



Woodrow Wilson Academy Pre-K



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Family Handbook

Congratulations on being a part of the WWA Pre-K Program.

The following items are guidelines that are required to be followed at all times along with Colorado State Rules and Regulations. It is recommended to keep a copy of this handbook for your reference. A digital copy can also be found on the Woodrow Wilson Academy website. WWA Pre-K program may change policies and procedures, as needed. These changes will be communicated to families in a prompt manner. Be sure to keep updated forms with your handbook.

Our main priority is serving the needs of children and families with a program built on collaboration and communication with families. Thank you for being a part of our community.



Our Curriculum

The WWA Pre-K program focuses on providing children with a positive, safe and healthy environment which strives to honor and meet the individual needs of each child. We deliver a variety of activities that are play-based and developmentally appropriate. We believe in the importance of play in learning and provide activities that encourage imagination and creativity while exposing children to the important building block concepts necessary for school readiness and success.

We utilize elements of Handwriting Without Tears, Tools of the Mind, Core Knowledge Curriculum, and Eureka2 Math as a basis for our activities. Children in our program receive a well-rounded exposure to language and literacy, math, science, art, gross/fine motor and social/emotional skills.

Our Mission

In alignment to Woodrow Wilson Academy's Vision and Mission Statement, the WWA Pre-K program's mission is to nurture each child's individual potential to help instill the building blocks for developing a love for learning through active, play-based, and developmentally appropriate activities. In addition, we strive to be in partnership with families, embracing mutual respect, diversity and open communication.

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REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

To be eligible for WWA Pre-K, your child must be age 4 by October 1st. WWA Pre-K follows the same enrollment procedures as Woodrow Wilson Academy. Families will need to follow the EnrollJeffco process. For more information please go to:

www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/enrollment/enrolljeffco

Using Enroll Jeffco a priority waitlist in the order of staff children, siblings, Home School Connection students, siblings of 8th Grade Graduates, legal dependents of WWA Founding Families, WWA Legacy Families, In-District and Out of District students will be established for each grade K-8. All of those not accepted in the lottery will be placed on a waitlist.

If you are interested in the UPK program and have a sibling enrolled at WWA, you will need to contact the Director and attend a mandatory meeting. Otherwise, you may complete an application at <https://triadbrightfutures.org/apply-for-upk/> Please select Woodrow Wilson Academy as your preferred Preschool Program.

ENROLLMENT

Once accepted into the program you will need to do the following:

- \$100 Registration Fee (non-refundable. Refundable for CCCAP upon authorization)
- Upload required documents into Infinite Campus

Fall Registration Requirements:

- Set-up a Procure account at myprocure.com using the email you provided to Pre-K
- Complete Enrollment Agreement (due in August)
- Statement of physical health (due in August)

All Medical forms must be updated yearly for all students. Please remember to notify the program of any contact/phone number changes and update your child's Jeffco Infinite Campus account as needed.

TUITION AND PAYMENT POLICIES

TUITION FEE SCHEDULE

Options	School Hours	Monthly Fee
M-F Full Day	7:45am-2:45pm	\$1200/\$600 with UPK
M-F Half Day	7:45am-11:30am	\$600/\$0 with UPK

PROGRAM HOURS

WWA Pre-K Program is open Monday - Friday 8:00am - 11:30am for the half day schedule and 8:00am - 2:45pm for the full day schedule. You may drop off your student any time between 7:45am - 8:00am. WWA Pre-K follows the WWA school schedule for holidays and non-contact days. Please refer to the WWA school calendar for closures.

CLASSROOM SIZE

Due to licensing regulations our capacity is 24 students with a required ratio of 1:12. WWA Pre-K strives to maintain a ratio of 1:8.

TEACHER PLANNING DAYS

There are typically 6-7 days throughout the school year, that teachers use to plan curriculum, switch out center supplies/materials and do general classroom cleaning. Children do not attend school on these days. A schedule of the dates will be provided to families during registration.

