

Program Philosophy

The Baldwin-Whitehall School District Pre-Kindergarten Program is designed to promote positive approaches to learning.

These areas include designing supportive classroom environments, strengthening social, emotional, and behavioral skills in students, and working collaboratively with families.

Our approach is also aligned to the outcomes set by the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards and is designed to maximize students' academic learning, achievement, and growth.



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Baldwin-Whitehall School District

Pre-Kindergarten Program 2026-2027



Baldwin High School
4653 Clairton Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15236



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www.bwschools.net

Program Pathways to Readiness

- Social-Emotional Development (self-awareness, self-regulation, social competence, and social awareness)
- Oral Language Development (speaking and conversation, listening comprehension, vocabulary, and sentence structure)
- Emergent Reading (concepts or print, phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, and comprehension)
- Fine Motor Development with Emergent Writing (focusing on strengthening small muscles in the hands, promoting better letter formation)
- Math Development (number sense, geometry and spatial sense, measurement, and classification and patterns)

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Students must turn 4 before September 1, 2026.
- Family income of no more than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- Resident of the Baldwin-Whitehall School District.

What are the program requirements?

- The program will align to the BWS D calendar. Two half-day classes will be offered, one morning class and one afternoon class. (Specific times to be determined)
- After 10 absences, children may be withdrawn from the program.

How many students and teachers will be in each class?

- 20 students maximum
- One teacher and one instructional aide

Is there a cost to the program?

- Eligible families will incur no costs.
- Meals will be provided based upon the daily schedule.

Will transportation be provided?

- No, transportation will **not** be provided by the District.

Where is the program located?

- The program will be located at:
Baldwin High School
4653 Clairton Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

How will parents be involved?

- Parents/guardians will partner with the school via various opportunities such as family events and parent/teacher conferences.

How do I enroll my child?

- Pre-Enrollment
 - BWS D Pre-K Program Application
 - BWS D Pre-K Income Verification
 - Proof of Income (W-2 and 3 current paystubs, if currently working)
 - Signed Commitment Form
- Student Selection Process
- District Enrollment (*once students are selected*)
 - Families will follow BWS D enrollment procedures to enroll online.

Where do I find the application?

- All pre-enrollment documents are located on the BWS D Pre-K Program website: <https://www.bwschools.net/our-district/prek-registration>

Where do I return the application?

- Please send the completed application and required paperwork to:
Baldwin-Whitehall School District
c/o Education Services Office
4900 Curry Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

