



Amherst Regional High School – Preschool Program

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AMHERST REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Amherst Regional High School Preschool is currently enrolling children for September 2008. As part of the Family and Consumer Science Department we offer an elective class in Child Development for high school students during two or three high school class periods per day.

We offer a comprehensive early childhood program with developmentally appropriate early childhood curriculum including literacy, math, art, science and drama activities. Early literacy is an important component of our program. Each child has a writing journal. Working one on one with high school students, preschool children dictate stories and practice writing letters and words. We often act out the children's stories with the author directing and choosing the players.

The high school students spend time in the preschool classroom, taking turns planning activities for children. They also meet weekly in a seminar format to discuss readings in early childhood education, educational theorists, language development, imaginative play and other topics related to preschool children.

The larger high school community is a rich environment for learning. For example English classes perform plays for us, we all take part in the Asian week fashion show, we attend sports events and we visit the auto mechanics class.

As a laboratory school for Child Study classes it is important for families to know that our classroom gets quite busy when our "high school friends" are working and learning in the preschool. Children thrive in our program and the relationships that develop between high school and preschool students are at the heart of our program. However some children may not be as secure in this stimulating classroom.

The decision to enroll must be made carefully to insure each child's success. Before final acceptance children are invited to spend a morning in the program. Parent communication is essential in early childhood programs and as such we will work closely with families to support the transition into the preschool. We consider the first two weeks of school to encompass this "transition period". During the transition period we reserve the right to deny admittance if we feel that the child is not ready for our preschool program. We require children to be 3 years old and toilet trained before enrolling in our program.

We look forward to receiving applications for September 2008. We will provide up to five reduced fee slots for families who meet the federal income requirements for reduced lunch or free lunch programs. Children may be enrolled for three, four or five full days. We do not offer a half day option. We are committed to building a diverse and gender balanced preschool community.

If you are interested in applying for September 2008 please print out the attached enrollment application and return it to me by email to pedevillanod@arps.org, by regular mail, or to the High School Main Office.

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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Child's Name: _____ Male/Female: _____

Nickname: _____

Mark one or more racial identities:

_____ Asian _____ Black or African American

_____ American Indian or Alaska Native _____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific
Islander

___ White

Mark one ethnic identity: _____ Hispanic or Latino _____ Not Hispanic or Latino

Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell phone number (s) _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address:

HOME AND FAMILY

Name of Parent or Guardian (1): _____

Relationship to child: _____

Employer / Occupation _____

Employer's Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (2): _____

Relationship to child: _____

Employer / Occupation _____

Employer's Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

List all children in the family including this child, in order of birth:

Name

Age

List any other members of the household, or outside of the household who the child related to on a regular basis:

Does your family have pets? _____

List each pet and name: _____

Is your child fearful of animals? _____

MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

Age of sitting up: _____ Age of walking: _____

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Age when talking began: _____

Child's first language: _____

Other languages spoken: _____

Present status of speech: _____

FOOD AND NUTRITION

Does your child have any food allergies? _____

Child's favorite foods: _____

Child's least favorite foods: _____

What is your policy on sweet treats? _____

DRESSING

To what extent does the child dress him/her self?

Can the child fasten: buttons? _____ snaps? _____ zippers? _____ shoe laces?

PLAY AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Has the child had previous group care experiences?

Describe setting:

How often does the child play alone? _____ Happily? _____

Check the following words that describe the child's play: Active _____ Quiet _____

Boisterous _____ Self-initiated _____ Dependent on adult direction _____

Dependent on suggestions of other children _____ Other: _____

Favorite activities with family members:

Favorite toys:

Outdoor activities:

Favorite books:

Favorite songs:

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

What makes your child happy?

Has your child shown fear of anything or any situation?

How do you help the child feel secure when he/she is fearful?

What causes your child to react with anger?

How do you help your child deal with anger?

What comforts your child when he/she is upset?

Is there any thing else you would like us to know about your child or your family?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who will bring your child to school?

Who will bring your child home from school?

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Person to call **first** in case of emergency: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternative person to call in case of emergency: _____

Phone #: _____

Schedule Information and Fee Scale

Although we are not offering a half day program we are taking requests for a schedule of less than 5 days per week. We are currently able to have children come for three, four or five days per week. This is subject to change depending on enrollment and our ability to fill available slots.

Are you interested in five full days? _____ Yes _____ No

If not what is your request for scheduling? _____

ARHS Preschool Fee Scale for 2007 – 2008 School Year

The preschool fee is \$38 a day. We are open from 7:30 - 4:00. We offer up to five low income slots. We use the federal free and reduced lunch criteria for determining eligibility for reduced fees. A family who qualifies for reduced lunch would pay \$25 a day, and a family who qualifies for free lunch would pay \$15 a day. All fees will be paid to the Amherst Regional High School through the main office. Payments will be made in installments. The first payment is due August 1 and serves as your deposit. The deposit will be used as your June tuition payment. The additional payments are due on the first of each month, September through May.

Will you be applying for a reduced fee slot? _____ Yes _____ No

Rate Schedule – Based on Five Days Per Week

Rate Category	Per Hour	Per Day	Annual Rate
Full Price	\$4.47	\$38.00	\$6,840
Reduced Fee 1 (reduced lunch rate)	\$2.94	\$25.00	\$4,500
Reduced Fee 2 (free lunch rate)	\$1.76	\$15.00	\$2,700

Monthly payments are based on the annual rate divided by 10.

Full Price Payment Schedule:

- 3 days per week- \$410.40 monthly
- 4 days per week - \$547.20 monthly
- 5 days per week- \$684.00 monthly