

Early Explorations Preschool Frequently asked Questions

1. **What is your student/teacher ratio?** The licensing requirements for ratios are 1:11 Two year olds, 1:15 Three year olds, 1:18 Four year olds- We strive to have low ratios and have two teachers per class room. Our two, two-year-old classrooms have a max of 14 and 15 students, three year olds have a max of 15 students per class and our four year olds have a max of 18 students. Each with two teachers.
2. **How many classrooms do you have?** We have 7 preschool classrooms and two after-care school aged classrooms.
3. **Are you licensed?** Yes, we are licensed, PCLB: C074255
4. **How do you handle discipline?** We like to redirect. We do not punish, sometimes we need to take a minute and sit together and once we feel better we discuss what happened and why that wasn't a good choice.
5. **Does my child need to be potty-trained?** In our two's class we work with the child and parents to assist in potty-training. We do require your child to be fully potty-trained before they move up to the 3-year-old class. This means that they don't wear pull-ups at all during the day and they can wipe on their own. A three-year-old that is not potty-trained will have to continue paying the two-year-old rate until they are fully potty-trained and can move to the three-year-old class.
6. **How many teachers are CPR/First Aid Trained?** All of our teachers are required to become CPR-First aid trained within their first year with us.
7. **How much time do you spend outside?** We are considered an urban preschool; we do not have a playground for the children to go outside to play. We do go on a daily walk through Sunken Gardens, weather permitting.
8. **What style curriculum do you work from?** We use the creative curriculum.
9. **Do you allow screen time?** Sometimes we watch videos on our tablets as a "field trip" but it is never more than two minutes for our two year olds, three minutes for three year olds, etc.
10. **Are Meals Provided?** Meals are not provided. The parent provides two snacks, a lunch and a reusable water bottle daily. The whole school is **NUT FREE**. We do not have heating or cooling capabilities so ice packs and thermoses are recommended.
11. **What time is nap?** We nap from 12:30-2:30 and you will need to provide a cot sheet & blanket. Amazon has some pretty cool nap mats that have a pillow and blanket stitched to them and hook right onto the cot legs.
12. **What enrichment programs/activities are offered?** We have brought gymnastics in, in the past. We are hoping to bring in more outside activities this coming year. Some of our teachers have been teaching sign-language as well.
13. **Tell me about your security system.** Our classroom doors are always locked. Each classroom has a phone in their classroom, when parents arrive they have to check in with the gift shop and call their classroom to let them know they are here to pick up and we let them in. No one is ever able to go into a classroom if we do not know them. We ID anyone that we do not know.
14. **What are your hours of operations and rates?** Drop off is as early as 7:30 am and pick-up is as late as 5:30 pm. We do require all students to be dropped off by 9 am. We require a doctor's note if they are going to be coming in late. There is a \$5 per minute fee per child for pick-ups starting at 5:31 pm. Tuition is \$775 for Two year olds, \$725 for Three & Four year olds, \$550 for VPK wrap-around care. VPK is free from 9 am- 12 pm with a VPK voucher.