Why Preschool?
For many children, preschool is their first experience in a structured setting with teachers and groups of children. It’s an opportunity to learn to share, follow instructions and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school. Staff at high-quality preschools will help your child learn and grow socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically through play and developmentally appropriate activities.

Finding the best option for your child takes time. Call each preschool you are considering and ask about its fees, admission policy and what they teach. Visit the preschools that you think will best meet your needs and spend time in a classroom to observe.

Things To Consider When Choosing a Preschool for Your Child
- Is it close to home or work?
- Do you need half day or a full day?
- What early childhood credentials do the staff have?
- Is there student work on the walls?
- Are there different activity areas in the classroom?
- Are there lots of materials and books?
- Is there an outdoor play area?
- Are there different activity areas in the classroom?
- Is the atmosphere friendly and fun?
- Are parents welcome to visit and observe their child?

Information adapted from: Parents.com Why Preschool Matters

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COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL ✾ ✾
4 Trolley Place
CONTACT: Tracy King/Dana Gorman
PHONE: 203-866-2184
EMAIL: ccs@ccns.org
WEBSITE: www.ccns.org

CORNERSTONE EARLY LEARNING CENTER ✾ ✾
718 West Avenue
CONTACT: Debra Horton
PHONE: 203-831-8349
EMAIL: CELC718@yahoo.com
WEBSITE: www.happykidsatcte.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Extended day until 6:00 pm for 6 weeks – 5 years

Elli Lab School at Stepping Stones Museum for Children ✾ ✾ ✾
Mathews Park, 303 West Avenue
CONTACT: Sarr Johnson
PHONE: 203-899-8808
EMAIL:elli@steppingstonemuseum.org
WEBSITE: www.steppingstonemuseum.org/elli
HOURS: Full-time Preschool, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, extended hours available 7:30 am and/or 6:00 pm.
Full-time Toddlers: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Five Mile River Nursery School ✾
5 Penoyer Street
CONTACT: Lauriston Avery
PHONE: 203-838-4266
EMAIL: director@fmrnns.com
WEBSITE: www.fivelimerivernurseryschool.com

GREATER NORWALK HEAD START ✾
165 Flax Hill Road (Ben Franklin Center)
11 Ingalls Avenue (Nathaniel Ely Center)
PHONE: 203-791-5005 (Ben Franklin)
203-791-5009 (Ely)
HOURS: Full-time, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, extended hours available

GROWING SEEDS AT BEN FRANKLIN ✾ ✾ ✾
165 Flax Hill Road (Ben Franklin Center)
CONTACT: Stephanie Crosswell
PHONE: 475-208-6300
EMAIL: growingseeds@sbcglobal.net
WEBSITE: www.growingseadsdc.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

NITZAN NURSERY SCHOOL ✾
105 East Avenue
CONTACT: Amy SantaLucia
PHONE: 203-838-6019
EMAIL: nitzan@congbethel.org
WEBSITE: www.congbethel.org
HOURS: Full-time, 8:55 am – 3:25 pm, M-F

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB SCHOOL ✾ ✾
188 Richards Avenue
Families can enroll for 2, 3 or 5 days a week.
CONTACT: Nicole La Bar
PHONE: 203-857-6804
EMAIL: nlabar@norwalk.edu
WEBSITE: www.norwalk.edu/clds
HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – Noon (School Readiness 3:00 pm)

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- Toddler
- NAEYC Accreditation
- NEASC Accreditation
- School Readiness Programs
- Head Start Programs
- Child Daycare Contract Funded Programs
- Care 4 Kids

ORCHARD HOUSE

CONTACT: Priscilla Mowery
PHONE: 203-857-6220
EMAIL: pmowery@norwalk.edu
WEBSITE: www.norwalkps.org/orchardhouse
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CHILDCARE AT THE MUSEUM

CONTACT: Maria LaBabbara
PHONE: 203-966-6511
EMAIL: mlababbara@steppingstonesmuseum.org
WEBSITE: www.steppingstonesmuseum.org
HOURS: Full-time, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Part-time, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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The Marvin Children's Center ✾ ✾
60 Gregory Boulevard
CONTACT: Maria Iacono-Maldonado
PHONE: 203-854-6781
EMAIL: mariy@brighthorizons.com
WEBSITE: www.brighthorizons.com
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Children and seniors interact regularly.

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