TUITION PAYMENT POLICY

Tuition payments are due the 1st of every month, unless the school is closed. It will then be due within the week we return to school. A \$25 late fee will be incurred for any payments received after the 10th of the month. Payments can be made with cash, check, money order, or credit card. Please make checks payable to WWA. Credit card payments can be made at the front office or through your Procure account. All other payments may be turned into the tuition box by the main office labeled Pre-K/WCC. Failure to make payments can result in the withdrawal of your child.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (CCAP)

Jefferson county residents may apply for child care assistance through the child care assistance program (CCAP). For more information, please go to the following link: <https://www.jeffco.us/2495/Child-Care-Assistance>

RETURNED CHECKS

If a check is returned, the parent/guardian will be notified in order to make other payment arrangements. If two or more checks are returned, WWA Pre-K will no longer accept personal checks. All payments thereafter will need to be made with cash, money order or credit card.

DISCOUNTS

Families with 2 children will be given a 10% discount in the monthly tuition for the 2nd child.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

If you need to change the days or time (half/full day) your child attends, please check with the Program Director to see if there is available space. If schedule changes are made, a revised tuition statement will be issued.

WITHDRAWALS

If at any time you need to withdraw your child from the WWA Pre-K program, please inform the Director as soon as possible. Enrollment back into the program will be dependent upon space availability at the time. WWA Pre-K fees are based on an academic calendar year and a 10-month payment schedule. Students are admitted for the full academic year. The obligation to pay the agreed fee is not subject to illness, absence or any other reason. If it becomes necessary to withdrawal your child, we request written notice to the Director prior to withdrawal. No pro-ration refund for this fee will be made for the month in which the child leaves.

NEUTRALITY POLICY

It is the policy of Woodrow Wilson Academy to remain neutral in domestic disputes, e.g., when parents/guardians are divorcing, separating, or contesting the custody of students. The School does not become involved in these disputes and will maintain focus on the child. Accordingly, Woodrow Wilson Academy employees are not permitted to participate voluntarily in custody disputes or divorce/separation proceedings, including answering questionnaires or surveys regarding student(s) in such matters. The School will, however, comply with all court orders and lawfully issued subpoenas.

Woodrow Wilson Academy asks that separating/divorcing parents also maintain focus on the child and work with the school to support the educational experience of the student. We encourage parents to attend conferences with teachers together, to the extent possible, so that each parent participates in the same conversations with school staff.

It is each parent's responsibility to provide the school with a record of relevant court orders and up-to-date contact information.

INTERVENTION/EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

At-risk students are those that need or may be in need of specialized services including but not limited to gifted and talented, special education, homelessness, and English language learners. For students needing early interventions services, a referral will be made to the appropriate resources including social, mental health, educational or medical service. A list of referral resources available in the community shall be kept on site. Families will be offered support during the referral and written records will be kept. The school will work with the referred agency when possible to incorporate services and provide support to the student.

Academically advanced students will be given opportunities to achieve their highest potential. The instructional program will be designed to ensure these students have opportunities for growth in all academic areas.

English Language Learners will be supported through timely identification, appropriate instruction, and formal assessments when necessary. Additionally, translators will be provided to families who require assistance in their native language to facilitate communication and understanding.

Woodrow Wilson Academy's Pre-K program is not equipped to accommodate IEP's.

DAILY COMPONENTS

A typical day includes the following components:

Large Group - We gather in a large group setting several times throughout the day to participate in music/movement, stories, calendar/weather, social stories, discussions and sharing.

Small Group - Each day we have two small groups, one that focuses on a literacy/writing activity and a second that focuses on science/math activities. Centers - Play is an important aspect of learning and each day there is time dedicated for children to choose from a variety of centers designed and geared to learning while playing. Centers include Blocks, Manipulatives, Writing/Literacy, Library, Science/Math, Art, Sensory and Dramatic Play. We change out centers often to reflect the theme we are focusing on at the time.

Outside Play - We strive to dedicate 30 minutes each day to allow children the opportunity to play outside. Children who attend full day will have an additional outside time in the afternoon.

Snack - We have a snack every morning and then another in the afternoon. We wash hands before each meal.

Rest time - For those who attend the full-day program, a rest time lasting approximately 60 minutes occurs after lunch.

