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Welcome!

Prekindergarten Information Session
November 10, 2026



Somerville Early Education

Agenda

- Welcome to Somerville Public Schools
- Early Education
- 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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Somerville Family Learning Collaborative



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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Early Education

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Our Schools

Prekindergarten takes place the year before kindergarten and prepares children to enter kindergarten fostering school success.



Capuano Early Childhood Center (6 PK classrooms)

Albert F. Argenziano School

East Somerville Community School (1 Sonrisa PK classroom) > Spanish Heritage Delivered in 80% Spanish and 20% English

Arthur D. Healey School

John F. Kennedy School

West Somerville Neighborhood School

Winter Hill Community Innovation School



PK Hours

- Monday 8:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m.
- Tuesday 8:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m.
- Wednesday 8:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
  (early dismissal every Wed.)
- Thursday 8:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m.
- Friday 8:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

Aftercare programs available

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SPS Preschool Programs

General Education

- Prekindergarten
- Sonrisa PK - 80% instruction in Spanish, 20% in English for students who are Heritage Spanish speakers

Inclusion*:

- **Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP):**
  - 3-4 year olds & 4-5 year olds, Inclusion 8 Community Peers, 7 students with special needs

Special Education Programs*:

- **Substantially Separate (Sub Sep):** Students with significant IEPs (Individualized Education Plans)

*** Specialized PK Programs**

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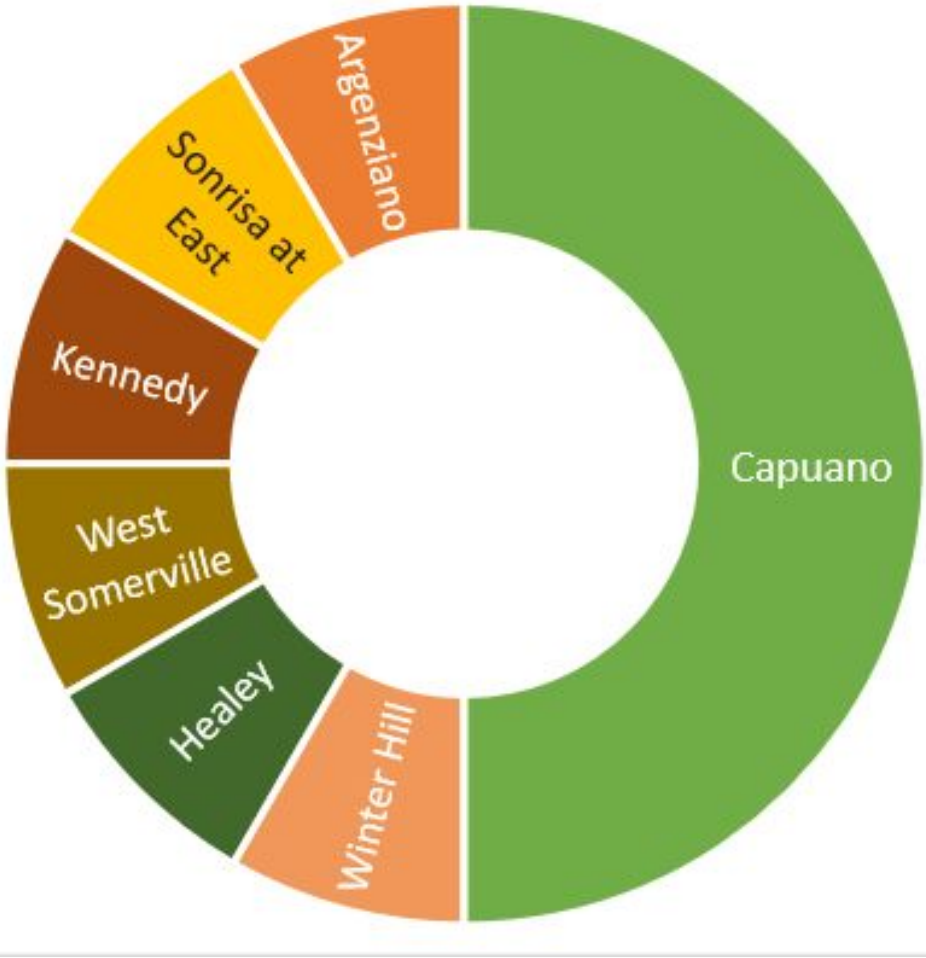
Our Schools

