



Learning Bridges Summary

As the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) resumes in-person schooling this fall, schools will operate on a blended learning model. Each week students will have some school days in person, and some school days remotely. **Learning Bridges is a new program offering no-cost preschool and school age child care options for children from 3-K through 8th grade on days when they are scheduled for remote learning.**

Learning Bridges child care programs (preschool for three and four year olds and Learning Labs for K-8) will provide opportunities for children to connect to their remote learning activities, and include time for art, recreation and other age-appropriate activities. The programs will follow rigorous health and safety precautions and will be operated by community based organizations. Daily breakfast, lunch and a snack will be provided.

To sign up, visit schools.nyc.gov/learningbridges. Families will be notified of their options on a rolling basis.

Learning Bridges FAQ

Enrollment

Who is eligible to attend a Learning Bridges program?

Students who have selected blended learning in 3-K through eighth grade are eligible to attend Learning Bridges. This includes NYCDOE elementary and middle school students and students enrolled with contracted 3-K and Pre-K programs.

The Learning Bridges program will prioritize the following populations:

- Children living in temporary housing and NYCHA developments
- Children of NYCDOE school and program personnel, including staff of Learning Bridges sites and NYCDOE staff who have been deployed for in-person teaching
- Children receiving child welfare services
- Students with IEPs
- Children whose parent/guardian is an essential worker or were previously enrolled in a Regional Enrichment Center

How does a family enroll a child in Learning Bridges?

Parents may complete the Learning Bridges application form that can be found at schools.nyc.gov/learningbridges. Students will be matched with a local Learning Bridges program linked to their child's school. Offer letters will be sent to families with program information.



Children will be matched to Learning Bridges programs in close proximity to their school(s), allowing them to attend programming with other children from their school(s) who have a similar schedule.

Where are the programs located?

Programs are available in all five boroughs. Program locations are linked to nearby schools and will be selected with consideration given to communities hard hit by COVID-19 and other disparities.

What is the schedule for drop-off/pick-up?

Learning Bridges programs are open from 8am to 3pm, five days a week. Students will attend programs on days when they are not in school. Specific drop-off and pick-up locations and practices as well as attendance schedules will be provided to parents by the program.

Will siblings be served at the same program?

Sibling enrollment will be considered to the extent possible.

Health & Safety

What kind of precautions will be in place to keep children and staff healthy?

Health and safety are the top priority at Learning Bridges programs. Risk mitigation is key to prevent outbreaks and avert the spread of the virus.

All programs will adopt "High Five":

1. Wearing masks and daily health screening for children and staff,
2. Frequent hand washing,
3. Cleaning and disinfecting program space and common areas,
4. Physical distancing, and,
5. Cohorting that maintains group stability from school to program and small group size.

Nurses will be available for all programs for on-site visits and tele-health from 8am-8pm.

How will Learning Bridges manage a case of COVID-19?

- Learning Bridges will follow New York State and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) guidance for handling confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in children, employees, and parents/guardians.
- Health and safety practices will mirror those in place at DOE schools including reporting, closure and 14-day quarantine protocols for confirmed cases; and contact tracing.
- Childcare providers will notify DOHMH and NYSDOH immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 test result by an employee or child at their site.
- Parents will be asked to report symptoms (child or family member) to Learning Bridges staff and to adhere to 14 day quarantine if necessary.
- Children who become ill during the day will be isolated and monitored and parents will be contacted for early pick-up and referral for testing.