



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

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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 and www.211childcare.org/parents.

West Hartford Public Programs

West Hartford Public Schools offer 3 & 4 year old pre-kindergarten programs. Application process opens mid-January through early March. Tuition is determined based on 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

West Hartford's Early Learning Centers offer 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 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 on the reverse side.

Regional School Choice Programs

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 December 31st cut-off date. Thus, a child turning 3 on or prior to December 31st is eligible for a 3 year-old program in September of that year.

	Name	Address	Contact	Time	Ages
West Hartford Public Programs					
 SR	Charter Oak International Academy Pre-Kindergarten	425 Oakwood Ave West Hartford, CT 06110	860-233-8506 Ext. 5552 website	8:35 - 3:20 early dismissal Weds.	4 years - 5 th grade
 SR	Florence E. Smith Pre-Kindergarten	64 St James St West Hartford, CT 06119	860-233-8506 Ext. 5552 website	8:35 - 3:20 early dismissal Weds.	4 years - 5 th grade
 SR	Webster Hill Pre-Kindergarten	125 Webster Hill Blvd West Hartford, CT 06107	860-233-8506 Ext. 5552 website	8:35 - 3:20 early dismissal Weds.	4 years - 5 th 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	8:00 - 11:30 12:15 - 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	8:00 - 11:30 12:15 - 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	860-231-5151	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	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	7:30 - 5:30	4 months - 5 yrs
	Bethany Lutheran Preschool	1655 Boulevard West Hartford, CT 06107	860-521-8782 website	9:00 - 1:00	3 years - 5 years
	The Children's Museum Preschool	950 Troutbrook Dr West Hartford, CT 06119	774-278-1735 website	8:00-5:00 full day 8:45-12:45 part day	2.5 years - 5 yrs
 SR	Educational Playcare	5 Fennway West Hartford, CT 06119	860-580-5353 website	7:00-6:00	6 weeks - 5 years
 SR	First Church Nursery School	12 South Main St. West Hartford, CT 06107	860-232-2106 website	7:30 - 5:30	6 weeks - 5 years

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West Hartford Independent Schools					
SR 	Knight Hall School	411 Park Road West Hartford, CT 06119	860-232-9015 website	7:30 - 5:30	12 months - 5 yrs
	Montessori School of Greater Hartford	141 N Main St West Hartford, CT 06107	860-236-4565	8:30 - 11:30 or 12:00 7:30 - 5:30	15 months - 6 th grade
	Our Children's Center	90 N Main St West Hartford, CT 06107	860-561-0569 website	7:30 - 5:30	12 weeks - 5 years
	The Preschool of West Hartford	1 Westminster Dr West Hartford, CT 06107	860-561-3241	9:00 - 1:00	3 years - 5 years
	Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School	144 S Quaker Lane West Hartford, CT 06119	860-523-9550 website	M, W, F 9:00 - 1:00 T, TH 9:00 - 12:00	2.5 years - 5 years
	Renbrook	2865 Albany Ave West Hartford, CT 06117	860-236-1661 website	7:45 - 12:20 7:45 - 3:00	3 years - 9 th grade
	St. Thomas the Apostle School	25 Dover Road West Hartford CT 06119	860-236-6257 website	8:00 - 2:30	3 years - 5th grade
SR 	The School for Young Children at the University of St. Joseph	238 Steele Rd West Hartford CT 06117	860-231-5560 website	7:45 - 5:30	3 years - 4 years
	Solomon Schechter Day School	26 Buena Vista Rd West Hartford, CT 06107	860-561-0700 Ext. 161 website	8:20 - 12:45	2 years - 8 th grade
	Through the Eyes of a Child	20 Dover Rd, West Hartford, CT 06119	860-232-5405 website	7:15 - 5:30	6 weeks - 5 years
	West Hartford Methodist Nursery School	7 Berkshire Rd West Hartford, CT 06107	860-521-8063 website	9:00 - 1:00	2.9 years - 5 years
SR 	YWCA Hartford Region	1106 New Britain Ave West Hartford, CT 06110	860-233-7906 website	7:00-5:30	6 weeks - 5 years

**** Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement. ** Updated 12/2021.**

 : 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.