

Harmony Preschool Student Policies 2024-2025



Age

Children enrolling in Early Preschool must be three years of age on or before September 1, 2024. Children enrolling in Preschool must be four or five years of age on or before September 1, 2024. All children must be toilet trained. No diapers or pull-up style training pants are allowed.

Immunizations

It is required by Central District Health Department that Harmony Preschool have a copy of your preschooler's immunization record or an exemption form signed by a parent. If your preschooler's pediatrician practices in Idaho, Harmony can access your preschooler's immunization records through the state's online immunization information system. If you are moving to Idaho from out of state, please provide Harmony with a copy of your preschooler's immunization record. If you have chosen to not immunize, please contact Michelle Hutchings to sign an exemption form.

Drop Off/Pick Up

The driveway can hold up to 6 cars. **Please walk with your preschooler on the driveway, as cars will not see little preschoolers.** Because we do not have a school bell, please wait with your preschooler outside if you are a little early. The teachers need their prep times. We will open the door to start class time.

Unless you have an appointment and need to pick up your preschooler early, please wait outside for us to come out at the end of the school day. You can remind your preschooler that you will walk up to get them. We will not let them run to your car. There is a late pickup fee of \$10.00 after the first 10 minutes and \$1.00 for every minute after 10 minutes.

Snack/Share

When your preschooler's name is on the calendar, he or she brings a snack to share with the class. The children enjoy sharing a snack they have brought from home. Any allergies specific to your preschooler's class and a list of snack ideas will be provided at Open Houses. If we have one student at our school that has a severe nut allergy, the entire school will be nut free. Your preschooler also brings a share on the day he or she brings snacks. Share is one important item your preschooler would like to show during circle time: a rock, a toy, a blankie, a picture, a book, etc. No weapons for share, please.



Birthdays

The school day closest to your preschooler's birthday will be the day we celebrate their birthday. Your preschooler will get to bring the snack on that day. Treats like cookies, cookie bars, donuts, brownies, or fruit snacks are great. Please no cupcakes or cakes. Summer birthdays will be celebrated in May.



Birthday invitations for birthday parties will NOT be passed out at preschool if there is not an invitation for each preschooler in the class.

Clothing

Be sure clothing and shoes are geared to action and activity. Preschool is full of sensory experiences (painting, playing with shaving cream, making mud pies) and, although we will use art smocks, your child may come home a little dirty. Just remember, if they are dirty, they had fun!

Please keep a change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) in your preschooler's backpack in a gallon Ziploc bag. If your preschooler accidentally spills on his or her clothes or has an accident and needs to change, we will help your preschooler change into the clothes in their backpack and put their wet clothes in the Ziploc bag. We also have emergency clothes at the preschool. If your child comes home in our clothing, please wash and return the clothing to the preschool.

Book Orders

Scholastic book orders will come home in September, November, February, and April. Book orders may be ordered online with the class code that will be provided to you once our school year begins. Books should arrive within 3 weeks or less. Children are not required to order books.



Tuition

May 2025 tuition payment is due June 1st, 2024. May's tuition pays for the two weeks of preschool in May and the two weeks of preschool in August. All remaining tuition payments are due by the 10th of the month, September through April. You will receive a reminder email and invoice. Payment options are available at harmonylearning.com/payment. Tuition is as follows:

Preschool, 3 on-site times a week	\$230
5 Day/Week Preschool	\$420
Early Preschool, 2 on-site times a week	\$190

There will NOT be refunds for absences due to illness or vacations. Virtual preschool is an option on these days. Because we are not a daycare, you are paying for a spot in a class, not an hourly rate as you would at a day care. There are some months when we hold many preschool days and other months that have less preschool days. I have considered the option of charging by the number of days at the school per month, but this would be a lot of administrative work to change the tuition rate each month. In the end, it is easier to average the fee between 9 months and pay the same amount each month.

There is a \$25.00 late fee charged on any unpaid balance after the tenth of each month.

Field Trips

Preschool classes (4's/5's) will go on field trips in October, February and end of April/beginning of May. These classes also have a Christmas Music Program at a different location in the month of December. Early preschool classes will go on a field trip in October and end of April/beginning of May. Families are invited to attend with us. At least one adult is required to attend with each preschooler. Field trips are wonderful opportunities to share fun experiences with your preschooler.

