

Rockaway Borough Schools offers a district-sponsored integrated preschool program for children who reside in Rockaway Borough. Children must be three or four years of age on or before October 1st. Enrollment for typically developing children is based on a lottery. Students accepted into the preschool will have priority the following school year. There are two half-day classes: Morning (8:35am - 11:30am) and Afternoon (12:15pm - 3:05pm). The classes are held five days a week, following the Rockaway Borough Schools calendar.

The Rockaway Borough Preschool program groups three- and four-year-old children together. This multi-age program consists of general education children along with children with support needs learning together in the same classroom. Children have the opportunity to grow and develop with peers of varying abilities in the areas of social skills, play skills, language skills, motor skills, and early academic skills. A certified teacher and paraprofessional provide instruction using the Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum is a research-based program in which children learn through direct, hands-on experiences during play-based activities. This curriculum is designed for both general education students and students with support needs in multi-age groups. Placement in multi-age groups encourages children of various ages and abilities to progress at their own rate rather than according to age or grade-level expectations.

A LOTTERY WILL BE HELD EACH FEBRUARY TO DETERMINE STUDENT PLACEMENT.