


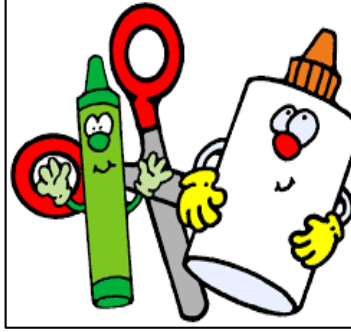


School Readiness & Smart Start Preschool Programs

Parent Fee Information

Why do parents pay a fee for preschool?	What is the parent fee?
 <p>Training in CPR and First Aid for Teachers and Paraprofessionals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All families are required to pay a weekly fee for preschool. • The family share is determined based on the gross annual household income and family-size reported on your W-2 using the current Connecticut Office of Early Childhood sliding fee schedule. • A letter will be mailed to communicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ your weekly fee amount, ◦ how to pay your parent fee to the school, and ◦ when parent fees are collected. • Payments begin the first week of September.
 <p>Playground Maintenance</p>	<p>What is Care 4 Kids?</p>
 <p>Field Trips</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible families are encouraged to apply for Care 4 Kids. • The goal of the Care 4 Kids program is to make child care affordable for low to moderate income families in Connecticut. This program is sponsored by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood. • Call the Bridgeport Public Schools Office of Early Childhood for more information about eligibility for the Care 4 Kids grant at 203-275-1262. Ask for Caren McFadden or Griselle Romero.
 <p>Consumable Classroom Supplies</p>	<p>What is hardship?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent fee may be lowered temporarily on a case by case basis during an event that limits a parent's ability to pay, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Child's parent/guardian becomes unemployed, ◦ Child's parent/guardian experiences an emergency (e.g., fire, robbery flood, storm), or ◦ Child's parent/guardian family size changes. • Contact the BPS Early Childhood Office if a hardship emerges.