

Community Outreach

Metcalfe Preschool is a member of the Greater Holyoke Community Partnership for Children (GHPCPC). This collaborative is funded by the Early Learning Division of the State Department of Education. The goal is to provide quality pre-school services to families and children throughout the City of Holyoke in a variety of preschool settings .



Comprehensive Services

Educational services are provided in the primary language of the child so classes are offered in English, Spanish, as well as English as a Second Language. All teachers are certified by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Vision Therapy, and Behavior Management are provided as needed in accordance with Individualized Educational Plans. Every classroom has two or three paraprofessionals as staff support to assist students in making developmental progress.



General Information

Children are assigned to one of two sessions offered at Metcalfe.

MORNING SESSION—9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

As part of the Holyoke Public School system, there is no fee for the program. The school is fully handicap accessible. Breakfast is served at the morning session and lunch is served at the afternoon session.

To enter the program, children must be three years of age and residents of Holyoke. Enrollment is ongoing at the Student Assignment Center located at 57 Suffolk Street. The telephone number is (413) 534-2055.



Metcalfe Preschool



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Mathematics and Science

Students will explore number sense, patterns, and measurement through play-based activities.

Through various experiments and science related materials, students will learn more about the life cycle and the environment.



Language Development

Speech therapists collaborate with classroom teachers to provide language enhancing activities so that children improve their vocabulary and speaking abilities.



NAEYC Accreditation

Metcalf Preschool is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It operates as a Massachusetts Department of Education approved integrated special education program that follows the traditional calendar and schedule of the Holyoke Public Schools. By regulation, integrated preschool classes can have no more than 15 children per session.

Metcalf Preschool Program



Our Vision Statement

The Early Childhood Curriculum of the Holyoke Public Schools is designed to be developmentally appropriate and child-centered. It is our intent to provide instructional practice that teaches the whole child, focusing on all domains of development—cognitive, physical, social, and emotional. We recognize parents as children's first teachers and strive to make families active partners in the school-based education of their children. We honor the rich diversity that is Holyoke's history and design instruction that is respectful of individual differences and capabilities.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are conducted by an Occupational Therapist in all classrooms on a weekly basis. These classes help students with attention, relaxation and sensory/motor development.



Handwriting Without Tears

This program introduces school readiness activities for young children of all ability levels. Through music, movement, building, coloring, and multisensory activities, children have fun as they develop important fine motor skills.



Motor Development

Gross Motor Groups are conducted weekly by the classroom teachers utilizing activities designed by the Physical Therapy Department. These activities help students develop coordination and strength.



Social Skills Curriculum

Second Step is a Social Skills Program that is implemented in all classrooms. Students learn how to interact effectively with others and develop an awareness and understanding of various emotions.