

2012-2013 APPLICATION

St. Charles School District

Early Childhood Preschool Program

Serving preschool children who are at least three years of age
before August 1, 2012

Offering preschool classes at all elementary schools (dependent upon enrollment).

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 29, 2012

for first round consideration for Title funds.

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

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. Both 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.

The early childhood preschool will operate on the district's preschool calendar and classes will be offered at the following times:

Morning Preschool

8:30 am – 11:30 am:

Blackhurst Elementary
Coverdell Elementary
Harris Elementary
Lincoln Elementary

Afternoon Preschool

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm:

Monroe Elementary
Null Elementary

The St. Charles School District Early Childhood Preschool Program offers five half day classes (three hour sessions) Monday through Friday.

Depending on location, extended day child care options are also available from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Enrollment is open to children who are at least 3 years old before August 1, 2012.

Title I funded preschool spaces are reserved exclusively for 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.

All students are required to enroll for Monday through Friday classes.

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.

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 a certified teacher with a degree in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education and a highly-qualified teacher assistant for each class of 15 students.

The following are required upon admittance into the program:

- Be willing and able to provide transportation for your child to and from school
- Be responsible for making sure your child attends school every day
- Apply for the Child Care Assistance Program through the Missouri Department of Social Services 636-940-3170. (Eligibility for the Child Care Assistance Program does NOT factor into preschool placement decisions.)

TITLE I FUNDING

Upon receipt of your application, your child will be screened to determine whether they qualify for Title I funding. Funding through the Title I American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has allowed us the opportunity to provide an early childhood preschool program. Up to ninety students will be attending for the 2012-2013 school year. There will be one session of preschool at each site (dependent upon enrollment) with 15 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. Student need is based upon 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.

PRESCHOOL TUITION

2012-2013 Preschool tuition is \$3,150.00 per year.

Each child will receive a \$500.00 scholarship which brings the tuition rate down to \$2,650.00 per year.

9 Monthly Payments Begins August and concludes in May
\$294.45
No payment is collect during the month of December!

- Direct Deposit will be required, unless other arrangements are agreed upon.
- Tuition payments are due on the 1st 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.

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

COMPARISON RATES

Yearly	\$3,150.00
Scholarship	\$500.00
Tuition Due	\$2,650.00
9 Monthly Payments = (No December Payment)	\$294.45 per month
36 Weeks =	\$73.61 per week
170 Days =	\$15.59 per day

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EXTENDED-DAY CHILD CARE OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

Kidz Care, an extension of **Kidz Zone** Youth Programs, provides high-quality child care for preschool students to compliment the preschool day. The **Kidz Care** program will be offered at select locations upon meeting minimum student enrollment numbers.

The following schedule is offered:

Morning Preschool Locations	Kidz Care	Preschool Times	Kidz Care
Blackhurst	Not Available	8:30 am – 11:30 am	11:30 am – 5:00 pm
Coverdell	7:00 am – 8:30 am	8:30 am – 11:30 am	11:30 am – 5:00 pm
Harris	Not Available	8:30 am – 11:30 am	Not Available
Lincoln	Not Available	8:30 am – 11:30 am	Not Available

Afternoon Preschool Locations	Kidz Care	Preschool Times	Kidz Care
Monroe	7:00 am – 12:30 pm	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Not Available
Null	Not Available	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Not Available

PAYMENT OF FEES

The Kidz Care youth program is self-supported by user fees. At the time of registration, a \$50 per family registration fee will be collected. This deposit guarantees your child's placement and is non-refundable/non-transferrable. If you are a returning family, a \$30.00 registration fee will be required.

In order to assure your child's spot in the program, you will be responsible for tuition starting on your child's first contracted day of the program, whether your child is in attendance or not. More information will be sent with your program confirmation packet which you will receive approximately one month prior to session start.

Tuition is assessed monthly with the due date the first day of every month. Payment is due in full by the 1st day of the month that care is provided. Payments that fall more than 10 days behind will result in suspension from the program until the fees are paid in full. (If the 1st of the month falls on a weekend, the tuition due date will be the following Monday.) Fees are due whether or not you receive a statement. We would highly encourage your application in the Department of Social Services Child Care Assistance Program. Applications are available in the Preschool Office.

