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Welcome!

Kindergarten Information Session
November 12, 2026





Agenda

- Welcome to Somerville Public Schools
- Our Schools
- Enrollment
- Community Schools

SFLC

Somerville Family Learning Collaborative

Enhancing the capacity of families and schools to support children's learning and well-being by collaborating with community partners and promoting welcoming, responsive schools and programs.

Supporting Families from Birth to Adulthood



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Home Visits
Parent Support Groups
Playgroups
Developmental Screenings
Parent/Guardian Workshops
Parent/Guardian English Classes

***School-based Family Liaisons**
Multilingual Services
Basic Needs and Wraparound Services
Family Workshops
Get Ready for School Fair
Community-wide Events

*School-based Family and Community Liaisons creates an environment in every school that is welcoming to families to strengthen the home-school connection.

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Kindergarten Enrollment

Somerville Public Schools

Our Schools

Albert F. Argenziano School
Benjamin Brown School
Capuano Early Childhood Center
East Somerville Community School
Arthur D. Healey School
John F. Kennedy School
West Somerville Neighborhood School
Winter Hill Community Innovation School

Kindergarten hours

- Monday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.
- Tuesday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.
- Wednesday 8:10 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
  (early dismissal every Wed.)
- Thursday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.
- Friday 8:10 a.m.–2:35 p.m.

Aftercare programs available

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SPS Kindergarten Programs

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General Education

- Kindergarten
- Unidos Dual Language



Special Education Programs

- AIM (Adapt, Include, Motivate)
  for students on the autism spectrum needing specially designed instruction.

- SKIP (Specialized Kennedy Intensive Program)
  for students with physical and cognitive needs.

Sample Kindergarten Day

7:30am	Free Breakfast
8:10am	Arrival Routines & Morning Meeting start
	Literacy Activities and Centers
	Snack
	Math Centers
	Recess
	Specialists
	Lunch
	Read Aloud
	Second Step
	Choice Time/Science Centers
	Closing Meeting
2:35pm	Dismissal



1:00 p.m. dismissal on Wednesdays

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Our Schools

Unidos Dual-Language Program



What makes Unidos special?

Unidos is located in the East Somerville Community School and is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where students develop their bilingualism, biliteracy, and gain a profound respect for their own language and culture as well as the languages and cultures of others.

Why dual language?

- Celebrates students' languages and cultures, building confidence and pride
- Fosters sociocultural competence, empathy, and a global perspective

What is the model?

- In kindergarten and 1st grade, 70% of the day is taught in Spanish and 30% is taught in English
- In 2nd-8th grade, 50% of classes are taught in Spanish and 50% are taught in English

