

# 2022-2023 Matters School Guide

See what our area schools have to offer



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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

## → EARLY & PRIVATE EDUCATION

### Far Brook School

52 Great Hills Road, Short Hills

Emi Ithen – Director of Enrollment Management  
973-379-3442  
[farbrook.org](http://farbrook.org)

Co-ed, Nursery-Grade 8

Far Brook's progressive approach integrates science, math, literacy, technology, and art, harnessing children's innate curiosity as a powerful ally in deep and joyful learning. Children explore the natural world on 9.5 wooded acres. A richly diverse community with a commitment to social justice creates a supportive and stimulating environment for learning.

### Kent Place School

42 Norwood Avenue, Summit

Julia Wall – Assistant Head of School for Enrollment & Strategy  
908-273-0900, ext. 254  
[kentplace.org](http://kentplace.org)

Girls, Grades K-12

Founded in 1894, Kent Place School is New Jersey's only independent, nonsectarian, college preparatory day school for girls. Small classes, individualized college counseling, state-of-the-art technology, leadership development, interscholastic athletics and diverse options in the fine arts define a Kent Place education.

### The Preschool at Kent Place School

42 Norwood Avenue, Summit

Kim Clary – Director of Primary School Admission  
908-273-0900, ext. 269  
[kentplace.org](http://kentplace.org)

Co-ed, Ages 3-5

At the Preschool at Kent Place, experienced, highly-educated teachers lead a program devoted to the instruction of early childhood science, math, reading and writing. The curriculum is enriched with classes in physical education, creative movement, music, French and Spanish, and by trips to the library. After care is available for pre-K.

### The KinderGan Preschool

113 Parker Avenue, Maplewood

Frumie Bogomilsky – Director  
973-763-7455  
[kinderganpreschool.org](http://kinderganpreschool.org)

Ages 20 months-5

KinderGan Preschool seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for every child. Its comprehensive and developmentally appropriate program is designed to promote each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth. KinderGan is open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. and encompasses a preschool day as well childcare hours.

### Kinderenrichment

St. George's Church,  
550 Ridgewood Road,  
Maplewood

Adrienne Topping – Director  
973-379-2778  
[millburncoop.org](http://millburncoop.org)

Children must be 5 by January 1 of the year of entry

The Kinderenrichment program is a 5's bridge program for children who miss the cutoff or need one more year in a smaller, more supportive learning environment before entering kindergarten or first grade. The program meets NJ guidelines for kindergarten and encourages social emotional development alongside academic, art, music and physical activity.

### Mickey Fried Preschool

Oheb Shalom Congregation  
170 Scotland Road, South Orange

Sloane Goldstein – Director  
973-762-7069  
[sloanegoldstein@ohebshalom.org](mailto:sloanegoldstein@ohebshalom.org)  
[mickeyfriedpreschool.org](http://mickeyfriedpreschool.org)

Ages 2-5

Mickey Fried Preschool believes that children learn as they play. It offers a warm, creative environment where each child's unique style of living and learning is valued and nurtured. The preschool offers extended hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) for working parents. Contact the school to schedule a tour.

### Millburn Cooperative Nursery School

951 Ridgewood Road, Millburn  
inside the playground in Taylor Park

Adrienne Topping – Director  
973-379-2778  
[millburncoop.org](http://millburncoop.org)

2½ years by start of school for early learners program or 3 years by 10/1 for multi-age preschool class

Millburn Cooperative Nursery School is a multi-age program with an emphasis on socialization and independence. Learning is inspired by children's spontaneous curiosity. Children play outside every day and grow at their own pace. As a co-op, parents participate in the classroom every day.

## →EARLY &amp; PRIVATE EDUCATION CONTINUED

**Montclair Cooperative School**

65 Chestnut Street, Montclair

Marissa Hairston – Director of Enrollment Management  
973-783-4955  
[montclaircoop.org](http://montclaircoop.org)

Ages 3-14

Montclair Cooperative School values individuality and community, self and others. Children are known, understood, guided, and nurtured each day at the Co-op, receiving a progressive education that is full of opportunity and challenge. The partnership between students, families, and teachers contributes to the life of the school in ways that benefit everyone.

**Newark Academy**

91 South Orange Avenue, Livingston

Keith Fischer  
Director of Admission  
973-992-7000  
[newarka.edu](http://newarka.edu)

Grades 6-12

Newark Academy has been helping students achieve academic excellence and embody intellectual curiosity since 1774. Located on a 68-acre campus, it engages students in a range of transformational learning experiences. NA fulfills its mission by instilling in students a genuine curiosity about the world, so they can become accomplished scholars with a passion for learning.

**Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child**Lower School and Upper School Campus  
44 Blackburn Road, Summit

Kelly Dun – Director of Enrollment Management and Financial Aid  
908-522-8109  
[oakknoll.org](http://oakknoll.org)

Lower School – Co-ed, Grades PK-6;  
Upper School – All Girls, Grades 7-12

The Oak Knoll program offers rigorous academics that prepare students to thrive in top-tier high schools and colleges. Arts programs, competitive athletics and community service opportunities ignite passions and define talents; healthy challenges encourage students to voice opinions, think creatively and take risks.

**Open Door Nursery School**

432 Wyoming Avenue, Millburn

Alethea Randazza – Director  
973-376-9303  
[opendoornurseryschool.com](http://opendoornurseryschool.com)

Ages 2-5

For more than 40 years, Open Door has provided positive, enriching experiences for preschoolers. It offers a play-based curriculum that fosters the emotional, social, physical and intellectual development of its students. The goal is to encourage each child to be self-confident and independent. Open Door wants its students to think critically and love learning!

**South Mountain Nature School**South Mountain Reservation  
Essex County

Mary Clair Sonneman  
Director  
973-219-2392  
[southmountainnatureschool.com](http://southmountainnatureschool.com)

Ages 2-8

South Mountain Nature School offers Forest Kindergarten, Forest Preschool, Caregiver & Child Class, After School Class, and Summer Camp in the South Mountain Reservation. Its nature immersion curriculum is taught by Cedarsong Way-certified and NJ State-certified teachers. Classes help develop a deep connection with nature and inspire cooperative play.

**The Village Babies Development Center**

401 Valley Street, South Orange

Dana Kearney – Owner  
973-378-5906  
[info@villagebabies.com](mailto:info@villagebabies.com)  
[villagebabies.com](http://villagebabies.com)

Infants-Preschool

Village Babies Development Center (VBDC) provides intentional educational experiences and social/emotional interactions for children in a safe, caring environment. VBDC prides itself on having cultivated community, diversity, and inclusion for 16 years. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate and informed by best practices, with a focus on individually supporting each child.

**TSTI Iris Family Center Preschool Program**

432 Scotland Road, South Orange

Carol Paster – Director  
973-763-4600  
Birth-2: Parent and Me program  
Ages 2-6: Preschool/Kindergarten  
[tsti.org](http://tsti.org)

Ages 2-6

The award-winning Iris Family Center focuses on each child's developmental needs and promotes a positive, secure and accepting environment. Rituals are introduced in an age-appropriate manner, in an atmosphere conducive to curiosity. A love of nature is instilled through use of three outdoor classrooms and a campground.

**Village School of South Orange**

111 Irvington Avenue, South Orange

Samantha Grab  
Head of School  
973-378-1597  
[admissions@villageschool-southorange.org](mailto:admissions@villageschool-southorange.org)  
[villageschoolsouthorange.org](http://villageschoolsouthorange.org)

Grades PK-5

The Village School gives children the freedom to think big. Small class sizes allow for individualized learning, where intrinsic motivation is nurtured and authentic learning happens through collaborative problem solving. Students learn by constructing knowledge, by collaborating with their teachers and peers, and by engaging as citizens to promote social justice.

## →MUSIC, ART &amp; ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

**Blue Life Karate**

1882 Springfield Avenue, Maplewood

Shihan Durand Howard  
Owner  
908-967-8132  
[bluelifekarate.com](http://bluelifekarate.com)

Ages 3 and up

An incredible learning experience awaits your child at Blue Life Karate. With over 28 years of experience teaching children of all ages, the program is excellent for all children, especially those with ADD and ADHD. Kids make new friends, learn cool skills and build confidence in a fun, safe atmosphere. Parents love the program as well.

## SCHOOL/LOCATION

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## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

## Concepts Dance Academy

50 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor,  
South Orange

Debbie Rember – Owner  
973-762-7709  
[conceptsdanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:conceptsdanceacademy@gmail.com)  
[theconceptsdanceacademy.com](http://theconceptsdanceacademy.com)

Ages 2 ½-adult

CDA trains young dancers through rigorous classes in ballet, modern, and jazz, recognizing that technical training is the most important factor to prepare dancers who pursue a professional dance career. With a strong technical base, students focus on additional training in hip hop, tap, contemporary, and world styles, creating well-rounded and diverse performers.

