

School for the Early Years Wait List: Frequently Asked Questions

We understand that being on a waiting list can be frustrating. We have compiled answers to questions parents frequently ask with the hope that this information will be helpful to you.

How long is the wait list?

The waiting list is quite lengthy. There are nearly 300 children on the waiting list, in various age groups, prior to our annual formal waiting list update mailing. After the update is complete, at least 200 will remain on the list. Generally, for every enrolled child, at least 1 is waiting to get in.

When can I most expect to be informed of a child care opening?

June is the transition month when we move children from one age group to the next, opening up spaces for the admission of new children from our wait list. We normally fill these transition spaces around March by contacting families as their names appear, according to the date of their application on our prioritized waitlist. If a space opens in any group during the course of the year, we again turn to our waitlists in the order that they are prioritized above.

We make every effort to notify a family when a space opens for their child. We will always appreciate your prompt response and will expect to hear from you **whether or not** you decide to enroll your child in our program. If we have not heard from you within two days of contacting you, we will assume that you are no longer interested in the space and will remove your name from the waitlist.

How is it possible someone who applied after I did was offered a space before me?

The only priorities we offer are for JCC Child Care staff, JCC staff, and siblings of already enrolled children. Aside from these priorities, it is possible for someone who applied after you did to be offered a spot before you if we find it necessary to achieve a balance between boys and girls, older and younger children, or to maintain diversity in our rooms.

What if I am offered a spot for my child, but choose to defer enrollment until the next year or remain on the wait list for my first-choice JCC facility?

The purpose of the wait list is to immediately fill open spots in our classrooms. If your child is offered a spot, and you do not accept, your application date will be changed to the date of your deferral. Likewise, if you accept a placement at one of our facilities but want to remain on the wait list for the other facility, the date of your application for the second facility will be changed to the date of enrollment at the first facility.

I didn't return my update form. Do I go to the bottom of the list?

We will ask you to formally update your application in January by mailing you a waiting list update form and asking that you return it to us by the end of that month. It is your responsibility to contact us if you do not receive an update form by the end of January if you wish to remain on the waiting list. The names of those who do not return the update form to us will be deleted with no exceptions.

If your update form is not returned by the due date, or at any time that we find that your contact information is no longer current, your application will be deleted from the wait list, we are unable to make any exceptions to this policy. Reinstatement on the list will require a new application.

I returned my update form. When will I hear from you about where I am on the list?

It's simply not feasible for us to contact each of the waiting families to tell them where they are on the continually changing list. Families are welcome to call about our child care wait list at any time. However, it is very difficult to predict when an opening will occur. Families are contacted promptly as soon as we are aware of an opening for their child.

I was told... (Not technically a question, but something we hear often)

Well-meaning people sometimes inadvertently provide misinformation. To get accurate answers to your questions about child care at the York Jewish Community Center and its waiting list contact Megan Sheely at 717-843-0918 or e-mail your questions to ecadminasst@yorkjcc.org

Thank you for your interest in enrolling your child in the York JCC's Early Childhood Education program. Your child has been added to the Wait List using the information provided below. This information supersedes any information currently on file. It is your continued responsibility to notify us of any changes in your contact information.

Application Date:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Child's Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Date of Birth:	Sibling Currently Enrolled? <input type="checkbox"/> Main Site <input type="checkbox"/> Gan Rimon <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Name of Currently Enrolled Sibling:

Street Address:

City:	State:	Zip Code:
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School district in which you currently reside:

Parent Name(s):

Phone:	Email:
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My child qualifies for the PA Pre K Counts program.

Facility Selection Class Selection

Main Site (2000 Hollywood Drive) Gan Rimon (6434 Susquehanna Trail S.) First Available

Class Selection

Select the class you would like to register in by checking the box below.

Gan Tamar (York): 2s Class (9 - 11:15 AM)		Gan Tamar (York): 3s/4s/5s (9 - 11:30 AM)		Gan Rimon(Jacobus): 3s/4s/5s (9 - 11:30 AM)	
Preference	# of Days	Preference	# of Days	Preference	# of Days
	5 Days		5 Days		5 Days