

# North Branford Public Schools

## Mission:

It is the mission of the North Branford Public Schools to foster a strong learning environment focused on academic excellence and a positive school climate which prepares all students to be responsible 21st century citizens of the world.

## Core Beliefs:

1. We believe that education is a shared responsibility among students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community.
2. We believe all students can learn.
3. We believe all students have abilities and talents that are worthy of being recognized and developed.
4. We believe that students and staff have the right to a safe, respectful, and challenging environment conducive to learning.

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# Preschool Programs



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North Branford Residents  
by the Board of Education*



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## Family Resource Center Preschool Program

Stanley T. Williams Community Center  
1332 Middletown Ave, Northford

**Hours:** Monday-Friday  
7:00am - 6:00pm

**Age:** Preschool children 3-5

**Tuition:** Yes. Financial assistance may be available to eligible families.

The FRC Preschool Program is a grant funded full-time, full day program from the CT State Department of Education (CTSDE), with support from North Branford Public Schools. We are designed to accommodate the working family by offering an early morning start time and a later afternoon closing. Our mission is to provide a quality program designed to focus on the whole child where they are provided with experiences that help them to grow in reaching their full potential socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically. Through developmentally appropriate teaching practices and activities children will be able to establish cooperative relationships with their peers and adults within the program.

The program is curriculum-based and teaching and learning is centered around Connecticut's Early Learning and Development Standards (CTELDS). The guiding principles of these standards, along with enriching child-focused learning activities, provides the basis for supporting all children's growth and development in a warm and caring learning environment.

Space is limited to 15 students in the 3/4-year-old classroom and 20 students in the 4/5-year-old classroom.

For more information:

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## North Branford Preschool at Jerome Harrison Elementary School 335 Foxon Road, North Branford

**Hours:** Monday-Friday  
9:00 am - 3:25pm

**Age:** Preschool children turning age 4 by December 31st of the school year they enter. (Students turning 5 by December 31st of the year they enter are not eligible.)

**Tuition:** No. Applicant must meet program criteria.

Launched for the 2017-2018 school year, the North Branford Public Schools Preschool Program is partially funded through the CT Smart Start initiative. The goal of this early childhood program is to provide experiences that will promote social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive learning and development through a differentiated and integrated program.

The program is designed to meet the needs of preschool-aged children at-risk due to economic, cultural or other disadvantages. Teaching and learning is driven by the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (CTELDS) and guidelines from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Space is limited to 15 students.

For more information:

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## PRIDE Preschool

Jerome Harrison Elementary School  
335 Foxon Road, North Branford

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday  
AM Session: 9:00 am - 11:40 am  
PM Session: 12:40 pm - 3:25 pm

**Age:** Preschool children 3-5

**Tuition:** No. Applicant must meet program criteria.

The PRIDE Preschool Program adheres to the guidelines and procedures in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act which states, "A preschool child requiring special education and related services is entitled to a free and appropriate public education on and after his/her third birthday."

It is an integrated program where both special education and general education students participate. Students who require special education services may be referred to the PRIDE Preschool by parents of children receiving Birth-to-Three Services, nursery school providers or the preschool screening process. Pending eligibility, special education students may be admitted by the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) process.

General education students are admitted through preschool screening, parent interest, and lottery selection as role models.

For more information:

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