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nonotuck community school

provides quality education and childcare for children ages 15 months to 5 years of age in an environment that promotes self-esteem, creative thinking and individuality, through a respectful partnership between children, parents and staff.

Our goals are:

- teaching the skills of creative thinking, independence, and social responsibility.
- fostering each child's self-respect and individuality while making them aware of their membership both in the group and in the community at large.
- promoting an appreciation for children and families of all cultures, abilities and nationalities.



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a typical day at nonotuck includes:

- free play with building blocks, books, table toys, crafts, imaginative play, cooking, science and language activities
- circle time—singing, telling stories, playing games, participating in movement activities
- outdoor activity in good weather; climbing gyms, swings, slides, tricycles, wagons and walks to explore the environment
- lunch with classmates
- nap time which varies from classroom to classroom depending on the group's needs and the individual children's needs
- indoor activity in the open community room space, including slides, tricycles, wagons, and imaginative play



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schedule & fees

Nonotuck Community School is open from 7:30 am-5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Children arrive at 7:30 or 8:30 am, and are picked up by 3:30, 4:30, or 5:30 pm. All children attend a minimum of 3 days a week. Three day a week schedules must include a Monday or a Friday. Parents can contract for a schedule that meets their unique needs, i.e. selecting different drop-off and/or pick-up times each day.

classroom	hours	weekly rates
Toddler I - Polliwog	21-25	\$6.85/hour
	26-35	\$6.55/hour
	36-50	\$6.25/hour
Toddler II - Frog	20-25	\$6.65/hour
	26-35	\$6.35/hour
	36-50	\$6.05/hour
Preschool I - Possum	20-25	\$5.95/hour
	26-35	\$5.75/hour
	36-50	\$5.50/hour
Preschool II - Chameleon	20-25	\$5.85/hour
	26-35	\$5.65/hour
	36-50	\$5.40/hour

*monthly rate is calculated by multiplying hourly rate by 4.333; tuition is due monthly and is paid in equal installments.

facility

Nonotuck Community School is located at the former Feiker School in the Baystate Village of Northampton. Completely renovated in 2004, this 1920 schoolhouse building features four large sunlit classrooms as well as a community room space.

classrooms

Our programs serve a wide range of ages while taking into account individual needs, skills and interests. Each classroom operates on a different schedule to meet the needs of its respective children and to share the outside play area.



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teaching staff

Our dynamic, creative teaching staff and executive director bring a diversity of experience to Nonotuck. They draw from each other, the children, and the parents to create a schoolwide environment with a strong sense of community. Work study students, student teachers and volunteers work under the guidance of our professional staff to help provide extra attention to each child.

field trips

Small groups are taken to explore the community on a regular basis. Previous trips have included farms, museums, businesses, and outdoor fun.

visitors

People from the community are invited to share their experiences and skills with the children. Visitors have included area musicians, artists and storytellers.

the parent cooperative

As a parent cooperative, Nonotuck families share ownership of the school and participate in their child's education. Parent interaction with teachers, staff, students and other parents is strongly encouraged.

As co-op members, parents also fulfill a work commitment each month according to their skills and abilities. Some parents shop for snacks while others may serve on the Board or a Committee. Parents are welcome to arrange for jobs in the classroom where they can bring special skills and perspectives to the educational process. By sharing their time, energy and ideas, parents help Nonotuck become the best school it can be.



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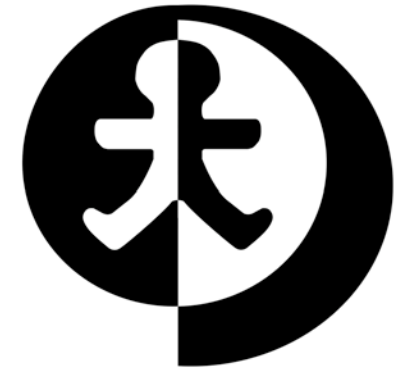
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is a non-profit, non-sectarian program, serving approximately 50 children and licensed by the state Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Policies are determined by a parent Board of Directors, with input from staff and other parents. The School opened in 1977 at St. John's Episcopal Church in order to serve a growing community need for quality childcare and education. In 2000, the School moved to a facility at the VA Medical Center. It relocated to its current site at the renovated Feiker School in 2005.

Nonotuck Community School does not discriminate in providing services to children and their families on the basis of race, religion, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.

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Creative learning for young children



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