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| ***Great by 8 is a community partnership working*** ***to ensure that all*** ***West Hartford children are Great by 8!*** *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 CENTER BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS** We hope that this handout will assist you in investigating early childhood education programs in West Hartford. Additional resources are available at [www.greatby8.com](http://www.greatby8.com) and www.211childcare.org/parents. |
| [**West Hartford Public Programs**](https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten)**O**ffers 3 & 4 year old pre-kindergarten programs. Application process opens mid-January through early March. Tuition is determined by household income. For more information: <https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten> or call 860-561-6635. [**West Hartford Early Learning Centers**](https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten/the-early-learning-center-elc)Offers reverse inclusion programs designed to provide opportunities for students with and without special needs to learn and grow together. Selection is based on evaluation or lottery. For application and tuition information: <https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten/the-early-learning-center-elc>or call 860-233-1455. **West Hartford High School Programs** West Hartford high school students at Conard and Hall work with children enrolled in the high school programs under the supervision of their Child Development teachers. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. **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. Contact information in this document.[**Regional School Choice Programs**](https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/School-Choice/RSCO/Regional-School-Choice-Office-Home-Page)West Hartford residents are eligible for a number of magnet schools in the Greater Hartford area under the Regional School Choice Program. For application and lottery information: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/School-Choice/RSCO/Regional-School-Choice-Office-Home-Page>. **Family Child Care Providers** West Hartford has a number of licensed family day care providers. Please see Great by 8’s Family Child Care handout for more details. **Financial Assistance** State **School Readiness Funds** are available for preschool education 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 assistance. **Preschool Age Eligibility** Consistent with current State law as to kindergarten matriculation, most preschools use a September 1st cut-off date. Thus, a child turning 3 on or prior to September 1st is eligible for a 3 year-old program in September of that year. |
| ⬤ **http://www.bridgefamilycenter.org/how-we-help/family-resource-centers/great-eight/** ⬤ **greatby8** ⬤ **@ greatby8** ⬤ **whgreatby8@gmail.com**⬤ |

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| **West Hartford Public Programs** |
| **SR** | **Charter Oak** **International Academy** **Pre-Kindergarten** | 425 Oakwood AveWest Hartford, CT 06110 | 860-233-8506Ext. 5552[website](https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten) | 8:35 - 3:20 early dismissal Weds.  | 4 years - 5th grade |
| **SR** | **Florence E. Smith Pre-Kindergarten** | 64 St James St West Hartford, CT 06119 | 860-233-8506Ext. 5552[website](https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten) | 8:35 - 3:20 early dismissal Weds.  | 4 years - 5th grade |
| **SR** | **Webster Hill Pre-Kindergarten** | 125 Webster Hill BlvdWest Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-233-8506Ext. 5552[website](https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten) | 8:35 - 3:20 early dismissal Weds.  | 4 years - 5th grade |
| **West Hartford Early Learning Centers (ELC)** |
| **SR** | **Early Learning Center at Aiken**  | 212 King Philip Dr West Hartford, CT 06117 | 860-233-1455[website](https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten/the-early-learning-center-elc) | 9:00 - 11:3012:15 - 2:45(no Wed.) | 3 years - 5 years |
| **SR** | **Early Learning Center at Whiting Lane**  | 47 Whiting Ln West Hartford, CT 06119 | 860-233-1455[website](https://www.whps.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/early-childhood-education/whps-prekindergarten/the-early-learning-center-elc) | 9:00 - 11:3012:15 - 2:45(no Wed.) | 3 years - 5 years |
| **West Hartford High School Programs** |
|  | **The Children’s** **Place at Conard**  | 110 Beechwood Rd West Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-231-5000 ext. 6151[website](https://conard.whps.org/departments-and-programs/cte-career-technical-education-clone/family-and-consumer-science-clone-from-hall/prekindergarten-program) | 9:30 - 12:20 T, Th. | 2.5 years - 4.5 yrs |
|  | **Little Tykes at Hall**  | 975 North Main St West Hartford, CT 06117 | 860-232-4561 ext. 6370[website](https://hall.whps.org/departments-and-programs/cte-career-technical-education/family-and-consumer-science/little-tykes-pre-school) | 1.5 hours T, Th. | 2.5 years - 4.5 yrs |
| **West Hartford Independent Schools** |
| **SR** | **Beatrice Fox Auerbach Early Childhood** **Center - Mandell JCC** | 335 Bloomfield Avenue West Hartford, CT 06117 | 860-231-6344[website](https://www.mandelljcc.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=BFAECC&category=Preschools) | 7:30 - 5:30 | 4 months - 5 yrs |
|  | **Bethany Lutheran Preschool**  | 1655 Boulevard West Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-521-8782[website](http://www.bethanylutherannurseryschool.org) | 9:00 - 1:00  | 3 years - 5 years |
|  | **The Children’s** **Museum Preschool**  | 180 Mohegan Drive West Hartford, CT 06117 | 860-523-7449[website](https://www.thechildrensmuseumct.org/preschool/) | 8:00-5:00 full day 8:30-12:30 part day | 3 years - 5 yrs |
|  | **BrightPath** | 5 Fennway West Hartford, CT 06119 | 860-519-0383[Website](https://brightpathkids.com/us/locations/west-hartford-fennway) | 7:00-6:00 | 6 weeks - 5 years |
|  | **First Church** **Academy for Young Children** | 12 South Main St. West Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-232-2106[website](https://www.firstchurchacademy.org/) | 7:30 - 5:30 | 6 weeks - 5 years |