## In Tune, Maplewood's Neighborhood Music School

155 Maplewood Avenue, #7,  
Maplewood (above Maplewood Theater)

John Brophy – Owner/Teacher  
973-913-4791  
[intunemaplewood.com](http://intunemaplewood.com)

All ages and levels

In Tune offers lessons in guitar, piano, ukulele, drums, strings, woodwinds, brass, and voice, as well as a rock band program, group guitar classes, and special offerings. The teaching staff is made up of expert musicians who teach music students love, keeping them energized and grounded in music fundamentals. In Tune offers both virtual and in-person instruction.

## Little Apple Arts

Traveling concierge theatre classes by request  
The Woodland Parlor (Mondays)  
60 Woodland Road, Maplewood

Becky Fisher – Owner  
[littleappleartstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:littleappleartstheatre@gmail.com)  
[littleapplearts.com](http://littleapplearts.com)

Grades K-8

Led by industry professionals, Little Apple Arts encourages students to grow confidently as artists and as human beings. Classes provide fun and education centering around the dramatic arts. Through acting, dancing, singing and creativity, Little Apple Arts celebrates the world of theatre with purposeful play and group collaboration!

## Montclair Film

505 Bloomfield Avenue,  
Montclair

Sue Hollenberg  
Education Director  
973-783-6433  
[info@montclairfilm.org](mailto:info@montclairfilm.org)  
[montclairfilm.org](http://montclairfilm.org)

Grades 6-adult

The heart of Montclair Film + Education is a commitment to providing all students with the tools to find their voices and tell their stories. Montclair Film uses the power of film to explore important social issues and offer programs that enable students to look at and understand the world in new and different ways.

## Oh! Canary Art Studio

165 Valley Street, South Orange

Lacey Buccellato – Director  
973-307-7401  
[lacey@ohcanary.com](mailto:lacey@ohcanary.com)  
[ohcanary.com](http://ohcanary.com)

Ages 1 and up

Oh! Canary offers joyful art experiences for children and children at heart! Oh! Canary provides classes, art kits, playgroups, camps, workshops and parties to engage with diverse materials that inspire imagination, celebrate play, and promote artistic development.

## So i Heard Music

10A East Willow Street, Millburn  
977 Valley Road, #i, Gillette

Front Desk  
973-232-5111  
[soiheardmusic.com](http://soiheardmusic.com)

Grades K-12

So i Heard Music offers beginner through advanced music lessons for piano, drum, percussion, voice, guitar, songwriting, violin and more in fun, high-tech studios. Students are inspired to play, read, write and record music, and board-certified music therapists use music exercises to work with various types of learners, including those with autism spectrum disorder, ADD and ADHD.

## → EDUCATIONAL SERVICES & RESOURCES

### College with Confidence

108 Baker Street, Maplewood

Maureen P. Tillman, L.C.S.W.  
973-315-8635  
[collegewithconfidence.com](http://collegewithconfidence.com)

High school-adult

College with Confidence & Beyond is a comprehensive psychotherapy service that supports young adults and parents through transitions from high school to college and beyond. The practice also provides relevant seminars, teleconferences and consultations.

### Thomson Blueprints for Living

Diane Thomson, MS, CAPC, PCC  
973-534-7974  
[Diane@ThomsonBlueprints.com](mailto:Diane@ThomsonBlueprints.com)  
[ThomsonBlueprints.com](http://ThomsonBlueprints.com)

Middle school-college age

Diane Thomson, ADHD & Life Management Coach, specializes in working with individuals with ADHD. In particular, she helps students learn organizational skills that promote greater success in school, while guiding parents on how to support them. Diane meets with students one-on-one and holds small group seminars and workshops (currently meeting virtually).

## → CONTINUING EDUCATION

### South Orange – Maplewood Adult School

17 Parker Avenue, Room A110,  
Maplewood

Liz Herring  
Associate Director  
973-378-7620  
[somadulthoodschool.org](http://somadulthoodschool.org)

From painting to gardening, you'll find it at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School. Registration for classes begins in mid-August, and the fall semester is packed with new courses, day trips and annual favorites.



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## SCHOOL SPACE RESERVATION CONTRACT

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BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/CELL \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_ SALES REP \_\_\_\_\_

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CLIENT SIGNATURE

DATE