General Education
PK Classrooms



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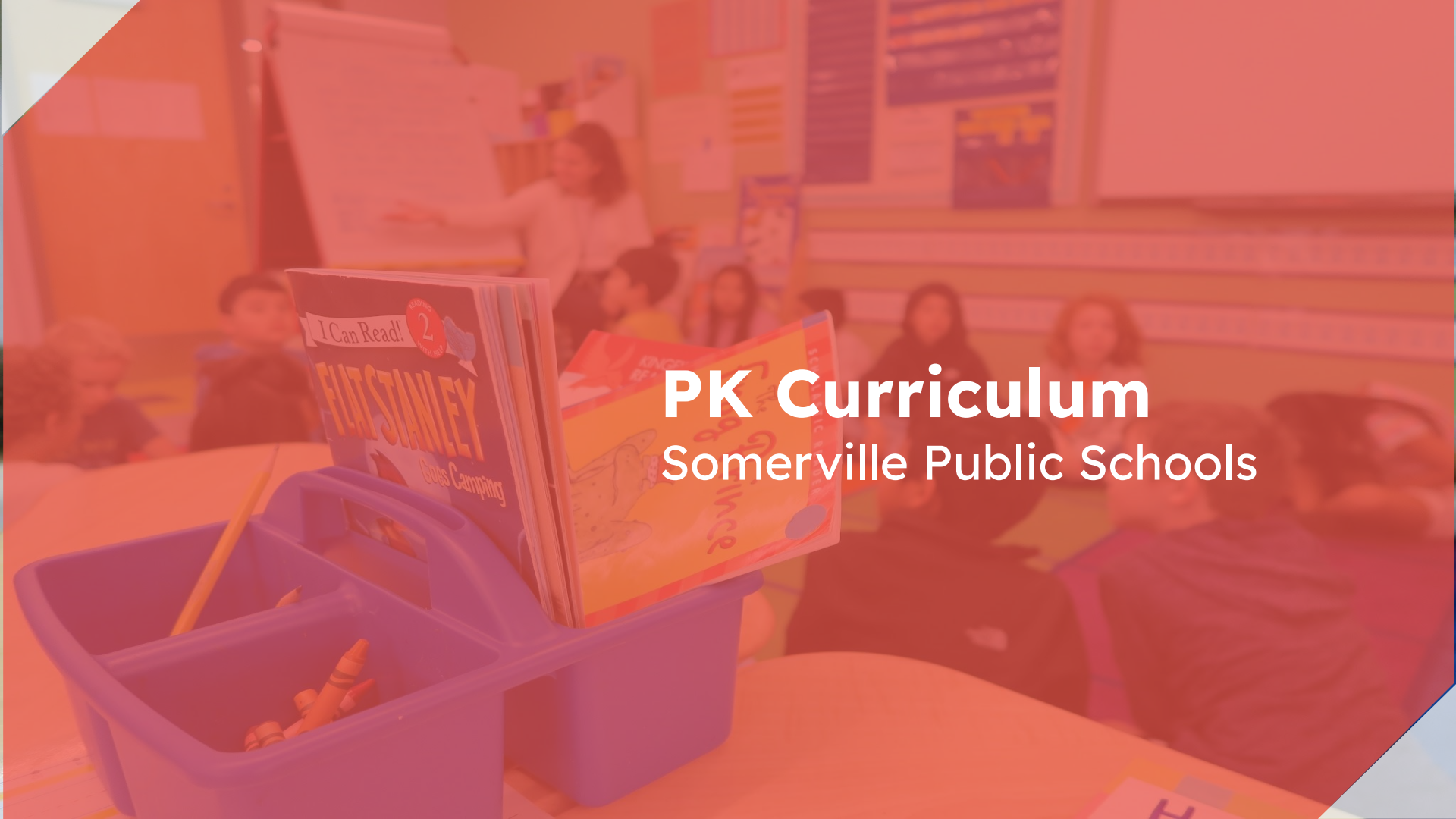

