



**St. Charles School District
Early Childhood Center
1323 Boone's Lick Road
St. Charles, MO 63301**

**Preschool Information
2019 – 2020 School Year**

Students must be three years of age before August 1, 2019 to enroll.

RETURNING PRESCHOOL STUDENT ON-LINE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

NEW PRESCHOOL STUDENT ON-LINE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

for the 1st round consideration of Title I funds for District residents.

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

For additional information or questions, please contact Sharon Elliott at 636.443.2905.

The City of St. Charles School District will REACH, TEACH and EMPOWER all students by providing a challenging, diverse, and innovative education. We recognize that a high-quality education must occur in a safe and nurturing environment which is strengthened by parent involvement and community partnerships.

The early childhood preschool program offers classes that are multi-age groupings of children ages 3 – 5 years. Learning and instruction are 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.

****Accreditation****

The St. Charles School District Preschool Program is accredited by the Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth. Following is an excerpt from the March 16th, 2018 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 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 Charles R-VI School District Preschool Program available to serve its families."

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WHAT DO WE OFFER?

The St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program is an integrated program that meets children's education 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 interactions 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 for children. This practice promotes independence and enhances thinking skills. All classrooms are well-equipped with developmentally appropriate materials. The preschool site has outdoor and indoor play areas designed for young children. The early childhood preschool implements the Project Construct curriculum, and each 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, 2019.
- Title I funded preschool spaces are reserved exclusively for qualifying St. Charles School District resident children.
- While non-resident students may apply for tuition paying preschool slots, first priority for enrollment will be for resident students.
- Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.
- Parents are responsible for making sure children attend school every day.
- Parents agree to automatic withdrawal of funds from a checking or savings account for monthly tuition payments.
- In order to be considered for a preschool classroom placement, children must complete the DIAL-4 developmental screening.

PRESCHOOL TIMES

Half day, full day and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) 4 Day** options are available and are outlined below.

5 DAY OPTION

Half Day Morning
Monday – Friday
8:15 am – 11:30 am

5 DAY OPTION

Half Day Afternoon
Monday – Friday
12:15 pm – 3:30 pm

5 DAY OPTION

Full Day
Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

3 DAY OPTION

Half Day Morning
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:15 am – 11:30 am

3 DAY OPTION

Full Day
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

2 DAY OPTION

Half Day Morning
Tuesday, Thursday
8:15 am – 11:30 am

2 DAY OPTION

Full Day
Tuesday, Thursday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

ECSE 4 DAY OPTION**

Half Day Morning
Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 11:00 am

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Half Day Afternoon
Monday – Thursday
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Full Day
Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

EXTENDED CARE

Morning Care is available for the morning half day and full day classrooms and begins at 6:30 a.m.

Afternoon Care is available for the afternoon half day and full day classrooms until 6:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Payment made via Direct Deposit is required.
Tuition payments are due on the 1st of the month.
A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a tuition paying preschool spot.
The deposit will be applied to the May tuition bill.
A 10% discount is offered to district employees.

PRESCHOOL TUITION 2019-2020 Half Day

Half Day Preschool Programs are available as follows:
5 Day, 3 Day or 2 Day – Costs outlined below:

Half Day 5 Day Preschool is scheduled Monday - Friday 5 Day – Half Day Comparison Rates

August through May	\$3,350
10 Monthly Payments =	\$335
36 Weeks =	\$93.05
168 Days =	\$19.94

Half Day 3 Day Preschool is scheduled Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3 Day – Half Day Comparison Rates

August through May	\$2,220
10 Monthly Payments =	\$220
36 Weeks =	\$61.67
168 Days =	\$13.21

Half Day 2 Day Preschool is scheduled Tuesday/Thursday 2 Day – Half Day Comparison Rates

August through May	\$1,700
10 Monthly Payments =	\$170

36 Weeks =	\$47.22
168 Days =	\$10.12

PRESCHOOL TUITION 2019-2020
Full Day

Full Day Preschool Programs are available as follows:
5 Day, 3 Day or 2 Day – Costs outlined below:

Full Day 5 Day Preschool is scheduled Monday - Friday
5 Day – Full Day
Comparison Rates

August through May	\$6,250
10 Monthly Payments =	\$625
36 Weeks =	\$173.61
168 Days =	\$37.20

Full Day 3 Day Preschool is scheduled Monday/Wednesday/Friday
3 Day – Full Day
Comparison Rates

August through May	\$4,000
10 Monthly Payments =	\$400
36 Weeks =	\$111.11
168 Days =	\$23.81

Full Day 2 Day Preschool is scheduled Tuesday/Thursday
2 Day – Full Day
Comparison Rates

August through May	\$2,875
10 Monthly Payments =	\$287.50
36 Weeks =	\$79.86
168 Days =	\$17.11

FREE & REDUCED MEAL TUITION REDUCTION FULL DAY PRESCHOOL ONLY

See Requirements to qualify for the free or reduced meal tuition reduction below.

FULL DAY PRESCHOOL FREE & REDUCED MEAL TUITION REDUCTION COMPARISON RATES

August through May	\$2,900
10 Monthly Payments =	\$290
36 Weeks =	\$80.55
168 Days =	\$17.26

FREE & REDUCED MEAL TUITION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To apply for tuition reduction, families must fill out a Free and Reduced Meal application. Eligibility is verified through Chartwells Food Service. Free and Reduced eligibility must be maintained in order to continue with the reduced tuition. You will receive a Free and Reduced Meal application with your enrollment packet.

TITLE I FUNDING – HALF DAY PRESCHOOL ONLY

Upon receipt of your application, your child will be screened to determine whether he/she qualifies for Title 1 funding. The district will offer half day preschool with 15 – 20 students attending per session. The guidelines for the Title 1 early childhood preschool program state that students receiving Title 1 funding for their preschool tuition will be enrolled based upon greatest need and **must be residents of the district.** Student need is based upon multiple criteria including performance on the DIAL-4 Assessment. These positions are offered free of charge through Title 1 funding. The number of Title 1 preschool slots are dependent upon federal funding and may vary from year to year. Once the Title 1 positions have been determined and filled, open tuition spaces may remain. In order to continue qualifying for a Title 1 preschool position, students must maintain an average attendance rate of 95%.

2019-2020 EXTENDED CHILD CARE

High quality child care for preschool students is offered to compliment the preschool day.

Extended Child Care Times

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

Preschool Option	AM Extended Care	PM Extended Care
HALF DAY AM Classroom	Begins at 6:30 a.m.	Not Available
HALF DAY PM Classroom	Not Available	Until 6:00 p.m.
FULL DAY Classroom	Begins at 6:30 a.m.	Until 6:00 p.m.

Extended Child Care Tuition Rates

Hours Available	August through May (10 Payments)
Begins at 6:30 a.m.	\$90/month
Until 6:00 p.m.	\$135/month
Both AM & PM	\$200/month

In order to maintain high quality before/after care for your child, we are unable to prorate or reduce before/after care rates.

For further information regarding extended child care options, please contact Sharon Elliott at 636-443-2905.

Payments Requirements for Extended Child Care

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

LATE PICK UP OF YOUR CHILD FROM PM EXTENDED CHILD CARE

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

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 14th.

Returning SCSD ECC families use this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/k9csTMRkp9VeCfIt2>

Students new to the SCSD ECC program use this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/8as2dCDfrSWcK0m53>