

THE PATCHWORK SCHOOL

Enrollment FAQ

Thank you for your interest in our school. Please be sure you fill out our [interest form](#) and check out our [tour video](#) along with our FAQ's below. When a spot become available we will reach out to those interested in a tour.

Thank you!

What are the programs' ages and teacher ratios?

- Toddlers are ages 15 months to 3 years, with 10 students and 2 teachers (1 to 5 ratio)
- Preschoolers are ages 2 ½ to 4 ½, with 18 students and 3 teachers (1 to 6 ratio)
- Kinder is ages 4 to 7, with up to 14 students and 2 teachers (1 to 7 ratio)

What are the days and times offered?

- 8:00-9:00 early morning care
- 9:00-12:30 half-day
- 9:00-3:10 full-day
- 3:10-4:10 aftercare
- Note that toddlers are not offered on Fridays and early/aftercare for that age range is on a case by case basis.
- All students must be registered for a minimum of two half-days.

What is the staff like?

- We have an amazing staff and we consider the teachers to be our biggest asset! We have experienced and highly educated teachers, and very little turnover. We usually have 1-2 new teachers each year and love keeping our practices alive by training them, and very rarely does anyone leave mid-year.
- Everyone is fingerprinted, background checked and trained in First Aid & CPR.
- We provide staff with many professional development opportunities including play therapists, curriculum development specialists, racial justice workshops, and more.
- We also encourage self-care for staff including offering mid-day breaks, vacation time, emotional support and more. We must care for ourselves to have capacity for the children!

The tour video mentions older children and an aftercare program - is that still offered?

- At this time we are not offering aftercare or any programs for children over the age of 7.

How can parents get involved?

- We have lots of parent engagement opportunities including a wonderful community work day in April, a Back-to-School potluck, parent workshops, and a Parent Board that supports the school with fundraising, teacher appreciation and more!
- We also have regular meetings with parents twice each year and you can always request more meetings with the teachers or with a director for parent support.

How do you handle potty training?

- We do not "require" that children be potty trained at a particular age, as we feel this is an important area for us to meet them and the family with where they are at. If you are working on it at home and we see willingness from them at school we will absolutely support and encourage them to try the potty at school. If they are still regularly having 2+ accidents at school we will put them in a diaper for cleanliness but will still support them in learning to get to the potty. We also collaborate a lot with parents during this time to find out what's working at home and to keep you in the loop about what's working at school.

How do you handle naps?

- If your child regularly naps at home and will be staying with us for a full day in either toddlers or preschool, we will offer a nap mat in our napping room after lunch and a teacher will lie with them until they fall asleep. We have monitors to then support children in returning to other activities as they wake up. If they do not regularly nap we don't require that they lay down, but instead we will offer some quieter afternoon activities

How much time are children outside?

- As much as possible! You can't see it from the street, but we have an amazing wilderness behind the school. You will often find us having snack or meeting outside, building forts, creating artwork, searching for bugs, gardening and so much more.
- Please send children in clothing that is appropriate for the weather and can get messy!

Where can I get more information?

- Our website has a plethora of information about everything! Please check out www.thepatchworkschool.com for details on our pricing, approach, flow of the day, staff, parent events, and more!
- You can also email us at info@thepatchworkschool.com with any other specific questions.

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