PK Curriculum

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Prekindergarten

Somerville Early Education & Care

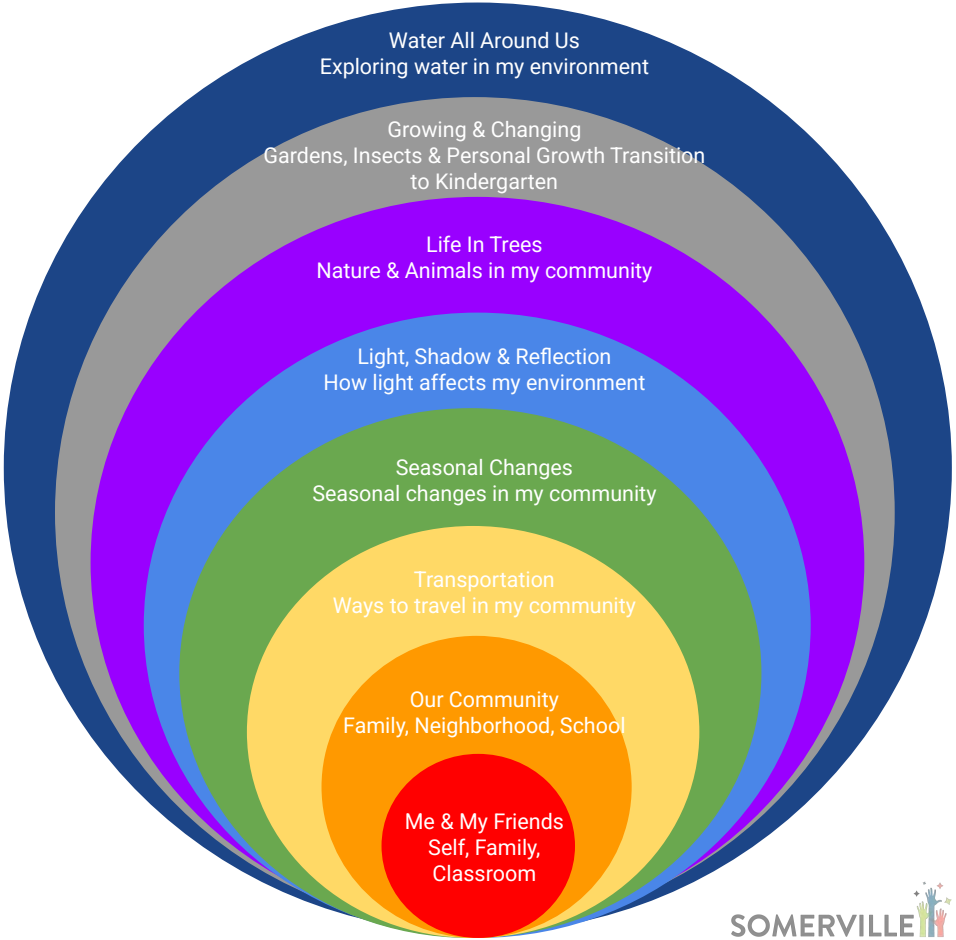
Our purpose is to ensure that all children have equitable access to rich learning environments and experiences so that they can thrive every day and in every way.



Prekindergarten

SEE Every Child Teaching & Learning Framework

- Thematic units throughout the year
- Centered around student interests, knowledge, and questions
- Incorporates Math and Literacy within a Big Idea unit
- Integrated with Project Approach



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Prekindergarten

Sample PK Day

Link to Somerville Early Ed Website

8:15–8:45am	Free Breakfast
8:45am	Arrival Routines & Morning Meeting start
	Choice Time
	Lunch
	Read Aloud
	Outdoor Time
	Mindfulness/Quiet Time
	Snack
	Literacy/Math Centers
	Closing Meeting
1:45pm	Dismissal *12:00 pm dismissal on Wednesdays*



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PK Enrollment

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Registration Timeline

Is your child eligible? Any Somerville child who will be 4 years of age by August 31, 2027.

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

Can you register after February 11, 2027? Yes, however assignments will be based on seat availability.







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Enrollment

School Tours

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.

Prekindergarten assignment is determined by a random-number lottery, with no eligibility criteria for enrollment. Kindergarten assignment is a different process.

- During last year's priority enrollment period, all students who applied by the priority period deadline were assigned a school, although not necessarily their first-choice school.
- Last year, after the lottery 65 students were placed on the waitlist for their first-choice school.



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Enrollment Documents

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.

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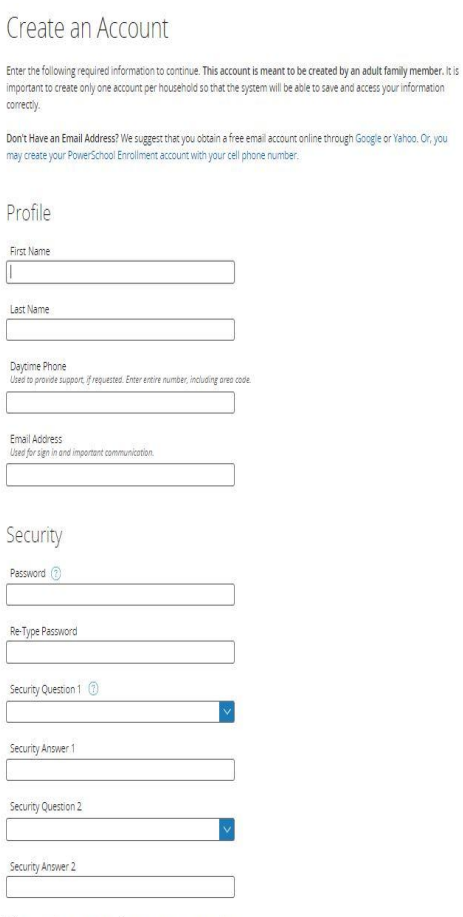
Powerschool is our online enrollment portal.



Enrollment Support

Parents/guardians can enroll online starting January 4, 2027. There is no advantage to enroll on the first day, just submit a completed registration by February 11.

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

SPS Enrollment Office
167 Holland St., 2nd floor, room 209
Somerville, MA 02144

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

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Prekindergarten Assignments

Prekindergarten 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.

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Waitlist



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

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







After School Programming

Community Schools

After School

Community Schools

is the SPS After School Program

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

- 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

EZChildTrack Registration



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

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Important Dates

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: **Prekindergarten Enrollment**