Discipline Policy

There may be a time when a child will have trouble controlling his or her emotions or behaviors. If this occurs, we will first help the child identify the problem by understanding the child. We will then discuss a solution with the child. It may also be necessary to redirect his/her attention to a different activity. The use of physical punishment is strictly prohibited. If problems persist, parents will be contacted. Some children may misbehave due to illness, being over tired, or some event happening in the home. Please let us know if any big changes or problems are occurring at home which may affect your preschooler at school so we can be understanding of the situation.

Picture Policy

We will photograph your preschooler for art projects, your digital downloads, our social media accounts (your child's name will never be displayed), and for room display. Some teachers may choose to send home classroom books with your child's picture in the book. If you do not want your preschooler to appear on our social media accounts or website, please contact Michelle Hutchings.



NEW: It is time for Harmony to change with the times! Harmony is transitioning from paper scrapbooks to digital pictures this year! Digital pictures of your child participating in our preschool activities will be available for you to download on a private Facebook page. The pictures will be available one to two times a week. If you are concerned about your child being included in pictures on a private Facebook group or if you do not use Facebook, please contact Michelle. Your child will still bring home a weekly folder filled with projects from school.

Illness

Please take this policy seriously! Preschoolers spread germs very easily. **DO NOT** bring your preschooler to class when they are showing any of the following symptoms: Fever over 99.5 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, conjunctivitis (pink eye), unusual skin rash, unusually deep cough, green mucus running from nose. Your child needs to be free of these symptoms for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) before returning to preschool. Your child needs to be on antibiotics for 24 hours for pink eye before returning. Please notify Michelle if your preschooler develops chicken pox, head lice, pink eye, impetigo, covid, influenza or any other serious illness that may be contagious. If your child has to miss a preschool day due to illness, the circle time and additional curriculum for that day is available virtually on our website. In the event of an illness, your preschooler will be placed in a comfortable, safe waiting room to prevent spreading of the illness. The parent will be notified immediately to pick up the child.

There may be a rare occurrence where a teacher becomes ill or experiences an emergency and cannot make it to the school on short notice. School for that day will need

to be cancelled and preschoolers will be able to participate in our virtual curriculum online. Please be prepared for up to 2 days of unexpected teacher illness cancellations per teacher. We have a substitute list and will try to first work out a substitute before cancelling. Our teachers and substitutes must all have a State of Idaho Background Check so we have to be selective in who can teach at the preschool. Most likely, these cancellation days will never happen, but it is important to be prepared.

Toys

Toys from home need to stay at home unless it is part of your preschooler's share. A preschooler is very sad when his or her toy is left at preschool. Commonly lost items at the preschool include: bracelets/necklaces, lego people, and lip gloss. Please consider leaving these items at home.

Absences

Harmony will not call your home if your preschooler is absent. Michelle will contact you if your preschooler has missed a full week of school and you have not called to let us know the reasons.

Drop Out Policy

A 30-day notice must be given to drop your preschooler from enrollment. During that 30 days, you must still pay tuition. This allows time for Harmony to find another student to fill the spot we have reserved for your preschooler.

Harmony Preschool reserves the rights to deny ongoing enrollment at our preschool if at any time there is an issue that the school feels requires removal of a student. Registration fees and tuition for the month will be reimbursed at a pro-rated amount. If the situation occurs before May, May tuition will be reimbursed.

Weather Cancellations

In the event of inclement weather, school cancellations will coincide with the West Ada School District. If preschool is cancelled due to weather conditions, an email will be sent out.



Questions/Concerns

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Michelle Hutchings. If it is important for you to relay information to us during class time, please send a text to Miss Michelle. Emails and voicemails will be replied to after class. We are always happy to meet with parents to discuss any issues or concerns you have about your child or things at school. We do request that you call or email outside of class time. When classes are starting or ending the teachers must focus on the class. We also believe that it is better to talk about issues when your child is not present.

Let's have a great year!

Miss Michelle

Miss Barb

Miss Courtney