



Welcome to Pre-K Registration!

We're glad you're here.

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We are very excited to have the opportunity to share in your child's learning journey as they enter in to school. This is a magical year where your child will learn about themselves, friendships, school readiness skills and build strong foundations in becoming a confident and well rounded learner. This year your child will participate in a variety of engaging play based activities based on the premise of "Play with Purpose." Play with purpose reflects the idea of a careful balance of accommodating children's interests, development and need for play. This learning is guided by the teachers to support overall learning and development.

We are looking forward to partnering with you to make this a fabulous year of learning and growing together.
Sincerely,

The Pre-K Team





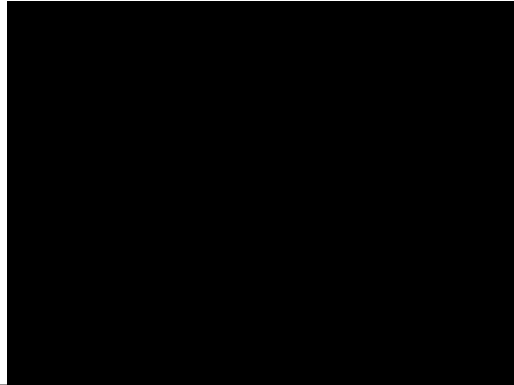
Meet the Pre-k team



Mrs. Patenaude



Mrs. Lavoie



Mrs. Davis



Meet our administration



Assistant Principal: Mrs.Gendron

Principal: Mrs.Comeau



POLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL PTA!

Officers:

President: Shelley Jackson

Vice President: Ryan Dubay

Secretary: Ashley Bergman

Treasurer: Anne Marie Mayeux

Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month. We meet at 6:30 at downstairs at Ricker Library!

Any Questions?

Email us

Poland.PTA@gmail.com



May - Teacher Appreciation Week



Poland PTA
Community Group



Pre-K Philosophy:

Play with Purpose: Through thoughtfully designed learning experiences, programming aligned with The Maine Early Learning and Development Standards, and principles of best practice, the RSU 16 Pre-K programs create integrated and nurturing learning environments that support and celebrate the unique learning needs and interests of all children. Our programs foster a love for learning and promote young children's school readiness as they begin to know their school community.

Mission:

Our mission is to foster the development of the "whole child"—social, emotional, cognitive and physical development, to build strong parent partnerships and to provide the community with a Pre-K program founded in offering excellence in early educational programming.



“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning.”

-Mr. Rogers

MELDS

Maine's Early Learning and Development Standards Maine Department of Education

Research and practice are constantly informing the field of education and Maine's Early Learning and Development Standards (MELDS) reflects the most current knowledge to date. The Maine Early Learning and Development Standards is designed to target early learning and development from a holistic approach and is divided into 8 areas of learning and development:

- ★ Social and Emotional Development
- ★ Approaches to Learning
- ★ Creative Arts
- ★ Early Language and literacy
- ★ Physical Development and Health
- ★ Math
- ★ Science
- ★ Social Studies



Pre-k 101

- RSU #16 offers Pre-K in all three of the elementary schools
- Minot and Elm Street both offer a morning and an afternoon session
- PCS may offer additional sessions, if needed based on enrollment numbers.
- Each session can typically accommodate 16 children
- Each classroom has one certified teacher and one educational technician
- The program runs on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (Wednesdays are a day for staff to communicate with families and prepare curriculum)
- Each session runs for approximately 2 ¼ hours on the scheduled days



Pre-K 101 Continued...

- The Pre-K programs will align to the elementary school calendar (with the exception of no Pre-K on Wednesdays). However, we anticipate starting about a week after the general elementary population begins. This will give Pre-K teaching staff an opportunity to conduct meet and greets with each child and their family.
- If your child has special needs or you think may require speech, physical, or occupational therapy services, CDS (Child Development Services) will provide those services. Please reach out to CDS at your earliest convenience to get the conversation started.
- Pre-K uses Seesaw as an online platform for home/school connection. Seesaw will primarily be used as a communication tool between parents and teachers.

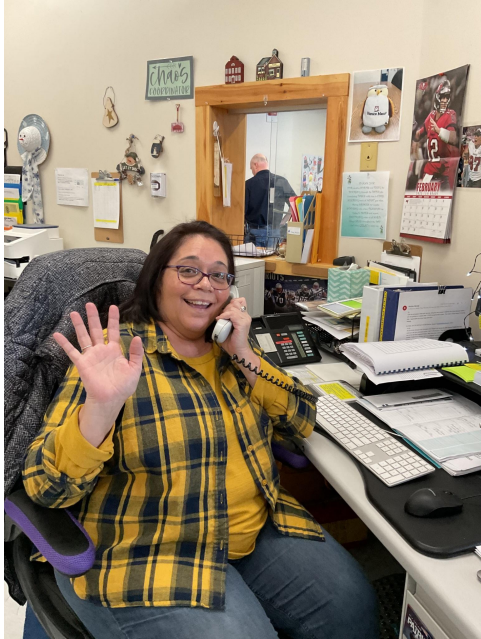


Pre-K 101 Continued...Who can Attend?

- Children who live within RSU #16 (Poland, Mechanic Falls, or Minot) and who turn 4 prior to October 15, 2024 are eligible to apply for admission to the Pre-K program.
- A child will not be considered enrolled until all paperwork has been submitted to the school office. The deadline for registration is Friday, May 17th, 2024.
- After children who live in RSU #16 have been accepted into the program, the Superintendent may accept additional children outside of our district.



