



# 2017-2018 APPLICATION St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program

Serving preschool children who are at least three years of age  
before August 1, 2017

Offering preschool classes at all elementary schools (dependent upon enrollment).  
Half day and full day options are available at certain schools.

## **Blackhurst Elementary**

2000 Elm Street Road  
636-443-4500

## **Harris Elementary**

2800 Old Muegge Road  
636-443-4700

## **Monroe Elementary**

2670 Zumbahl Road  
636-443-4800

## **Coverdell Elementary**

2475 West Randolph Street  
636-443-4600

## **Lincoln Elementary**

625 South Sixth Street  
636-443-4650

## **Null Elementary**

435 Yale Boulevard  
636-443-4900

**PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY February 24, 2017  
for first round consideration of Title I funds.**

**Applications received after this date will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.**

## **☀ Accreditation ☀**

The St. Charles R-VI School District Preschool Program is accredited by the Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth. Following is an excerpt of the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 press release: "The St. Charles R-VI School District Preschool Program achieved recognition of excellence through Missouri Accreditation. This distinguishes it as an exemplary program offering high quality programming to the children of Missouri. The Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth has awarded a Certificate of Accreditation to all six sites of the St. Charles R-VI Preschool Program. This certificate is granted to quality programs that offer developmentally appropriate experiences in an environment conducive to children flourishing intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically. The community of St. Charles, Missouri is fortunate to have a program such as The St. Charles R-VI School District Preschool Program available to serve its families."

The early childhood preschool offers classes that are multi-age groupings of preschool children. Learning and instruction is individualized as children progress at their own rate and experience success. Research shows that when the classroom is composed of a community of learners with a range of abilities and ages, there are measurable gains in socialization, independence, and interaction with peers. Younger children will be nurtured by older children and benefit from collaborative learning. Older children will show increased levels of competence and leadership. Consideration will be given to the balancing of ages in each classroom. All classes will employ at least one certified teacher and additional adults according to Missouri State Accreditation child to teacher ratio.

### ***What do we offer?***

The St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program is an integrated program that meets children's educational needs and is developmentally appropriate for all children. Experiences are provided to stimulate learning in the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, adaptive, and communication developmental areas so that all children may reach their potential through developmentally appropriate activities. Each child is viewed as a unique person with an individual pattern and timing of growth and development.

### ***Who is working with your child?***

The St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program employs certified teachers with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. We also provide well-trained teacher assistants who help prepare the environment for children and their interaction with peers and adults.

### ***What is our philosophy?***

The St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program operates under the philosophy that learning is child-centered, process oriented and choice driven. A variety of learning opportunities are provided, such as language and literacy, dramatic play, blocks, science, math, games, puzzles, books, art, music and motor skill development. Instruction is organized in thematic units. Children learn through play in a safe environment that fosters discovery while building on each child's strengths. Teachers facilitate the development of self-control in children by using positive guidance techniques such as modeling and encouraging appropriate behaviors, redirecting, and setting clear limits.

### ***What is our curriculum?***

The St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program implements a developmentally appropriate practices curriculum. The focus is hands-on learning from experiencing a variety of classroom activities. Each activity is chosen based on the developmental skills of the children. This practice promotes independence and enhances thinking skills. All classrooms are well equipped with developmentally appropriate materials. All sites have outdoor play areas designed for young children. The early childhood preschool implements the Project Construct curriculum, and the student's developmental progress is assessed using a variety of methods.

## PRESCHOOL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

- Enrollment is open to children who are at least 3 years old before August 1, 2017.
- **Title I funded preschool spaces are reserved exclusively for qualifying St. Charles School District resident children who attend the half day preschool program.**
- While non-resident students may apply for tuition paying preschool slots, first priority for enrollment will be for resident students.
- All students are required to enroll for Monday through Friday classes for half day and full day preschool. Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) classes only attend Monday through Thursday.
- Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.
- Be responsible for making sure your child attends school every day.
- Agree to automatic withdrawal of funds from a checking or savings account for monthly tuition payments.

## PRESCHOOL LOCATIONS AND TIMES (RMar17)

Half day, full day, and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)\*\* options are available at certain schools. The preschool classrooms will operate on the district's preschool student calendar and is available at all the district elementary schools. ECSE classes will only be offered Monday through Thursday. Below are the classroom times:

### **Half Day Morning Monday through Friday**

**8:30 am – 11:30 am:**

Blackhurst Elementary\*  
Coverdell Elementary\*  
Harris Elementary  
Lincoln Elementary

### **Half Day Afternoon Monday through Friday**

**12:30 pm – 3:30 pm:**

Harris Elementary  
Monroe Elementary  
Null Elementary

### **Full Day Monday through Friday**

**8:30 am – 3:30 pm:**

Blackhurst Elementary\*  
Coverdell Elementary\*

### **ECSE Morning\*\* Monday through Thursday**

**8:30 am – 11:30 am:**

Monroe Elementary  
Null Elementary

**8:45 am – 11:45 am:**

Harris Elementary

### **ECSE Afternoon\*\* Monday through Thursday**

**12:30 pm – 3:30 pm:**

Monroe Elementary  
Blackhurst Elementary

**12:45 pm – 3:45 pm:**

Harris Elementary

### **ECSE Full Day\*\* Monday through Thursday**

**8:30 am – 3:30 pm:**

Monroe Elementary

**8:45 am – 3:45 pm:**

Harris Elementary

### **\*Half Day Preschool with Extended Day Care (AM care only at Blackhurst or Coverdell)**

Extended day child care is available for the half day program at Blackhurst or Coverdell from 7:00 am until 8:30 am only.