Kidz Care Tuition Rates
(Based upon 5 days per week attendance)

Monthly Fees	August - May
Coverdell – Early AM (7:00 am-8:30 am)	\$95.00/month
Each addt'l child (10% discount)	\$85.50/month
Coverdell – PM (11:30 am-5:00 pm) Blackhurst - PM (11:30 am-5:00 pm) Monroe – AM (7:00 am–12:30 pm)	\$275.00/month
Each addt'l child (10% discount)	\$247.50/month

***Nine (9) monthly payments will be made August-May;
no payment will be due in the month of December.***

PAYMENTS – 4 EASY WAYS TO PAY

- WALK IN** Adult & Community Education Office
2400 Zumbahl Road, St. Charles, MO 63301
Hours: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Thurs; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Fri
- PHONE** During normal business hours, call 636-443-4043 to pay by credit card.
(M/C, Visa, Discover accepted)
- FAX** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – 636-443-4044
Fax in your statement with your credit card payment information.
(M/C, Visa, Discover accepted)
- MAIL** Statement and payment may be mailed to:
Adult & Community Education, 2400 Zumbahl Road, St. Charles, MO 63301

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance may be available through the Child Care Assistance Program through the Department of Social Services.

FLEX SPENDING

Kidz Care may accept payment through Flex Spending accounts. For further information regarding Flex Spending accounts, you may inquire in the Adult & Community Education office.

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Early Childhood Preschool Application Form
2012 - 2013

APPLICATION DUE: February 29, 2012
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Child's Legal Name (as it appears on birth certificate): _____

Name child goes by: _____

Birthdate: _____ (must be at least 3 before Aug. 1, 2012) Sex: F M

May check all that apply: Caucasian African-American Hispanic Asian Native-American Pacific Islander
Is the student of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity? Yes___ No___

Child's Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Does the child live within the boundaries of the City of St. Charles School District? Yes No

Mother's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Email address: _____

Father's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Email address: _____

Child lives with: Both Parents Mother Father Other _____

Indicate any special custody agreements: Divorce/Custody Agreement Court Order for Protection
The school will need copies of legal documents pertaining to custody of the child in order to appropriately handle questions regarding dismissal or other requests.

Person other than parents to call in an emergency (local only):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to the child: _____

Is there a language other than English spoken in the home? Y N

If yes, what language? _____

Are you currently enrolled in the Parents as Teachers program? Y N Parent Educator: _____

Do you have other children under the age of five? Y N

If Yes, list name(s), birth date(s), and preschool (if applicable):

Child's Name	Birth Date	Preschool (if applicable)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you have school age children? Y N

If Yes, list name(s), birth date(s), and school(s) of attendance:

Child's Name	Birth Date	School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Has your child had a Special Education evaluation? Y N Does your child have a current IEP? Y N

Has your child had a DIAL-4 screening (given to 3-5 year olds)? Y N

Which preschool class times do you prefer? (Note: Preferences are considered, but not guaranteed.)

___ AM Preschool (8:30 am – 11:30 am) ___ PM Preschool (12:30 pm – 3:30 pm) ___ Either

Which locations do you prefer? (Note: Preferences are considered, but not guaranteed.)

- Please rank preferences from 1 (first choice) to 6 (last choice).
- Also, please indicate if a certain school cannot be considered due to special circumstances.

Preschool Location	Rank Order / Preference	Special Notes / Considerations
Blackhurst (AM Preschool)		
Coverdell (AM Preschool)		
Harris (AM Preschool)		
Lincoln (AM Preschool)		
Monroe (PM Preschool)		
Null (PM Preschool)		

How will the preschool tuition be paid?

Y N (In District Residents Only) If my child qualifies academically, I would like for Title I funding to pay for his/her preschool tuition. (Based upon DIAL-4 academic assessment).

Y N If my child does not qualify for either Title I funding, I am willing and able to pay for my child's preschool tuition (\$2650.00 per year or 9 monthly payments of \$294.45). Assistance may be available through the Child Care Assistance Program offered by the Missouri Division of Social Services. Call 636-940-3170 to check your eligibility.

Will you need extended child care services (Kidz Care) for your child?

Y N

If yes, what times?

____ 7a-830a (Coverdell) ____ 7a-1230p (Monroe) ____ 1130a-5p (Coverdell or Blackhurst)

How will extended day child care (Kidz Care) be paid?

Y N N/A I am willing and able to pay the tuition for extended day child care services. Assistance may be available through the Child Care Assistance Program offered by the Missouri Division of Social Services. Call 636-940-3170 to check your eligibility.

How did you learn about our program?

Teacher ____

District Website ____

Newspaper ____

Neighbor/Friend ____

Internet Ad ____

Other (Explain) _____

ALL ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Upon acceptance into the preschool program, families will be required to complete the application for the Child Care Assistance Program through the Missouri Department of Social Services at 636-940-3170. Eligibility for the Child Care Assistance Program does NOT factor into preschool placement decisions.

Parent's Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date and time of enrollment: _____

Child's chronological age on Aug. 1, 2012: ____ Years ____ Months

District Resident: Y N Elementary School Attendance Area: _____

Method of Payment: Title I ECSE Tuition

Preschool Assignment Location: _____ Waiting List: Y N Date: _____

Kidz Care Assignment: Y N Waiting List: Y N

Preschool Acceptance Notification sent on (date): _____ MOSIS ID: _____