



Great by 8 is a community partnership working to ensure that all West Hartford children are Great by 8!

Our Work Includes

- Informing the community about opportunities and issues relating to early education and health.
- Sponsoring professional development opportunities for parents and teachers.
- Overseeing School Readiness funding from the State.
- Facilitating smooth transitions from preschools to WHPS kindergartens.
- Collecting data about young children in West Hartford to help direct future town-wide policies and initiatives.
- Connecting preschool and elementary school professionals to ensure that programming is aligned.

If you are interested in receiving updates and information from Great by 8, please e-mail us at whgreatby8@gmail.com.

We welcome your involvement.

WEST HARTFORD EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

We hope that this handout will assist you in investigating early childhood education programs. A listing of all programs in West Hartford is provided on the back of this handout. Below is some general information about the types of programs you will find. Additional resources, including articles about choosing a high quality program, sample questions, and maps are available at www.greatby8.com. Another great resource is www.211childcare.org/parents.

West Hartford Public School (WHPS) Programs

West Hartford Public Schools has seven pre-k classes at three elementary schools. Eligibility is based on neighborhood; selection is based on lottery. You can apply to more than one school. Applications are due March 11, 2016. Tuition is determined based on household income (maximum for 2016-17 is \$4,073). For more information: <http://www.whps.org/page.cfm?p=3912> and <http://tinyurl.com/j6aac75>, or call 860-561-6635.

West Hartford Early Learning Centers

West Hartford's Early Learning Centers offer reverse inclusion preschool programs designed to provide opportunities for students with and without special needs to learn and grow together. Selection is based on evaluation or lottery. Applications for peer models are due Nov. 30, 2015. Tuition for peer models is \$750 for the year. For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/hdv897g> or call 860-233-1455.

West Hartford High School Programs

West Hartford high school students work with children enrolled in the high school programs under the supervision of their Child Development teachers. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Hours and tuition are minimal.

West Hartford Independent Preschools

West Hartford has many independent preschool programs. Each school has its own selection process. Many of the independent schools accept applications on a rolling basis beginning in the Fall of the academic year prior to enrollment.

Regional School Choice (RSC) Programs

West Hartford residents are eligible for a number of magnet schools in the Greater Hartford area under the Regional School Choice Program. Selection is based on lottery. Applications are due Feb. 29, 2016. For more information: www.choiceeducation.org/elementary-schools.

Family Day Care Providers

West Hartford has a number of licensed family day care providers. Please see Great by 8's Family Day Care handout for more details.




Financial Assistance

State funds are available for preschool education at public and independent schools on a limited basis for families who qualify. For more information, call 860-561-6635. State assistance is also available through Care 4 Kids. For more information: www.ctcare4kids.com. Additionally, some independent schools offer private assistance.

Preschool Age Eligibility



Consistent with current State law as to kindergarten matriculation, most preschools use a January 1st cut-off date. Thus, a child turning 3 on or prior to January 1st is eligible for a 3 year-old program in September of that year. Please note: RSC programs use a Dec. 31st cut-off date and WHPS requires that students be 3 on or before Aug. 31st to enroll in pre-K programs.

West Hartford Public School Programs

	Charter Oak International Academy Pre-Kindergarten	8:35 - 3:20* 7:30 - 5:30	3 years - 5 years
	Florence E. Smith Pre-Kindergarten	8:35 - 3:20*	4 years - 5 years
	Webster Hill Pre-Kindergarten	8:35 - 3:20* 7:00 - 6:00	4 years - 5 years

* Follow WHPS schedule; early dismissal on Weds.



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	Early Learning Center at Aiken 860-233-1455	9:00 - 11:30 12:15 - 2:45 (no Wed.)	3 years - 5 years
	Early Learning Center at Whiting Lane 860-233-1455	9:00 - 11:30 12:15 - 2:45 (no Wed.)	3 years - 5 years


West Hartford High School Programs

	The Children's Place at Conard 860-231-5151	9:30 - 12:20 T, Th.	2.5 years - 4.5 years
	Little Tykes at Hall 860-232-4561 ext. 1118	9:30 - 11:30 T, Th.	2.5 years - 4.5 years

West Hartford Independent Schools

	Beatrice Fox Auerbach ECC of the Mandell JCC 860-231-6344	9:00 - 12:30 7:30 - 5:30	4 mos. - 6 years (PT: 2 - 6 only)
	Bethany Lutheran Nursery School 860-521-5076	9:00 - 1:00	3 - 5 years
	The Children's Museum Preschool 860-523-7499	9:00 - 12:00 (or 1:00) 8:00 - 5:00	3 - 5 years
	Educational Playcare 860-232-5038	7:00 - 12:15 12:45 - 6:00 9:00 - 3:00 7:00 - 6:00	6 weeks - 5 years
	First Church Nursery School 860-232-2106	8:30 - 12:30 7:30 - 5:30	6 weeks - 5 years (PT: 3 - 5 only)
	Knight Hall School 860-232-9015	7:30 - 5:30 Flexible PT	12 mos. - 5 years

	Lollipop Tree Nursery School 860-236-5748	9:00 - 1:00 7:30 - 5:30	15 mos. - 5 years
	Montessori School of Greater Hartford (860) 236-4565	8:30 - 11:30 or 12:00 7:30 - 5:30	15 mos. - 6 th grade
	Our Children's Center 860-561-0569	7:30 - 5:30	8 weeks - 5 years
	The Preschool of West Hartford 860-561-3241	9:00 - 1:00	3 years - 5 years
	Quaker Lane Nursery School 860-523-9550	9:00 - 1:00	3 years - 5 years
	Renbrook 860-236-1661	8:20 - 12:30 7:00 - 6:00	3 years - 9 th grade
	St. Brigid School 860-561-2130	7:50 - 2:20 7:30 - 5:30	3 years - 8 th grade
	St. Thomas the Apostle School 860-236-6257	8:00 - 2:30 7:20 - 5:40	3 years - 5 th grade
	The School for Young Children at the University of St. Joseph 860-231-5560	9:00 - 1:00 7:45 - 5:30	3 years - 6 years
	Solomon Schechter Day School 860-561-0700 ext. 161	8:20 - 12:45	2 years. - 8 th grade
	Through the Eyes of a Child 860-232-5405	7:15 - 5:30	6 weeks - 5 years
	West Hartford Methodist Nursery School 860-521-8063	9:00 - 1:00	3 years - 5 years
	YWCA Hartford Region 860-233-7906	7:00-5:30	6 weeks - 5 years

: NAEYC accredited programs have completed a rigorous review to prove they meet standards of excellence in early childhood education.

SR: State-funded School Readiness Grants can be used at these programs.

PT: Part-time

** Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement. *