How to apply

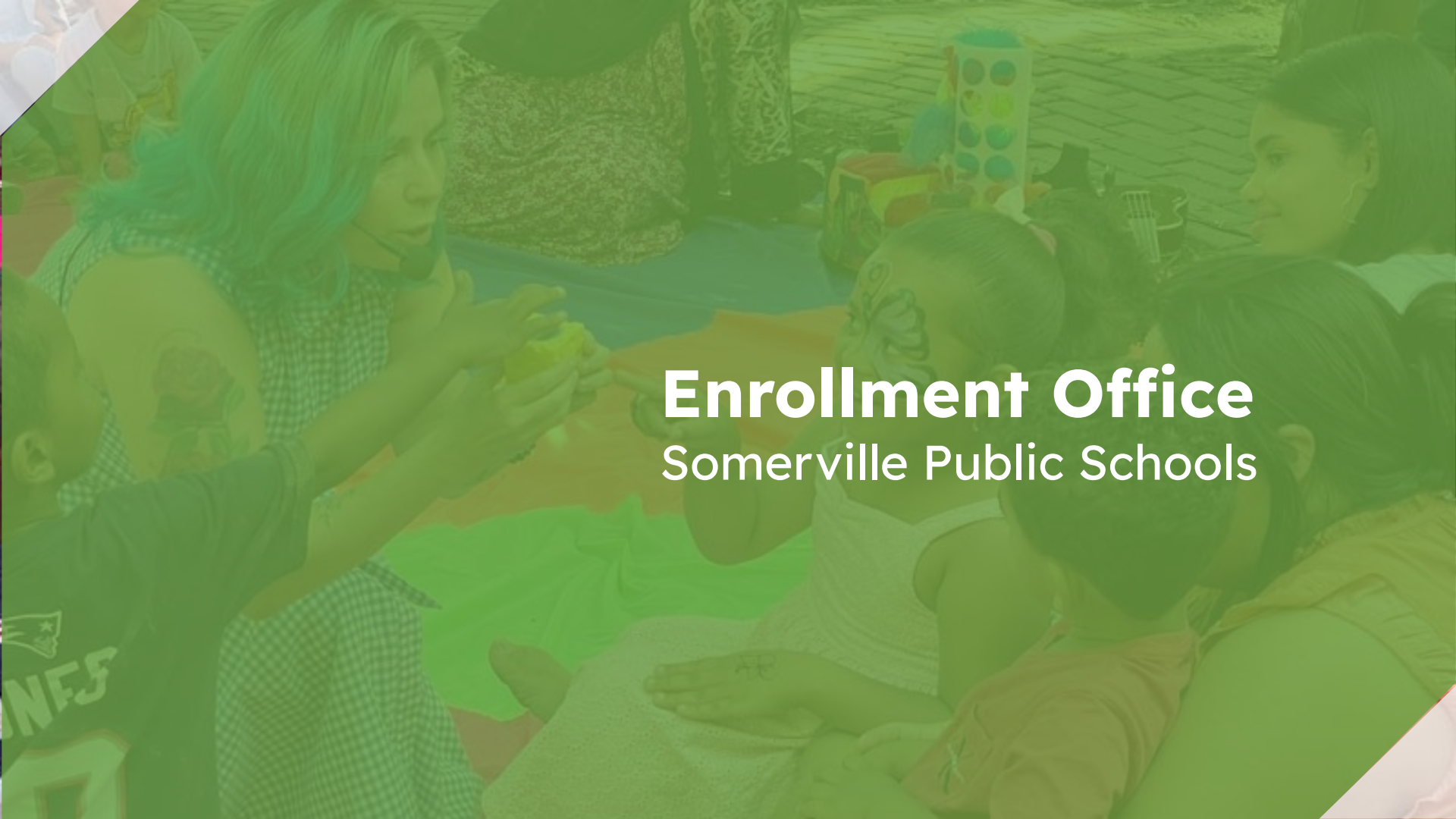
Enrollment is based on space availability and the following program criteria:

- ⅔ English Learners
- ⅓ Fluent English Speakers
- Younger siblings of currently enrolled students in the Unidos Program have preference in the lottery

Questions?

Contact: Analiese Reigstad
Unidos Curriculum & Instruction Specialist

East Somerville Community School
areigstad@k12.somerville.ma.us



Enrollment Office

Somerville Public Schools

Registration Timeline

Is your child eligible? Any Somerville child who will be 5 years of age by August 31, 2027.

When is the priority registration period? January 4 – February 11, 2027.

Can you register after February 11, 2027? Yes, however, your child is likely to receive one of your preferred school choices, when you complete and submit (not just start) your registration by Thursday, February 11, 2027.





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Enrollment

Visit our Schools!

Visit our Prekindergarten thru grade 8 schools! Ask questions, and discover the right fit for your family.



Tour dates and times:

- **Thursday, December 3 - 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm**
- **Wednesday, January 13 - 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm**
- **Tuesday, January 26 - 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm**
  (Snow date: Tuesday, February 9)



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Choosing A School

Select your top five schools, in order of preference.

During last year's priority registration period, 91% of families were assigned to their first-choice school.



Criteria for student assignment is as follows:

1. If you have a sibling already enrolled at their first choice school.

2. If your first choice school is your "proximity school," also called your neighborhood school.

- Find your proximity school here: https://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/school-assignment

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Enrollment Documents



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Have the following documentation and information available to facilitate the registration process:

- Parent/guardian government-issued identification with photo (license, Mass ID, or passport if born outside the U.S.).
- Your child's birth certificate.
- School/camp form -this form will have your child's latest physical date, list of immunizations, lead test results and the TB Risk Assessment that are the requirements for school entry. If you use a health care app this document is usually sent to the letters folder after your child's well visit.
- If your child will need to take medication at school or has a medical condition, additional forms are required.
- Two current proofs of residency/occupancy
  - Current signed lease, recent mortgage statement, or notarized residency affidavit
  - Recent utility bill (gas,oil, electric, or internet/cable), or printed pay stub dated within 60 days
- Two emergency contacts *other than* parent/guardian: full name, relationship, telephone number
- Doctor's name and telephone number.

