



# 2018-2019 APPLICATION St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program



Serving preschool children who are at least three years of age  
before August 1, 2018



*Offering Half Day and Full Day preschool at our NEW facility located at  
1301 Boone's Lick Road, St. Charles*

**PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY March 2, 2018  
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 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 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.

### ***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. The preschool site has outdoor 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, 2018.
- 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.
- Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.
- Parents are 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 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 through Friday  
8:30 am – 11:30 am

### 5 DAY OPTION:

Half Day Afternoon\*  
Monday through Friday  
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

### 5 DAY OPTION:

Full Day\*  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

### 3 DAY OPTION:

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

### 2 DAY OPTION:

Half Day Morning\*  
Tuesday and Thursday  
8:30 am – 11:30 am

### ECSE - 4 DAY OPTION:\*\*

Half Day Morning\*  
Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am – 11:00 am

### ECSE - 4 DAY OPTION:\*\*

Half Day Afternoon\*  
Monday through Thursday  
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

### ECSE - 4 DAY OPTION:\*\*

Full Day\*  
Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

### \*Extended Care

Morning Extended Care is available for the Morning half day and full day classrooms and begins at 6:30 am. Afternoon Extended Care is available for the Afternoon half day and Full Day classrooms until 6:00 pm.

\*\*4 Day (ECSE) preschool placements are made by the Special Education Department.



Full day and half day preschool and the extended care options will be offered for the summer of 2019.

# 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

Half Day Preschool programs are available as follows: 5 day, 3 day or 2 day. The cost is outlined below.

**Half Day 5 Day Preschool is scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

<b>HALF DAY 5 DAY PRESCHOOL COMPARISON RATES</b>	
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August through May	\$3,150
10 Monthly Payments =	\$315 per month
36 Weeks =	\$87.50 per week
168 Days =	\$18.75 per day

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**Half Day 3 Day Preschool is scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

<b>HALF DAY 3 DAY PRESCHOOL COMPARISON RATES</b>	
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August through May	\$2,000
10 Monthly Payments =	\$200 per month
36 Weeks =	\$55.56 per week
168 Days =	\$11.90 per day

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**Half Day 2 Day Preschool is scheduled Tuesday and Thursday.**

<b>HALF DAY 2 DAY PRESCHOOL COMPARISON RATES</b>	
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August through May	\$1,500
10 Monthly Payments =	\$150 per month
36 Weeks =	\$41.67 per week
168 Days =	\$8.93 per day

## FULL DAY PRESCHOOL TUITION

Full Day Preschoolers attend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and the cost is outlined below.

FULL DAY PRESCHOOL COMPARISON RATES	
August through May	\$6,000
10 Monthly Payments =	\$600 per month
36 Weeks =	\$166.67 per week
168 Days =	\$35.71 per day

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

See requirements to qualify for the free or reduced lunch tuition reduction below.

FULL DAY PRESCHOOL FREE & REDUCED LUNCH TUITION REDUCTION COMPARISON RATES	
August through May	\$2,500
Monthly	\$250 per month
36 Weeks =	\$69.44 per week
168 Days =	\$14.88 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 he/she qualifies for Title I funding. The district will offer half day preschool 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.



## 2018-2019 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
<u>HALF DAY</u> (AM Classroom)	Begins 6:30 am	Not Available
<u>HALF DAY</u> (PM Classroom)	Not Available	Until 6:00 pm
<u>FULL DAY</u>	Begins 6:30 am	Until 6:00 pm

### Extended Child Care Tuition Rates

(Based upon 5 days a week attendance)

Hours Available	August through May (10 payments)
Begins 6:30 am	\$90/month
Until 6:00 pm	\$135/month
Both AM and PM	\$200/month

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

### Requirements for Extended 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 CHILD CARE:**

***PM Extended 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).***