

**WNESU supports Public Preschool
for children who reside in the towns of
Athens, Grafton, Rockingham, and Westminster**

Applications for the 2015-2016 school year are due April 6, 2015

Is my child eligible for publicly funded preschool?

- If your child will be 3 years old by September 1, 2015 and resides in Athens, Grafton, Rockingham, or Westminster, then your child is eligible to participate.

What is publicly funded preschool?

- Six to ten hours per week of developmentally appropriate early development and learning experiences that are based on Vermont's Early Learning Standards.
- Public preschool follows the local public school calendar.

Where are these publicly funded prekindergarten programs?

- WNESU has a tuition-free publicly funded prekindergarten program in three sites: the Cherry Hill Building in Bellows Falls, the Westminster Elementary School, and in the Athens Elementary School.
- School Districts contract with high-quality private providers for reduced-tuition slots. See reverse for details.

How do I apply?

- Complete and return the attached application form. Applications received after April 6th will not be considered for the first drawing. Late applications will be considered for later drawings as slots become available.

Please Note: If we receive more applications than we have preschool openings, we will use a random selection process to determine which children get slots. We will inform you whether your child has a slot by **April 13, 2015**.

NOTE: If your child is selected to participate in publicly funded prekindergarten, but the program you want your child to attend is currently not partnering with your School District, you may request that your school district contract with your preferred program **IF** the program meets the state's quality standards. The request must be made in writing to the school district. The school district needs to respond to your request in writing no later than 30 days after receiving your request.

Please see reverse for additional information

Private Partnership Preschool Options

WNESU and its member districts are committed to expanding access and choice of high quality preschools to its families. WNESU Districts contract with high quality preschools that meet standards outlined in Vermont's Act 62. These contracts with high quality private providers create some (6-10 hour per week) reduced tuition slots for Athens, Grafton, Westminster and Rockingham children.

Participating Providers

- Squeaky Sneakers (463-4795)
- Hill House Childcare and Preschool (463-3436)
- Saxtons River Montessori School (869-3349)
- Sunflower Farm Preschool (registered home) (387-8711)
- Westminster Head Start (722-9813)
- Families continue to have tuition-free access to WNESU Early Education Center (463-1612 ext. 215)

The preschool program offered WNESU's partners in early care and education may charge families the difference between the actual costs of providing the 6-10 hour slot and what the School District pays. Families would continue to be charged fully for whatever care and education program the child needs beyond the 10 hours/week during the academic year.

Families need to fill out the attached application AND apply to participating providers directly.

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Windham Northeast Supervisory Union
Publicly Funded Preschool Programs
Application for 2015/2016 School Year

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Email: _____

Which town does your child reside in?

_____ Athens _____ Grafton _____ Rockingham _____ Westminster

Please check the placement(s) you'd prefer. Voicing a preference does not equal placement.

WNESU Public 10 hour/week Program:

WNESU Early Education Centers

- Athens Site (in Athens Elem. School)
- Bellows Falls Site (in Cherry Hill Building)
- Westminster Site (in Westm. Ctr. School)

Private Partners offering Tuition reductions:

- Squeaky Sneakers
- Hill House Childcare and Preschool
- Saxtons River Montessori School
- Sunflower Farm Preschool (Registered Home)
- Westminster Head Start

This form is due April 6, 2015

Preschool Application
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