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| **West Hartford Independent Schools** |
| **SR** | **Knight Hall School**  | 411 Park RoadWest Hartford, CT 06119 | 860-232-9015[website](http://knighthallschool.org) | 7:30 - 5:30 | 12 months - 5 yrs |
|  | **Montessori School of Greater Hartford** | 141 N Main St West Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-236-4565[website](https://msgh.org/) | 8:30 - 11:30a or 12:00p or 5:30p | 15 months - 6th grade |
|  | **Our Children’s Center**  | 90 N Main St West Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-561-0569[website](http://occdaycare.org) | 7:30 - 5:30 | 12 weeks - 5 years |
|  | **Quaker Lane Cooperative** **Nursery School**  | 144 S Quaker LaneWest Hartford, CT 06119 | 860-523-9550[website](http://www.quakerlane.org) | M, W, F9:00 -1:00T, TH9:00 - 12:00 | 2.5 years - 5 years |
|  | **Renbrook**  | 2865 Albany Ave West Hartford, CT 06117 | 860-236-1661[website](https://www.renbrook.org/academics/beginning-school/beginning-school-preschool/) | 7:45 - 12:20 7:45 - 3:00 | 3 years - 9th grade |
|  | **St. Thomas & St. Timothy School** | St. Thomas - 25 Dover Road West Hartford CT 06119 | 860-236-6257[Website](https://www.stastmschool.org/) | 8:00 - 2:30 | 3 years - 5th grade |
| **SR** | **The School for Young Children at the University of St. Joseph** | 238 Steele RdWest Hartford CT 06117 | 860-231-5560[website](http://www.schoolforyoungchildren.org) | 7:45 - 5:30 | 3 years - 4 years |
|  | **Solomon Schechter Day School**  | 26 Buena Vista RdWest Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-561-0700 Ext. 161[website](https://ssds-hartford.org/academics/early-childhood/curriculum) | 8:20 - 12:45 | 2 years - 8th grade |
|  | **West Hartford** **Methodist Nursery School** | 7 Berkshire Rd West Hartford, CT 06107 | 860-521-8063[website](http://www.whnurseryschool.org) | 9:00 - 1:00 | 2.9 years - 5 years |
| **SR** | **YWCA Hartford** **Region**  | 1106 New BritainAveWest Hartford, CT 06110 | 860-233-7906[website](https://www.ywcahartford.org/programs/childcare/early-learning-childcare/west-hartford/) | 7:00-5:30  | 6 weeks - 5 years |

*\*\* Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement. \*\* Updated 6/14/2024.*

 : 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.

