

**2026-2027 School Year Waitlist Process for New Infants  
(Children born between October 1, 2025 and September 30, 2026)**

Due to limited space and high demand, admission to the World Bank Group's Children's Center (WBCC) is done through a "waitlist" system. World Bank Group staff interested in the WBCC are required to sign up their child(ren) on the waitlist. There is a non-refundable waitlist application fee of \$100 for each child.

**Given the limited space at the WBCC, it is prudent to pursue other childcare arrangements while waiting to be admitted to WBCC. A list of additional resources is provided at the end of this note.**

WBCC operates like a school and uses the birthdate cutoff of September 30. Therefore, for the 2026-2027 school year, which begins on August 31, 2026, WBCC will only admit children born up to September 30, 2026. Children born after this cutoff date will only be considered for the 2027-2028 school year.

The waitlist position for new infants will be determined as follows:

- 1) For new infants, born between October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, WBCC will start accepting waitlist applications from **April 1, 2026**. [Children born after September 30, 2026 will ONLY be considered in April 1, 2027.] The waitlist application form is available via this [site](#) (FURL: Waitlist/ look for 'New Registration' on the bottom lefthand side).

The waitlist position of applications received from April 1, 2026 to April 6, 2026 will be determined through a public lottery to be held on Tuesday, **April 7, 2026, at 11:00am at I Bldg Room I 3-200 (Teams Meeting details to be provided in the confirmation e-mail)**. Each application received during this window will be assigned its waitlist position based on a random lottery.

Families who already have a currently enrolled child at the WBCC, and plan to continuously be enrolled in the upcoming school year, will be placed on a "sibling priority" waitlist. NOTE: the position on the priority waitlist will also be determined through the lottery.

- 2) For waitlist applications for new infants received **after** the April 6, 2026 deadline, the waitlist position will be automatically determined based on the date and timestamp that the application is received via online submission. The starting waitlist position for these applications will be after those received during the April 1 to April 6, 2026 window.
- 3) For children born **before** October 1, 2025, the waitlist is already open. The waitlist position will be automatically determined based on the date and timestamp that the application is received via online submission. However, please note that there is a 6-18 months wait; the earliest that the WBCC is likely to be able to consider an application for admission is when your child turns **toddler or even two years old**. Please plan ahead and sign up on the waitlist as soon as possible, even though you only require this 1-2 years later.
- 4) If you have signed up for this waitlist, and your child's actual birthdate is past the cutoff date of September 30, 2026, then your child's waitlist application will be cancelled. Staff will need to register on the new infants waitlist in April 2027, for admission only in September 2027. Refer to [WBCC Waitlist Policy Guidelines & Enrollment Procedures](#) (paragraph 6 & 10) for more details.

**Admission Offers for the 2026-2027 School Year**

- 1) The WBCC receives over 100 waitlist applications each year and we only have 24 – 32 infant spaces open at the start of each new school year. The WBCC has historically opened one young infant classrooms, two older infant classrooms and one mid-range infants classroom (with eight infants per classroom).

Young Infants are approximately aged zero to six months as of September 2026

Older Infants are those who are about six to 12 months as of September 2026

Mid Range Infants are those age 3 to 10 months as of September 2026

- 2) Admission offers will be sent to the top 24-32 families on the waitlist that meet the WBCC's vacancies **and** who wish to be enrolled from the start of the Fall Semester, which is targeted to be in September 2026 (actually 1<sup>st</sup> day of school is August 31, 2026). Only staff on the waitlist, whose application has an 'earliest date required' of September 2026 will be considered for enrollment for the start of the new school year.
- 3) Families who are on the top of the waitlist, but who do not want to be considered for admission at the start of the Fall Semester must make sure that their application's 'earliest date required' has a date later than September 2026 that matches their childcare needs. The staff's application, will remain on the waitlist queue until a vacancy opens up, that matches the staff's preferred start date. **NOTE:** Vacancies during the middle of the school year are unpredictable and will be dependent on a currently enrolled family deciding to dis-enroll from the WBCC.

For further information on the WBCC's Waitlist and Admission Process, please attend one of our Information & Tour Sessions, which we hold regularly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Visit this [site](#) and the wider WBCC website [FURL: childcare/], and read our [Information Sheet](#), our [Waitlist FAQs](#) [FURL: WBCCWaitlistFAQ/] and [Waitlist Policy Guidelines & Enrollment Procedures](#) [FURL: WBCCPolicy/].

*Listed below are other childcare operators that you may wish to explore. The WBCC is NOT recommending any of these centers. We provide this information as an added resource to our families. We suggest you visit the respective centers for further information:*

[www.kindercare.com](http://www.kindercare.com) (operator of the WBCC) – many are located in VA and MD, **WBG staff receive a 10% tuition discount from any of KinderCare's community based centers, upon presentation of a staff's World Bank Group staff ID, such as** – at Penn Quarter on 401 9th St, Washington, DC 20004 Tel 202-637-3269, at the Watergate East on 2530 Virginia Ave, Washington, DC 20037 Tel 202-333-0769 and at Glover Park, 2461 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007 Tel 833-905-3276. They also have employer-sponsored centers such as at the Department of Labor, but there is no tuition discount for this Center. More information at [www.kindercare.com/worldbank](http://www.kindercare.com/worldbank)

<https://www.learningleafimf.com/> (current operator of IMF center), Tel 202-623-9800/9802, e-mail: [imf@learningleaf.com](mailto:imf@learningleaf.com)

[www.brighthorizons.com](http://www.brighthorizons.com) (former operator of IMF center) which has many centers in the DMV area that are open to the community

[www.capitalkidsinc.org](http://www.capitalkidsinc.org) 1250 24th St NW (Georgetown area) Call 202-293-1460

[www.everbrookacademy.com](http://www.everbrookacademy.com) 2200 Pennsylvania Ave Tel 202-935-9992 and at 1307 19<sup>th</sup> St NW, Tel 202-467-4202

[www.kiddieacademy.com](http://www.kiddieacademy.com) 1227 25th St NW (Foggy Bottom area), Wash DC 20037, Tel 202-803-2494

<https://www.si.edu/SEEC> Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center, Tel 202-633-1395 or 99

[www.USKidsDC.org](http://www.USKidsDC.org) on 1800 F St, Tel 202-233-4633 or e-mail [uskids@uskidsdc.org](mailto:uskids@uskidsdc.org) This center also provides drop-in care. Contact the center for pricing and availability – please note that their priority is for US Federal government employees. WBG staff will be part of their community waitlist.

<http://www.meritschools.com/> Merit School of Arlington, Tel 703-583-6158 or 571-257-7660

[http://childcarecenter.us/state/district\\_of\\_columbia](http://childcarecenter.us/state/district_of_columbia)

<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/search/cc.cgi>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc/childcareoptions.htm>

Fairfax County, VA Resource: <http://www.infanttoddler.com/>

Montgomery County, MD Resource: <http://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/>

[www.sittercity.com](http://www.sittercity.com)

[www.care.com](http://www.care.com)

[www.carelulu.com](http://www.carelulu.com)