➔ **If your child's registration is not complete, your child will NOT be assigned a school.**

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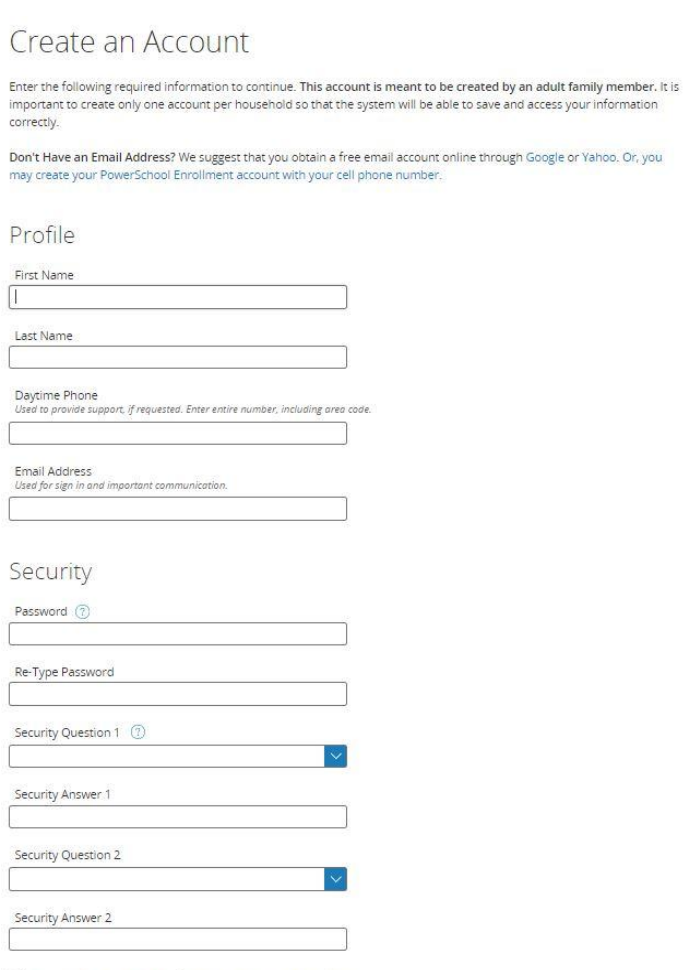
PowerSchool

Powerschool is our online enrollment portal.

To make an appointment for in-person enrollment support, please email or call.

SPS Enrollment Office
167 Holland St., 2nd floor
Somerville, MA 02144

617-629-5670
enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us



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Language Survey

Massachusetts is home to speakers of many different languages. Part of your child's school registration is answering questions on a Language Survey.

These questions will help the school identify students who may need English language supports. If your response to any question on the survey is a language other than English, your child will be assessed on their use and understanding of English to determine if English language supports are needed.

Your answers will help us learn about your child's English language skills and provide support to your child if necessary to help them learn English.

The language assessment takes about 30 minutes and must be completed in person.

Kindergarten Assignments

Kindergarten assignment email

Arrives during the week of March 8, 2027.



Classroom teacher assignment

Your child's school principal will make classroom assignments and notify families mid-August 2027.

Waitlist

What if we don't get our first choice school?

Students who are not assigned to a first choice school will be placed on the waitlist for that school. The Enrollment Office will inform parents/guardians when a space becomes available.

The waitlist will expire on November 1, 2027. After that date, we will contact families to see whether they are still interested in keeping their child on the waitlist for the current academic year.





After School Programming

Community Schools

After School

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is the SPS After School Program

Online Registration March 16–26, 2027
Portal opens at 9:30am on March 16, 2027

EZChildTrack Registration

- Care until 5:30 p.m.
- Financial assistance/vouchers
- Small groups
- Early childhood focus
- Snack
- Play
- Projects

Registration is available online.

Assistance & Appointments:
Community Schools Office
167 Holland St., 1st floor
617-625-6600 x6970



Monday–Friday 8:15am - 4:00pm
(Last appointment starts at 3pm)

https://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/sps-after-school

The Community Schools Program will send families a status email by **Mid-May 2027**

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Getting Ready for Kindergarten





somerville.k12.ma.us/readyforschool

Enrollment

Your Next Steps

1. **Take a deep breath.** You've got this, and we are here to help!
2. **Mark your calendar.** Keep track of important dates and upcoming deadlines.
3. **Explore Somerville Schools.** Visit schools, ask questions, and discover the right fit for your family.
4. **Gather your documents.** Get your paperwork ready so you'll feel prepared for the next steps.

We're here to help every step of the way!





Important Dates

Register between January 4 and February 11, 2027
to be part of the first round of school assignments.

School Assignment emails sent to families
Week of March 8, 2027

Orientations at schools, small-group meetings with teachers
Late August 2027

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Questions?






We look forward to welcoming you and your child to school!

Start the process and learn more: [Somerville Public Schools Enrollment]