Day Integrated Preschool Program is in session on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays following the Hull Public Schools calendar. The morning session is from 8:30 am to 11:10 am. The afternoon session is from 11:50 pm to 2:30 pm. The 4 year old Full Day Integrated Preschool Program is in session on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. There are no preschool classes on Wednesdays. Parents of peers are required to provide transportation.

*See the Early Release and Delayed Start Schedule on page 5 for scenarios.

Children with significant disabilities may participate in the intensive preschool classroom on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays following the Hull Public Schools calendar, for full-day or half-day session. The Special Education Team will consider individual needs to determine the length of each student's school day.

Arrival

Children should not arrive prior to the preschool start time. Your child's teacher will provide you with specific information regarding pick-up and drop-off locations and procedures. A teacher and/or a paraprofessional will meet the students and bring them to the classroom.

Please do not bring students directly into the classroom.

Transportation

For students who receive transportation services, it is recommended that your child be ready at least a half an hour before their session begins on the first day of school. After the first day it will be easier to determine the pickup/drop-off time. Students are ***required*** by law to ride in a car seat or booster seat to be provided by the parent or guardian. ***Please check the back of the car seats and be aware they can expire.*** The parent/guardian must remove the car seat from the van each day.

Please notify the school and Dunham Transportation Company in writing if someone other than a parent/guardian will pick up your child from school or the bus stop. Also, please notify the transportation company if your child will not be attending school or using transportation service. If possible, please call the night before, but call at least 1 hour before pick-up time in the morning. For your child's safety, changes to the home pick-up/drop-off location can only be through discussion with the Director of Student Services. In cases of a family emergency, please call the student services secretary at 781-925-4400 x 1121.

If an appropriate adult is not available to meet the van, your child will be returned to the Jacobs School Front Office to await your arrival. If the school is unable to reach a parent or guardian, emergency contacts may be called to pick up the student.

Parents in the Classroom

All parents are welcome in the preschool classes. To avoid disruption to classroom activities and upsetting individual students, visits should be scheduled. Please communicate with the classroom teacher to arrange the time and date as well as the probable length of your visit. Visitors and volunteers must sign in at the Jacobs School office and wait for an escort to the classroom. Because the structure and the rhythm of preschool classes are carefully orchestrated and require the concentration of the preschool staff, teachers, specialists and paraprofessionals are not able to have conversations during class time.

Please note that all classroom visitors and volunteers must have an approved CORI on file with the district prior to visiting or volunteering in the classroom. CORI forms are available on the school website or in the Jacobs School office.

Communication

If any questions or concerns arise during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. The best times to reach teachers by phone are between 8:10 a.m. - 8:20 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. Teachers are also available through e-mail. If you have an emergency when school is in session and you need to speak with your child's teacher immediately, please call the main office at Jacobs School at 781-925-4400.

Each month you will receive a newsletter informing you of class news, themes of the month, and any special events or days off. The Jacobs School newsletter, the Blue Notes, is emailed each Thursday. The intent of the Blue Notes is to relay important dates, student accomplishments, PTO news, special events, curriculum happenings and sign-ups. If you do not have internet access, contact the school secretary to receive a paper copy of the Blue Notes each week. Newsletters, classroom information, and/or calendars on websites are updated weekly. *Please be sure to check your child's backpack daily for any notices.*

Field Trips

Class field trips may be scheduled during the school year. Parents will be notified in advance and may be asked to pay for transportation and/or admission. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and parent volunteers serve as chaperones for children on these trips.

Clothing

Comfortable clothing is a must in preschool. We go out to the playground almost every day, so children must be dressed for the weather. This means boots, hats, mittens, snow pants and jackets for the winter; sunscreen may be needed in the warmer weather. Parents are asked to send an extra set of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) to be kept at the school for occasional spills, bathroom or art project accidents. Sneakers are needed for safe travel throughout the classroom/building and for all PT and playground activities. Flip-flops, Crocs, sandals, and party shoes are great for the beach and special occasions but are not good protection for little toes at school.

