

# Early Childhood FAQs:

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## What are the age requirements for Early Childhood?

Beginner Preschool	2 ½ years old by September 1 <sup>st</sup> , minimum of 2 days/week
Preschool	3 years old by September 1 <sup>st</sup> , minimum of 2 days/week
Pre-Kindergarten	4 years old by September 1 <sup>st</sup> , minimum of 3 days/week

## Do you offer full day preschool?

Yes, we offer preschool (8am-11:45am), preschool with lunch (8am-1pm), and a full day program. All programs are offered year round.

## What are the times of the Full Day program?

Our **Full Day** program is Monday-Friday 7am-6pm. This includes care within any of those hours with a preschool curriculum each day.

## What if we need to bring our child earlier than 8:00?

If you need to bring your child in early before school starts, we have early morning care from 7:00-8:00.

## Do you offer Early Childhood during the summer?

Yes, we offer a separate Early Childhood program during the summer. For current students the program starts the following week after the school year is over. For new students the program starts the week after that. We are also closed the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## What is the tuition for Early Childhood?

Below are the tuition rates for the regular school year. The summer program is separate from this tuition and will be billed weekly.

## Early Childhood Program Annual Tuition Rates

Days/Week	<u>Full Day 7:00-6:00</u>	<u>7:00-1:00</u>	<u>8:00-1:00</u>	<u>7:00-11:45</u>	<u>8:00-11:45</u>
1	\$1,620	\$1,152	\$1,080	\$1,008	\$936
2	\$3,240	\$2,304	\$2,160	\$2,016	\$1,872
3	\$4,860	\$3,456	\$3,240	\$3,024	\$2,808
4	\$6,480	\$4,608	\$4,320	\$4,032	\$3,744
5	\$8,100	\$5,760	\$5,400	\$5,040	\$4,680

There is also a \$30 non-refundable Application (for new students)/Re-Enrollment fee (for returning students) and a \$150.00 Registration Fee which covers field trips and special parties or activities in the classroom. Non potty-trained children are charged an extra \$4.00 per day fee.

**Can we change days of the week throughout the school year?**

No, children must be keep their same schedule throughout the school year. We do not offer weekly flexible schedules. The schedule may be permanently altered if there is availability in the classroom and with director's approval.

**Do we need to bring a lunch and a snack?**

The Early Childhood half day program includes one nutritious snack with beverage. Our full day program includes two nutritious snacks and parents would provide lunch (either bring a lunch or purchase a hot lunch). Milk, juice, or water is also provided for full day lunch and snacks.

**Does my child need to be potty-trained before starting Early Childhood?**

No, your child does not need to be potty-trained; however, there is a \$4/day non-potty-trained fee. Children must be in pull ups and attempt to use the bathroom with assistance. If your child remains consistently dry for 2 weeks, we will remove the potty training fees.

**What are the staff qualifications in Early Childhood?**

All staff must meet the requirements set up by our state licensing. All staff are CPR, First Aid, and Blood Borne Pathogen trained. All staff complete 24 clock hours or more of training each year in the field of early childhood.

**What curriculum to you use?**

Guardian Lutheran Early Childhood curriculum incorporates three styles – play-based, theme-based, and classroom learning centers. Our curriculum helps to enrich and enhance cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical, and creative development.

Preschool classrooms incorporate age-appropriate programs to help children grow in the following key aspects of school readiness:

- Stable relationships with adults who are emotionally invested in your child
- Group settings offering peer interactions and the opportunity to learn social skills
- Consistent, predictable daily routines that are part of your child's schedule.

**What are the benefits to enrolling my child at Guardian Lutheran Preschool?**

Being a Lutheran Early Childhood school, Guardian Lutheran incorporates Christian values into our program. The children will participate in Bible stories, songs, and prayer before snacks and lunch. In a Christian setting the child will be free to explore his environment, express feelings and begin to understand and control them in a forgiving atmosphere through the grace of God. The staff of Guardian Lutheran Early Childhood regards the development of the whole child as their primary goal. We work to create an atmosphere that will allow each child to feel comfortable and secure while they are away from their home. Parents and staff work together for the benefit of the child.

**How do I sign up for a tour?**

Guardian Lutheran encourages parents to request and attend a tour of the school prior to being admitted. You can do so by calling the office at (313) 274-3665 or go to our website [guardianlutheran.org](http://guardianlutheran.org) and click on REQUEST INFO. We look forward to meeting you!

**I want to enroll my child. What are the next steps?**

Interested families who want to enroll their child(ren) can fill out an online application on our website [guardianlutheran.org](http://guardianlutheran.org). Once approved, you will then proceed to the enrollment process.

