



Preschool, Kindergarten, and Play & Learn
A Ministry of First Presbyterian Church

Program Registration Information

2026-27

We are excited to share registration information for our upcoming school year! Please take some time to read through this information and don't hesitate to ask if you have questions. We encourage all new families to contact the Preschool Office at (334) 793-6283 for a tour.

We are pleased to serve as the Early Childhood program of Providence Christian School, and we welcome families who are seeking to partner with us for their preschool and kindergarten needs in a creative, loving, and fun atmosphere from a distinctively Christian and Classical perspective.

We will open our applications early (January 27) this year as a convenience to our families; however, we typically do not begin processing applications until February.

NEW FAMILIES can follow the steps below to apply (see next page if you are applying for a sibling of a current student). Our district code is PCS-AL:

- Please go to www.providencechristianschool.com.
- Go to Admissions.
- Go to How to Apply.
- Click on Create an Account to create a user name and password.
- You will receive an email verification link.
- Log in and click on Create a New Student Application.

If you currently have children enrolled at Providence Christian School or Early Childhood, you will want to follow the steps below to “enroll new sibling”.

REMEMBER, currently enrolled PCS/PEC students (including our students who will be moving to first grade next year) will remain enrolled for the upcoming school year as long as the student and families are both in good standing. Families only need to notify PCS/PEC if they will NOT be returning next year. **Opt-out form is due by February 12.**

To enroll a new sibling

- Log in to your FACTS Family Portal
- Go to Apply/Enroll, then Application (New Student)
- “Click here to open Application”
- “Create a New Student Application”

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, feel free to contact Providence Early Childhood (PEC) during morning hours at 334-793-6283 or the PCS admissions office at 334-702-8933.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the Providence Early Childhood program located?

The preschool and kindergarten are located at the Providence Early Childhood building behind the main church building at First Presbyterian Church, 3012 West Main Street, Dothan, AL 36305. Contact us at (334) 793-6283 during morning hours or at bwright@prov-ec.com. Providence Early Childhood is a ministry of **First Presbyterian Church**, and is the preschool & kindergarten ministry for Providence Christian School (grades 1-12), which is located at 4847 Murphy Mill Road, Dothan, AL 36303.

How will I find out if we have a preschool enrollment spot?

You will be notified as to whether your child has been accepted soon after registration (generally around the end of February). When you receive your acceptance email, please follow the link and instructions to complete your child’s enrollment. **This must be completed in order to secure your acceptance for the upcoming year.** If you receive a waiting list notification, please keep in mind that since our registration is early in the year, we **often are able to place additional children from our waiting pool before the beginning of school in August.**

How much are the application fees?

The one-time application fee for new preschool/kindergarten students is **\$160 for preschool/kindergarten only, or \$200 if you also need the year-round Play & Learn extended day hours. This fee is non-refundable, unless there is no opening available at the current time.** Your application fee **will** be refunded if there is no available opening, and we will place your child’s name in the waiting pool should an opening come available. Tuition rates are available on our website and on

the program descriptions - **note that the annual tuition figure is divided over a twelve month payment schedule (June- May), and once accepted, the application fees and summer tuition paid prior to the start of school are non-refundable except in case of out of town move.**

Does PEC participate in the Alabama CHOOSE Act?

Providence Christian School does participate in the Alabama CHOOSE Act Program; however, only grades kindergarten – 12th grade are eligible. We do encourage our families to apply. To learn more about the Alabama CHOOSE Act or to apply for funds, please visit their website at <https://classwallet.com/alchoose/>

What will I need to do to complete the enrollment process?

All students enrolled in the preschool/kindergarten must have an up-to-date **immunization form** and a **birth certificate** . . . **you will be able to upload these forms into your enrollment packet once accepted.** We will contact you to set up a **brief readiness screening for our new families (and any midyear enrollment)** before an acceptance is completed. If you are enrolling for the before and after school **Play & Learn program** as well, there will be some additional paperwork as required by the state for extended care.

Is there an option for Threes to attend 5 mornings weekly?

Yes, you may combine your **K-3 preschool** mornings with our **Play & Learn Threes playgroup** . . . for example, if you choose the K-3 (2 or 3 day) option for preschool, you may also apply to request/add the playgroup option for the remaining mornings of the week. These students will attend preschool chapel and enjoy group playtime and fun curriculum activities specifically planned for Play & Learn. **On Play & Learn mornings**, you will drop your child off in the main church building (P&L classroom) at 8:30 and pickup by 11:30 on Play & Learn mornings (rather than our preschool days pick-up time of 11:45). Play & Learn mornings students must be picked up by 11:30 so that the staff has time to prepare for their afternoon students.