Children in the full-day program should keep a small blanket at school for nap time.

Toilet Training

All peer models must be toilet trained to participate in the program. There are no exceptions. Toilet training will be provided on an individual basis for students receiving special education services. Parents of special education students who are still in diapers/pull-ups must provide a supply of diapers/pull-ups and wipes.

Snack

Children should bring a drink and healthy snack in their backpacks each day. Children in the full-day preschool program should each bring a snack and drink as well as lunch. If your child has any food allergies, please communicate this in writing to your child's teacher and the school nurse.

Due to the growing prevalence of severe allergies, foods containing peanuts and/or tree nuts are not allowed at the Jacobs School. Please do not send ANY peanut or tree nut products into school with your child.

Please note: While the Jacobs School strives to provide a peanut/tree nut-free environment, it is essential to know that there may be times when peanut/tree nut products make their way into the school building. The risk of life-threatening allergic reactions can never be fully eliminated in the school environment.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated in the classroom as close to the actual date as possible. All summer birthdays will be celebrated in June. Our preschool follows the Jacobs School birthday food policy, and with the increase in food allergies, we ask that NO FOOD PRODUCTS be brought in for birthday celebrations. Please check with your child's teacher for more information.

Holidays

Discussion of special holidays is incorporated into the curriculum providing an opportunity for children to learn about different celebrations, traditions and cultures. If you have any special holiday traditions or celebrations that you would like to share with your child's class, please let us know. We recognize that not all families wish to observe or have their children observe these holidays. Parents who would like their child to be exempt from specific celebrations should contact the principal.

Inclement Weather

If it becomes necessary to cancel or delay school, announcements will be made over television stations WBZ, WCVB, WHDH, FOX25 and NECN as well as on radio station WBZ 1030 AM, the Hull Public Schools district webpage, Facebook and Twitter, as soon as possible the night before or in the morning. In addition, your primary and secondary phone

numbers and email addresses will be used by the SchoolMessenger system to notify you or any unexpected schedule changes, including cancellations, delays and emergency dismissals. Any changes to phone numbers or email addresses should be reported to the school. SchoolMessenger will not connect to extensions; therefore, direct numbers are required.

*See the Early Release and Delayed Start Schedule on page 5 for scenarios.

Special Education

Eligibility for special education services is determined through a team evaluation process. The Integrated Preschool Education Team evaluates children ages 3-5 to determine if they meet the state-mandated criteria for eligibility for special education services. Children with disabilities can be referred by parents, teachers, pediatricians, student support teams, and private community care providers. Students eligible for special education services must have a signed Individual Education Program (IEP) as well as all other required registration forms on file to begin receiving services. Anyone who feels that their child may be in need of special education services can receive further information by contacting the Office of Student Services at 781-925-4400 x1121.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a district-wide parent organization that supports the special education community. SEPAC provides guidance and assistance to parents, staff, the community, administration, and special education students. Please contact Student Services at 781-925-4400 x1121 for information on joining SEPAC.

Hull PTO

The Hull PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a service organization of parents/guardians, teachers and community members who actively support the educational program of the Hull Public Schools. The PTO provides volunteers and financial support for school events, activities and field trips. Its members engage in various fundraising activities to sustain its mission. Visit www.hullpto.org for more information.

***Early Release and Delayed Start Schedule**

	<u>Professional Development Early Release Day</u>	<u>Holiday Early Release</u>	<u>Parent Conferences 90 minute early release</u>	<u>Inclement Weather Delay</u>	<u>Inclement Weather Early Release</u>
	November 5 March 4	December 20	December 5 March 20		
AM PreK	No changes	Dismiss at 11:00 - per school calendar	No changes	Not in session	Time consistent with Jacobs release time
PM PreK	Not in session	Not in session	Not in session	No changes	Time consistent with Jacobs release time
Full day PreK	Dismiss at 12:45	Dismiss at 11:00 - per school calendar	Dismiss at 1:15	Arrive at 12:00	Time consistent with Jacobs release time