CLASSROOM POLICES

BIRTHDAYS

As a part of our classroom community, we enjoy celebrating each child's birthday with a little gift and birthday crown. If you would like to do something special for your child's birthday (a special activity/craft, share a favorite book, etc.), please let the PreK staff know. To better align with Jeffco Healthy Schools policies, we will no longer be having food treats as a part of the celebration. Please let us know if you would prefer that we not celebrate your child's birthday in class.

CLOTHING AND WEATHER

Please make sure your child is equipped for all weather conditions. Students will go outside when weather permits. Staff will not take children outside if the temperature is below 25°. We ask that all clothing items be labeled with your child's name so we can locate lost items to make it easier to return. Any items not labeled and left behind will be placed in the WWA lost and found. WWA Pre-K follows student dress code as outlined below.

The following dress is not appropriate or acceptable for Woodrow Wilson Academy.

- Hats, caps, sunglasses, costumes, or pajamas worn in the building, except for designated days
- Wheeled shoes aka Heelys are not allowed due to safety concerns

The fit and condition of clothes worn to school must follow these guidelines:

- Tank tops or spaghetti strap shirts that are thinner than two fingers are not allowed; shirts must come up to under the armpit – boys and girls
- Clothing should be free of deliberate holes and rough cut, or frayed hemlines, which may become revealing or are a distraction
- Pants may have 3 or less rips that are below fingertip length and no more than 4 inches in length each.

PERSONAL ITEMS

WWA Pre-K Program will not be held responsible for items lost or broken while at the program. Each child will be given the opportunity to have a “show and tell” day. Items chosen for “show and tell” should be appropriate for school, i.e. no play weapons or very delicate items.

CONFERENCES

WWA Pre-K will offer 2 conferences throughout the year, one in October and another in February. Please refer to program calendar for specific dates. We typically send out a Sign-Up Genius link to sign-up for conferences. If at any time you would like to meet with the Director and/or teacher to discuss your child’s progress, please feel free to contact us to schedule a time to meet. If you require an interpreter for conferences, please see the Director and we will arrange to have one available.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT/TRANSITIONS

At the beginning of each school year, families are invited to a Back to School Meet and Greet in the Pre-K classroom. This is to ensure that you have a chance to meet teachers, other parents and students before the first day of school. Throughout the school year families have multiple opportunities to volunteer their time inside the Pre-K classroom or in the library during our weekly library time. Once a month a SignUp Genius link will be sent out asking for volunteers. During November - February we invite family members to teach us about their family traditions. Sign up for this event will be sent out during the month of different holidays.

Families are also encouraged to participate in our:

- Fall Festival party during October
- Winter party during December
- Pre-K continuation/graduation in May

FIELD TRIPS

On occasion, we do go on field trips. We ask for parent volunteers to help transport the children as the cost of a school bus for the number of children we have in our program is not cost effective. For those willing to help, we require a copy of your driver’s license and current insurance card before you will be authorized to transport children. If you do not want your child to attend you will need to make alternate arrangements for your child on that day. Children on occasion will go on “walking trips” to Oakhurst Park. A permission slip will always come home before a field or walking trip. If your child arrives late to the program and we have left the building, it is your responsibility to bring your child to our location (Ex. park or other attraction).

TRANSPORTATION

Employees of the WWA Pre-K Program cannot transport your child under any circumstances.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Parents/guardians must walk their child(ren) to the program and sign them in. The parent/guardian must also sign their child out when they are released. There is a late charge of \$1 for every minute your child is left at the program beyond 2:45pm. Please let us know if you are going to be late picking up to avoid late charges. If the problem persists, a late pick-up fee will be charged to your tuition balance.

If your child has not been picked up by 3:00pm and we have not heard from you, we will begin to contact emergency contacts on your emergency card in the order they are listed. In the event that no one can be located, we will call local authorities/social services to pick up your child.

AUTHORIZED PICK-UP

Children will only be released to persons listed on their Emergency Card. Anyone not known to staff will be asked to provide a photo ID. If you have an emergency and need someone not listed on the Emergency Card to pick up your child, you will need to call the school at 303-431-3694 and give a verbal authorization. That person will need to show a photo ID. If someone attempts to pick up your child and they are not authorized, 911 may be called. A parent has the right to pick up their child whether they are listed on the Emergency Card or not unless court orders have been provided that document that the parent is not allowed to pick-up or be in contact with child(ren). Students will not be released to anyone under the age of 16.