Welcome from the office!



Ms. Barron



Ms. Yates

Paperwork needed



- *Registration Form
- Birth Certificate
- *Transportation Form
- Proof of Residency (a service that shows your physical address like a CMP bill, lease agreement, tax bill, fuel bill, and it must be current no more than 60 days old) or Good Faith Letter.
- Immunization Record (can be faxed to your school)

*Registration and Transportation forms can be E-mailed to you or printed from our Pre-K Registration Link:
<https://www.rsu16.org/pcs/pre-k-registration>

To turn in all of the above documents, please call your school secretary to make an appointment to drop them off.

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Meet our Nurse



Mrs. Bosse



Immunizations

Required Immunizations for Pre-K entry:

 4 DTap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)

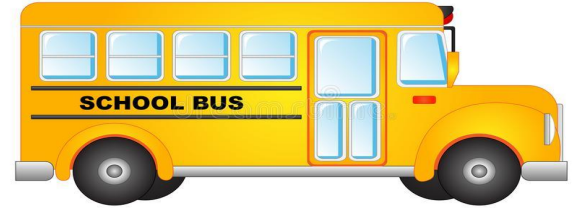
 3 Polio

 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

 1 Varicella (Chicken Pox)



Transportation



Transportation for Pre-K is available for morning and afternoon sessions, to and from school

AM/PM sessions are determined based on transportation

For questions about transportation please email or call Stewart Mason, transportation director at smason@rsu16.org (207) 998-2727





The Session Placement for Morning and Afternoon sessions are determined by Transportation—Your pick up and drop of location.

The Transportation Request Form is a **required** part of your child's packet in order for us to provide them with a Pre-K slot.

Session placement requests: We do try our best to accommodate families, however, due to transportation routes, this is not always possible.

Parent Transport: If you will be transporting your child and you are requesting a specific session, you will be notified in August of your session placement. We need to accommodate families that require transportation prior to addressing the session placement requests.

Transportation changes: If your transportation needs change over the summer or into the school year, you will need to contact the transportation department as soon as possible. We will make every effort to work with your family to minimize program and transportation disruptions.

Bus Safety: We will teach children about bus safety and also share this information with families so that you can reinforce safe bus behavior, too.

Second Step

Social Emotional Curriculum

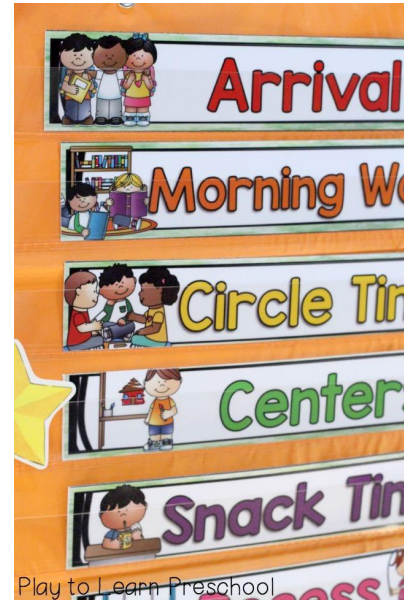
- 5-10 minute lessons taught daily
- Lessons include
 - Games
 - Stories
 - Role Playing
- Skills your child will be introduced to...
 - Listening skills, focusing attention
 - Identifying emotions, caring for others
 - Managing big emotions
 - Problem solving skills



Day in the life

An organized daily routine is important for your child's educational experience. Each day will follow a specific routine, the following is an example of a schedule:

- ★ Arrival/Welcome
- ★ Morning Meeting or Afternoon meeting
- ★ Small Group Activities
- ★ Learn and Play Centers
- ★ Story Time
- ★ Playground



Independence

Our job in Pre-K is to get your child ready for Kindergarten, this includes building independence. The more your child can do independently, the easier their day at Pre-K will be.

When buying clothing for your Pre-K student please try to remember these couple of tips

- Velcro shoes are way easier than tie.
- Leggings and sweatpants are easier than buttons when using the bathroom.
- Please purchase a backpack that is large enough to hold, a folder, lunchbox, and extra clothes.



Meet and greet

As we get closer to the start of the school year, your child's teacher will be in touch with you about scheduling a Meet and Greet.

This is an opportunity for you and your child to explore the classroom, ask and answer questions, and allow teaching staff to get to know your child so that they can plan accordingly for your child's needs and interests.



Info to take away

👉 [RSU16 School District](#) 👈

👉 [Child Development Services \(CDS\)](#) 👈

CDS Opportunities-16 Madison Avenue, Oxford, ME 04270

P: 207-743-9701

F: 207-743-7063

👉 [Pre-K Handbook](#) 👈

[Poland Community School](#)

(207) 998-4915

250 Maine St, Poland





As the conclusion of this meeting here is a list of next steps.

- Call or email your school secretary to request an emailed packet of paperwork or stop by the school to pick up your registration packet.
- Once paperwork is received, fill out all paperwork
- Call your school secretary to schedule an appointment for drop off of completed registration paperwork (all registration documents must be included for enrollment)
- Once deadline arrives (May 17th), school staff will begin to make session placements
- School staff will inform you of acceptance and session during the summer

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