

Toileting & Diapering in Preschool

Toileting is Not an Enrollment Requirement

A school district with a state funded preschool program cannot mandate that preschool students be toilet trained prior to program enrollment. The only requirements for enrollment in a state funded preschool program are age and residency within the school district. Eligible children cannot be denied enrollment into the preschool program, nor can they be removed from the program due to the lack of toileting skills.

High quality preschool programs should include developmental, social/emotional, [hygiene](#)¹, and [facility](#)² provisions made for children who are learning toileting skills. Toileting is an important part of a young child's emerging independence. Positive adult-child interactions and convenient toileting provisions (e.g. child-sized toilets and sinks, accessible soap and paper towels for hand washing) can facilitate self-help skills.

All New Jersey preschool programs should follow Personal Hygiene Requirements as outlined by the Department of Human Services³, [Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers](#).

¹ Personal Hygiene Requirements as outlined by the Department of Human Services, Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers, (<https://www.state.nj.us/dcf/providers/licensing/laws/CCCmanual.pdf>).

² Preschool Facilities N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.4 Educational facility planning standards for school facilities housing preschool students

³ Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers 10:122-7.8
https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/notices/documents/NJAC%2010_122.pdf