EARLY PICK-UP

Please inform us, if at all possible, if you will be picking up your child early. When you arrive you will need to check-in at the office before proceeding to the classroom to sign your child out.

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from the program, please notify the program directly via email or phone call 303-431-3694 ext 178. The WWA attendance line is for K-8 students only. To schedule a long term absence, please inform the Pre-K Director. Prompt arrival time is crucial to your child's success in school. We understand sometimes things happen and being late is inevitable. Please arrive to school before the 8:05am tardy bell. Consistent tardiness is a disruption to your child's academics as well as the rest of the students in class.

HEALTH & SAFETY

SNACKS

Each child will need a morning snack. If your child attends full day, he/she will also need an afternoon snack. Please label your child's snack with his/her name. Please refrain from sending cookies, or sweets in for snack. We encourage healthy options as often as possible.

LUNCH

If your child is staying for a full day, you will need to supply a nutritional lunch or hot lunches are now provided at no cost to our students from Denver Public Schools. You will find a link for the menu on the Woodrow Wilson Academy web page at www.wwacademy.org. Please inform Pre-K staff of days your child would like to order hot lunch. Milk does come with a hot lunch each day.

WATER BOTTLES

Each child needs a water bottle with their name on it. We will send water bottles home each day to be washed and filled.

SUNSCREEN

We ask parents to apply sunscreen to their child before they attend class. If necessary, staff will allow children to reapply in the afternoon. Parents may provide their own sunscreen or allow staff permission to use the sunscreen on-hand. Staff will assist children with applying as needed, following health and licensing department procedures.

ILLNESSES

We do our best to promote a healthy environment for all children in our care and by doing so we request that each child is in good health and physical condition. If your child has any of the following conditions, he/she will not be permitted to attend in the program until they are symptom free for 24 hours:

- Temperature of 100 or more
- Thick yellow or green nasal or eye discharge
- Diarrhea or vomiting

When a child becomes sick at school and they are going home because of illness, we will contact parents. For the safety and welfare of the students and others in our classroom, please understand that we cannot have a sick child in attendance. Parents are expected to pick their child up within 30 minutes of being notified. If any illness requires antibiotics, please ensure your child is on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication, you and their health care provider will need to complete a medication agreement and health plan. The Director can provide these forms, if needed. All medication listed on the health care plan needs to be in the original container and labeled with prescription. Please give medications directly to the staff. All medications will be stored and inaccessible to children.

REST TIME (FULL DAY ONLY)

All children enrolled in the full day program will have a rest period. This will occur after lunch and will last approximately 30-60 minutes. We do ask that you bring a "toddler bed sheet" and SMALL blanket. All items should fit into a reusable bag or pillow case. Bedding will be sent home at the end of each week to be laundered.

TOILETING

We ask that children who attend the WWA Pre-K be potty trained as we do not have the facilities required to change diapers. We know that accidents happen on occasion, so we ask to provide a change of clothes for your child (shirt, pants, underwear, socks). Staff will assist children when needed with changing their clothes, however we ask that they be able to wipe themselves. Families will be informed at pick-up if their child had an accident. Soiled clothing will be placed in a plastic bag in the child's backpack.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE AND EVACUATIONS

We make every attempt to be prepared for emergency situations by conducting monthly fire drills and tornado drills required by state licensing regulations. As a school, we also participate in a Lockdown Drill and a Shelter in Place or Evacuation Drill each year. All emergency procedures are listed in the classroom. It is important that emergency cards are updated with correct phone numbers and important information so we are able to reach you in case of an emergency. In the event that we cannot reach you, we will release your child to an emergency contact listed on your child's emergency card.

INCLEMENT WEATHER OR LATE START DAYS

In most cases, WWA Pre-K and WWA follow Jeffco's procedures for inclement weather and late start days. Families will be notified via messenger and/or email if either situation should be called by Jeffco. Late start for WWA Pre-K will begin an hour later than scheduled, drop-off between 9:45-10:05am. Given the lateness of this start time, half-day children need not report to school.

