

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the program days and hours? Students attend preschool Tuesday-Friday. No preschool on Monday for our center-based students. The majority of our preschool classrooms are ½ day program with students attending for 2 hours 40 mins- times vary based on location with morning sessions starting at 9:00 or 9:15 and ending at 11:40 or 11:55. Afternoon sessions starting at 1:00 or 11:15pm and ending at 3:40 or 3:55pm.

Do you have a full day program? We do have an extended day program that is 9:15-2:10pm. Typically, our returning peers get priority placement in these classrooms, as the IEP students have more services and more need for adult support.

Where are the Olentangy Preschools located? We have multiple sites throughout the district, but not at each elementary. Our locations vary year to year based on elementary enrollment. We will consistently have classrooms at the Shanahan Preschool and Delaware Area Career Center. In addition, we will be in multiple elementary schools but those are not finalized until early summer.

Do peer models receive transportation? No, parents/guardians must provide transportation to and from preschool.

What is the preschool tuition? Peer model tuition is \$170/month (September through May) for AM/PM sessions; \$210/month for extended day.

Is before or after preschool care available? No. Before or after care is not available for preschool. School-age latchkey programs are not licensed for preschool age students and the hours do not align.

Is my preference of location and time a guarantee? No. We do our best to assign locations and times based on the preferences listed in the application. We give priority to our returning peers and then review the applications in order of submission date. As a new peer applicant, your child's preschool location and time assignment will be sent via email in July.

We send assignment emails in "waves" and give parents/guardians 48 hours to "accept of decline". A family may decline a location, which will open up a spot that better aligns to a family's preference. In short, new peer assignments will start going out in July to approximately the first 100 applicants. After those applicants accept or decline we will email out the next "wave" of assignments. This process allows us to offer as many applicants a placement that aligns to their preferences.

Do all preschool age students attend Olentangy preschool? No. Ohio law requires students to attend kindergarten, but preschool is not compulsory. Public schools must provide preschool services only to those students that qualify for special education.