

Information for Hilltop School Year 2021 - 2022

Thank you for your interest in Hilltop Nursery School. We have been in business since 1955 and pride ourselves on establishing a warm, caring and nurturing environment for children and their families. The teachers at Hilltop develop and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum and activities. They create experiences where children can learn, explore and play at their own pace. We are a special community, and we are happy that you are considering Hilltop for your child.

This year, like just about everything else, our registration process looks different. At this time, we do not have any additional information from our licensor, the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), regarding regulations for operations in September 2021. The Hilltop Committee has decided to move forward with a program that can operate under current Covid-19 modified guidelines. While there is hope that operations could return to "normal", we want to provide some structure to what your child's school schedule will be like for next year. With this in mind, we have made the decision to keep our schedule the same for next year. We will be open from Tuesday through Friday, offering a 4 day or 2 day program and in session for 3 ½ hours/day.

Currently, we are operating under specific guidelines from the Department of Early Education and Care that address health and safety issues related to Covid-19. We hope that there will be improvements in the public health landscape and some of the regulations will be lightened. For example, we hope that our classroom capacities might change to pre-covid guidelines. Since there is no guarantee or even a timeline for those changes at this time, we have decided to move forward with what we know has worked very well this year. **Even if the EEC does change some regulations, we will stay committed to this schedule.** We hope that has families move forward with life "after Covid", knowing their child's school schedule will be helpful.

For new families, there will be a lottery for open spots on Monday, February 8th. You will receive an email by Friday, February 12th regarding your child's status in our program. It is very likely that some children will be put on a waitlist for next September. If your child is placed on the waitlist and a spot becomes available, you will be contacted to see if you are still interested in attending. There can be movement in the Spring when paperwork is due and then movement can happen throughout the summer. There is never a guarantee of a spot when you are placed on the waitlist. We recommend that you secure a spot in another program if you are put on the waitlist.

Next Year's Program

All classes will run for 3 ½ hours per day

There will be staggered drop-off and dismissals. Half of the classes will run from 8:50am – 12:20pm and the other half will run from 9:00am – 12:30pm. We will assign classroom times after the enrollment process is complete.

Options for 2.9 year olds up to the Pre-K year

We will be offering a 2 day option for all 3 year olds. The classes will run on Tuesday & Wednesday or Thursday & Friday. You will be asked during registration to select your first choice. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's first choice. Children will need to be 2 years, 9 months old by November 1st.

Options for 4 & 5 year olds – Pre-Kindergarten

For children in this age category, you will have one more year at Hilltop before your child is eligible to go to Kindergarten. We would highly recommend that anyone in their last year of Hilltop choose our 4 day program which will meet Tuesday – Friday. Anyone wishing to select the 2 day program for their child's pre-k year will need to speak with Mrs. Grew prior to securing a spot.

Tuition

Hilltop has always strived to provide an excellent program at an affordable price. We do offer payment plans and that information will be available in the Spring when enrollment paperwork is available.

Tuition for 2021 - 2022	Yearly Total
4 day (Tues – Fri)	\$4700
2 Day (T/W or Th/F)	\$2350

Check our website on January 19th for a registration/application form. Complete and return with a \$75 non-refundable registration fee by Friday, February 5th to be eligible for the lottery.