LOST CHILDREN

Staff conducts a half hour name to face head count to ensure all children are accounted for. Staff closing the program at the end of the day will check head count form to make sure all children have been picked up, do a room search, bathroom

check and then proceed to close the room. If any child has been left at the center, parents and emergency contacts will be called. If nobody responds, social services will be notified.

For off-site field trips or school activities, head counts are performed every 10-15 minutes to ensure the whereabouts of each child. In the event a child cannot be found an in-depth search will be conducted. If the child is still unable to be found within 5 minutes, parents and police will be notified to assist in the process.

CLOSING PROCEDURES

At the end of the school day, teachers will do a “sweep” of the room and restrooms to ensure all children have been picked up.

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

For minor injuries, staff will treat the child with necessary treatment and inform parents via an “Ouch Report” at the end of the day or a phone call. For serious injuries requiring emergency medical attention, WWA Pre-K will follow the procedures required by the Dept. of Human Services, informing parents after 911 has been called.

DISCIPLINE

Social development and learning to following classroom rules and expectations are an important part of a 4 year old’s learning and education. As teachers, it is our job to encourage, support and model positive classroom behaviors. In most cases, guidance and redirection are all that is necessary. In moments when children need to “take a break”, they will be asked to go in a quiet part of the room for a few minutes until they are ready to rejoin the group. If challenging behaviors persist we will discuss a possible need for a positive behavior support plan with the family. Together we will determine a plan in place to best support their child’s learning. At any time, families are welcome to access and consult an early childhood mental health consultant or other specialist as needed. The safety of all children and staff are of utmost importance to our program. Therefore, WWA Pre-K reserves the right to withdraw your child from the program if persistent behavioral issues occur that would endanger other children or staff.

To enhance our student’s social development, we also follow WWA's Social Emotional Learning program. We recognize the profound impact of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) on a child's academic, personal, and lifelong success. Grounded in the principles advocated by CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning) and the ASCA Mindsets and Behaviors, our school is dedicated to nurturing the emotional and social well-being of our students. We use an integrative curriculum delivered through a variety of methods including social stories, play-based learning, and songs. The essential skills taught through SEL are supported and nurtured within the

classroom throughout the school year. In addition to explicit instruction in how to regulate emotions and communicate effectively with peers and adults, social and emotional literacy is achieved through our Core Virtue lessons, teambuilding and class meetings, restorative practices, and Love and Logic approach.

MANDATED REPORTERS

The WWA Pre-K staff are mandatory reporters which means we are required by law to report any suspicion of child abuse.

THINGS TO KNOW

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

Pre-K students will be screened for visual and hearing problems. If there are suspected problems, you will be notified of the results of the screening by our Nurse Consultant.

KINDERGARTEN AT WWA

Each November, WWA hosts a Prospective Parent Night. If you are interested in enrolling your child into Kindergarten at WWA and you are NOT a family with older siblings already attending, you may attend to learn about enrolling at WWA.

Following Jefferson County Public Schools enrollment dates beginning in December, we offer an opportunity to all Pre-K families to enroll using EnrollJeffco for Woodrow Wilson Academy Kindergarten. Attending Pre-K does NOT guarantee your spot into Kindergarten at WWA.

Additionally, in May your Pre-K student will have the opportunity to participate in "Switch Day". On this day we will visit the Kindergarten teachers and classrooms.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Each child will be able to check out a library book each week. They will need to return their books by the following week in order to check out a new book. Books may be placed in the "Library Book" bucket by the door.

CHILDREN WORK FILES

Your child's work will be placed in the file box. Be sure to check it daily. Not only will there be your child's work but also important updates and information.

STAFF EMAILS

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

WWA Pre-K Program will adhere to all Policies associated with the American with Disabilities Act. See the Program Director to discuss how best to accommodate your child's needs.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

Suspected or known child abuse should be reported to Jefferson County Social Services at childabusehotline@jeffco.us 303-271-4015.

COMPLAINTS

To file a complaint about this facility please contact:

The Colorado Department of Human Services

Division of Child Care

1575 Sherman Street

Denver, CO. 80203-1714

Or call 303.866.5958

1.800.799.5876