

Registration Policies for Grace Neighborhood Nursery School: 2022-23



Grace Neighborhood Nursery School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, nationality or ethnic origin.

Classroom Age Ranges and Teacher/Child Ratios for the Current Year Subject to Change Each Year Based On Ages of Children In the Yearly Enrollment Pool

- We are a preschool and can enroll children between 2 years and 9 months old (33 months) to Kindergarten entry(60-72 months) as of September 1st.
- Children are placed in classes according to their age as of September 1st. Overlap in ages may occur between classes. Classes remain together for the entire school year. The director and staff make all determinations on class placements.
- We always maintain a 1:10 ratio or less. Teacher assignments are based on class enrollments.

1. The Harriet Class – Older 2's and Young 3's

Maximum class size is 12 children with two teachers or 10 children with one teacher.

2. The Bde Maka Ska Class – Mixed 3's and 4's

Maximum class size is 15 children with two teachers or 10 children with one teacher.

3. The Cedar Class – Mixed 4's and 5's

Maximum class size is 12 children with two teachers or 10 children with one teacher.

4. The Isles Class – Mixed 4's and 5's

Maximum class size is 15 children with two teachers or 10 children with one teacher.

5. The Nokomis Class – Mixed 4's and 5's.

Maximum class size is 12 children with two teachers or 10 children with one teacher.

Application and Registration Policies and Procedures

- We accept applications at any time for future enrollment. We keep a wait list for the current year and an enrollment pool for the next year. Both are ordered by the date that an application is received.
- During our yearly enrollment period when classes are being formed for the following year, openings are assigned first to returning children and their siblings.
- Remaining slots are then filled with new applicants from the enrollment pool.
- There is an annual \$75 registration fee for each family, regardless if they are current, alumni or a new family. If you requested financial assistance, see scholarship guidelines. This registration fee does not guarantee enrollment. It is not refundable.
- Your child's current schedule does not guarantee the same schedule for the following year.
- Second choices will be used, if necessary, to allow more children to have a quality early childhood experience at GNNS. Do not indicate a second choice if you are not willing to take it, but realize that may lower your chance of enrollment.

- Registration for current families and siblings begins in February. Placement for new children begins in March and continues until all spots have been filled. Families at the top of the pool will be offered open spots, then have one week to make their decision, before the next family can be offered the same spot. This is a process and takes most of the spring.

Wait List

- Wait lists will be established if applications exceed the number of available spots in any one class.
- If openings in a particular class become available, parents on the wait list will be notified and offered the placement for their child in the order of the rankings.

Bus Service

- Bus service is available for families within a 3-mile radius of the school. If the demand for bus service exceeds our capacity, assignments will be determined by need. Priority will be given to scholarship families and those families who have no other way of getting their children to school.
- Scheduling considerations are necessary so children do not have a long ride to or from school. Maximum bus ride allowed by the state is 1 hour.
- Until the COVID 19 pandemic is over, children will be required to wear a mask on the bus.
- Bus transportation is not guaranteed from year to year.

Financial Assistance

- Grace Neighborhood Nursery School has a scholarship program available to families in need.
- You may indicate your interest in this program on the application form. Once your child is placed you can send in the scholarship application form that is in this packet or request another application that can be emailed to you.
- Scholarships are available for tuition and bus service.
- Every effort is made to accommodate families requesting financial assistance until the annual cap is met.