

# East Haddam Elementary School

## Early Childhood SMART Start Program 2023-2024

The East Haddam Early Childhood Program is currently accepting applications for enrollment into our Full Day Preschool program located at East Haddam Elementary School.

### **Eligibility:**

- Children must reside in East Haddam/Moodus and be 3 or 4 years old and not be age eligible for kindergarten (will be five years old prior to December 31, 2023).
- Priority is given to families whose income is less than 75% of the state's median income.

Once accepted into the East Haddam Early Childhood Program, children must be registered for school and follow district policies.

### **Tuition:**

The tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is \$6000 per year. Tuition will be billed monthly (\$600 per month) with the first month's tuition due upon acceptance of a slot (or if enrolling after this date, upon enrollment). Tuition will be prorated for children who enroll and begin after the start of the school year.

The East Haddam Early Childhood Program utilizes the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood's (OEC) fee schedule for families at or below 75% of the state's median income (SMI). For example, a family of 4 with a Gross Family Annual Income of \$84,400 will be eligible for a reduced tuition of \$4,051/year, or \$405.10/month. If you believe you may be eligible for reduced tuition, please contact East Haddam Elementary School at 860-873-5076.

**Transportation:** Transportation is not available.

### **Hours:**

The East Haddam Early Childhood Program follows the East Haddam Public Schools calendar and the East Haddam Elementary School's hours of operation.

Full Day: 8:50am - 3:20pm  
Scheduled Early Dismissal: 8:50am - 1:20pm  
Late Opening 10:50am - 3:20pm  
Unscheduled Early Dismissal 8:50am - 12:20pm

### **Lottery and Application:**

Parents/Guardians must complete and submit an application to be considered for this program. The Smart Start for Recovery Grant requires that a minimum of 60% of the available slots are allocated to children whose families are at or below 75% of SMI. This program is able to support 15 children. Please complete the student interest form on our website.

<https://forms.gle/UdM5o6stKZ3SR48z8>

All applications submitted by April 15, 2023 will be reviewed. If, by that date we have more applicants than capacity, a lottery will be held to fill the available slots. After this date, slots will be filled on a first-come/first-serve basis depending on grant criteria.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Russo @ 860-873-5076.