



# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE PRESCHOOL OPTION IN COLCHESTER?

**Early Start CT (formerly School Readiness) spaces are available in Colchester for the 2025-2026 school year. We are seeking:**

- **Children who are residents of Colchester**
- **Families who want a 5 day a week program**
- **Families who may find it difficult to pay for preschool**

Spaces are available in the programs below through Early Start CT at a reduced cost to families:

Program and Location	CASTLE 396 Halls Hill Rd	Colchester Early Childhood Program @ Colchester Elementary School, 315 Halls Hill Rd
Hours	School Day Program 9 am to 3 pm  No summer programming  5 days Monday through Friday	Part Day Program AM 8:35-11:05 / PM 12:35-3:05 OR School Day Program 8:35 am - 3:10 pm No summer programming 5 days; Monday through Friday
Class Size	12-16 Children 2 Teachers	18-20 Children 2 Teachers plus 1 paraprofessional
Fees	Based on sliding scale and your annual GROSS income. Income will be verified if selected. To get an estimate, click on Family Fee Calculator in the top left and then the purple "Open Family Fee Calculator" button at: <a href="http://ecereporter.oec.ct.gov">ecereporter.oec.ct.gov</a> **CECP fees capped at district tuition.	
Eligibility	Ages 3, 4, and 5 year old children NOT eligible for Kindergarten	
Income Guidelines	ALL families may apply. Priority is given to those families that fall under 75% of the State Median Income; for example, \$99,887 for a family of 4. If spaces remain after August 1, families with higher incomes are also eligible.	



**Scan the QR code to complete an Early Start CT Application.**



**★ Apply Now ★**

## What Quality Preschools Offer:

- **Group experiences that teach sharing, waiting, and turn-taking.**
- **Opportunities to strengthen socialization skills.**
- **Activities that build a child's confidence.**
- **Time to practice separation from caregivers.**
- **Developmentally appropriate lessons that develop pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills.**

**For more information, please contact:**

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