### **\*Full Day Preschool with Extended Day Care (AM and PM Care)**

Extended day child care is available for the full day program at Blackhurst or Coverdell from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm.

**\*\*ECSE preschool placements are made by the Special Education Department.**

## PRESCHOOL TUITION REQUIREMENTS

Payment via Direct Deposit is required.

Tuition payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a tuition-paying preschool spot.

This fee will be applied to the May tuition bill.

### HALF DAY PRESCHOOL TUITION

2017-2018 Half Day Preschool tuition is \$3,500 per year based on a 170 day preschool calendar.

Each child will receive a \$500 scholarship which brings the tuition rate down to \$3,000 per year.

If comparing our tuition rates with other area programs, the below comparison rates chart is provided for your convenience.

<b>HALF DAY PRESCHOOL MONTHLY PAYMENTS</b>
10 Monthly Payments Begins August and concludes in May
<b>\$300</b>

<b>HALF DAY PRESCHOOL COMPARISON RATES</b>	
Yearly	\$3,500
Scholarship	\$500
Tuition Due	\$3,000
10 Monthly Payments =	\$300 per month
36 Weeks =	\$83.33 per week
170 Days =	\$17.65 per day

### FULL DAY PRESCHOOL TUITION

2017-2018 Full Day Preschool tuition is \$6,800 per year based on the 176 day district student calendar.

Each child will receive a \$1,000 scholarship which brings the tuition rate down to \$5,800 per year or will qualify for tuition reduction for qualifying families.

If comparing our tuition rates with other area programs, the below comparison rates chart is provided for your convenience.

<b>FULL DAY PRESCHOOL MONTHLY PAYMENTS</b>
10 Monthly Payments Begins August and concludes in May
<b>\$580</b>

<b>FULL DAY PRESCHOOL COMPARISON RATES</b>	
Yearly	\$6,800
Scholarship	\$1,000
Tuition Due	\$5,800
10 Monthly Payments =	\$580 per month
36 Weeks =	\$161.11 per week
176 Days =	\$32.95 per day

**FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH TUITION REDUCTION**  
**FULL DAY PRESCHOOL ONLY**

Full Day Preschool Tuition Reduction for Free and Reduced Lunch Families is \$2,200 per year.

<b>FULL DAY PRESCHOOL          FREE &amp; REDUCED LUNCH          MONTHLY PAYMENTS</b>
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10 Monthly Payments Begins August and concludes in May <b>\$220</b>
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<b>FULL DAY PRESCHOOL          FREE &amp; REDUCED LUNCH          TUITION REDUCTION COMPARISON RATES</b>
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Yearly	\$2,200
Scholarship	NA
Tuition Due	\$2,200
Monthly	\$220
36 Weeks =	\$61.11
176 Days =	\$12.50 per day

**FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH TUITION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Child must be approved for free and reduced lunch by completing a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. Eligibility is verified through Chartwells Food Service. Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility must be maintained in order to continue with the reduced tuition. To receive a copy of the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application, please contact Jeanie Mohrman at 636-443-4087 or email [jmohrman@stcharlessd.org](mailto:jmohrman@stcharlessd.org).

**TITLE I FUNDING – Half Day Preschool Only**

Upon receipt of your application, your child will be screened to determine whether they qualify for Title I funding. The district will offer half day preschool at each site (dependent upon enrollment) with 15 to 20 students attending per session. The guidelines for the Title I early childhood preschool program state that students receiving Title I funding for their preschool tuition will be enrolled based upon greatest academic need and **must be residents of the district**. Student need is based upon multiple criteria including their performance on the DIAL-4 Assessment. These positions are offered free of charge through Title I funding. The number of Title I preschool slots are dependent upon federal funding and may vary from year to year. Once the Title I positions have been determined and filled, open tuition spaces may remain. Title I funding is not available for full day preschool.



## 2017-2018 EXTENDED DAY CHILD CARE

High quality child care for preschool students is offered to compliment the preschool day. The extended day child care will be offered by the District at select locations dependent upon meeting minimum student enrollment numbers.

### Extended Day Child Care Locations & Times

The following schedule is offered dependent upon meeting minimum student enrollment numbers:

Preschool Location	AM Extended Day	Preschool Times	PM Extended Day
<u>HALF DAY</u> Blackhurst or Coverdell	7:00 am – 8:30 am	8:30 am – 11:30 am	Not Offered
<u>FULL DAY</u> Blackhurst or Coverdell	7:00 am – 8:30 am	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

### Extended Day Child Care Tuition Rates

(Based upon 5 days a week attendance)

Location Availability	August through May (10 payments)
Blackhurst or Coverdell 7:00 am – 8:30 am (1-1/2 hours)	\$80/month
Blackhurst or Coverdell 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm (2-1/2 hours)	\$130/month
Blackhurst or Coverdell Both AM and PM (4 hours)	\$190/month

For further information regarding extended day child care options, please contact Jeanie Mohrman at 636-443-4087.

### Requirements for Extended Day Child Care

Payment via Direct Deposit is required.  
Tuition payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

**LATE PICK UP OF YOUR CHILD FROM PM EXTENDED DAY CHILD CARE:**

***PM Extended Day Child Care ends at 6:00 pm. There will be a \$5 per minute late charge if your child is picked up late starting at 6:05 (5 minute grace period).***