

# Sonrise Christian Preschool Early Registration Procedure January 2025

Currently enrolled students and their siblings submit applications  
**Between December 1, 2024 - Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

Submit applications and registration fees to the Preschool Director **between December 1, 2024 - January 22, 2025**. All applications must indicate first and second choice for class placement. The Preschool Director will sort the applications and place every child possible in the first-choice class. You will receive an email between January 27-29 confirming your child's class placement.

Remember that some schedules are more popular, and those classes may fill up quickly. For example, the 3-year-old MWF a.m. class is very popular and challenging to secure a spot unless you have more points.

If you do not receive the class of your choice, you may go on one or more waiting lists. We typically experience many changes before the start of school. You may want to consider the option of afternoon preschool; these classes offer great flexibility and tend to be peaceful and relaxed. Children are loved all morning at home, then often come to school ready to engage with friends. Contact the Preschool Director to arrange a tour to observe firsthand the benefits of an afternoon schedule. Next year, we do have room in the next age group to place all children who are currently enrolled. For example, we have 30 Two-Year-Old students that are currently enrolled and 56 spots available next year in the Three-Year-Old classes. Likewise, we have 56 Threes who are currently enrolled, and we have room for 100 students in the Pre-K classes.

## Points System

For classes that have more applicants than spots available (for example, 20 applicants for a three-year-old class that only has 14 spots), each student will have points assigned; points are based on the number of years that children from the same family have attended Sonrise Christian Preschool. The points are cumulative for the family and will be added for each child in the family that has attended Sonrise Preschool (younger students accumulate points from older siblings, points stay in a family even if there is a gap in years since the older sibling was enrolled).

Points are assigned on the following basis:

- Prior attendance in the One-year-old class: 5 points
- Prior attendance in the Two-year-old class: 4 points
- Prior attendance in the Three-year-old class: 3 points
- Prior attendance in a Pre-K class: 2 points

Children with the highest point value will be placed first in the desired class. Next, families enrolling more than one child will be placed in the first-choice class. In the case of a tie, or families with the same number of points, class placement will be determined by a lottery. The Preschool Director will contact all families prior to placement in their second-choice class. Families will have a time frame to accept placement in their second-choice class and can go on the waiting list for the first-choice class.

To enroll in the **Pre-Kindergarten Monday, Wednesday, Friday All-Day class**, children must be four by May 1 and have previous preschool experience. Placement in the MWF All-Day class is determined by:

1. Age. Kindergarten-aged children have priority placement in the MWF All-Day class.
2. Teacher recommendation. Families secure a recommendation from the classroom teacher.
3. Points.

To enroll in the **Tuesday/Thursday All-Day class**, children must be four by May 1 or have previous preschool experience.

Some families may choose to hold their child back a year and repeat a younger class. If you are considering this option, you can request a meeting with your child's teachers and/or the Preschool Director in January before the Early Registration deadline of January 22. The Sonrise teaching team meets and talks with kindergarten teachers frequently and we understand the level of expectations for children in kindergarten. At times, we suggest that you hold your child back; this recommendation is not taken lightly. We observe, test, plan, and look at many aspects of your child's development before recommending a child repeat preschool so that they can be ready for kindergarten. Typically, we have many students repeat a class. If you are considering two years of a Pre-K class, the Monday, Wednesday, Friday am or pm classes tend to have younger fours, many of whom are likely to repeat Pre-K prior to enrollment in kindergarten. Typically, parents enroll children in the MWF half day Pre-K the first year, then the M-TH half day or an All-Day option the second year of Pre-Kindergarten class.

To register, each child needs to have a completed packet of information, which includes:

1. An Application for each child
2. Registration fee for each child (Checks are payable to **Sonrise Preschool**)
  - \$45 for the first child
  - \$75 for two children in the same family during the same school year
  - \$95 for three children in the same family during the same school year
3. A copy of your child's immunization record (include a new one each year even if your child has not received new immunizations)

If you are on a waiting list only and do not have a guaranteed spot in a class, then you do not pay a registration fee.

I look forward to a wonderful year with your family!

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