Do you offer full-day Kindergarten in addition to your traditional morning only program?

We are pleased to offer **morning-only kindergarten** classes (8:30 – 12:00), as well as our **full day kindergarten option** (8:30 – 2:30). Our traditional mornings-only core curriculum is enriched by additional unit activities, art, music, science and phonetic review, as well as lunch, a brief story/rest-time, and outside play. Note that there will be some special days on the calendar when all of our kindergarten students will dismiss at noon.

If we enroll in preschool, will the Play & Learn extended day hours be available if needed?

Openings are **limited** in the before and after school Play & Learn program, but we most typically have openings available if you are registering during the February registration season and sometimes later in the year as well. Play & Learn childcare classes are year-round, available from 7:00 to 5:00 (7:15 – 5:00 in the summer). If you are interested, please be sure to indicate your need on your application. If before and after school childcare is needed and is not available

due to a full class, you will be given an opportunity to decline the preschool opening and have your registration payment refunded. **New Play & Learn students** will begin in June. Limited spaces are sometimes available if you need early morning hours only (7:00 – 8:30).

If you are interested in Play & Learn, **please be sure to take a look at our current year PEC school calendar online** to see the typical holiday closings schedule for Play & Learn, which may be considerably different from your current childcare program

When does the school year start?

Preschool and Kindergarten classes will begin in mid-August. You will find our current year calendar on the website. Our 2026-27 calendar will be available late January or early February. If you are enrolling in the year-round Play & Learn program in addition to preschool/kindergarten, your **Play & Learn classes and tuition will begin in June, but you are welcome to start anytime beginning June 1.**

What is the age cut-off for enrollment?

Please note that September 1st is the age cutoff for all classes. It is important to consider that some children with late summer birthdays may benefit from retaining a year for confidence and maturity; however, every child is unique and will be considered individually with respect to readiness if such issues arise.

Is potty training required for enrollment?

Yes, children must be potty-trained and independent in the restroom in order to attend PEC Preschool (mid-August start) or Play & Learn extended day (which begins in June). The teachers will encourage them in this process particularly at the beginning of the year when they are adjusting to a classroom.

May I request a particular Classroom?

Any special request that you might have with regard to classroom placement will be accepted for consideration during the **month of May only** (using the form available from the preschool only / no email requests). Consideration will be given to requests if appropriate or available; however, no requests will be accepted before May, and **placement requests for specific classrooms cannot be assured**. Class lists are released in August, just prior to the first day of school. Keep in mind that staff sometimes changes over the summer months.

What are the hours for preschool and kindergarten?

Preschool starts at 8:30 and students may arrive as early as 8:20.

Our pickup time has three carline groups:

Carline A	11:45	K-3 & K-4 students
Carline B	12:00 noon	Morning-only Kindergarten students & siblings/friends who carpool with them
Carline C	2:30	Full-day Kindergarten students

Do you offer a schoolwide Chapel?

Chapel is a special worship time as all of our students come together to experience God's grace and love for us through Bible lessons, children's worship songs and prayer. We typically gather for Chapel on Wednesday mornings.

Do you offer music classes during the school day?

Yes, all of our preschool and kindergarten classes enjoy learning about music and making a joyful noise in their weekly music class . . . we have fun singing and moving to the beat, learning musical concepts, preparing for programs, and experimenting with instruments.

Do you offer a Mother's Morning Out Program as well?

We are a separate program from the First Presbyterian Little Lambs program (MMO) which is administered by some wonderful ladies in the FPC Children's Ministry program. Their new registration information is typically available on the FPC church website around March 1. Check them out at firstpresdothan.com when March is near.

Thanks so much for your interest!
Please let us know if we can help in any way!!

Contact Providence Early Childhood
at 334 - 793 - 6283 during morning hours
or email Bonnie Wright at [bright@prov-ec.com](mailto:bwright@prov-ec.com).

Providence Christian School and Early Childhood admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. Providence Christian School and Early Childhood does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Providence Christian School and Early Childhood does reserve the right to select students on the basis of academic performance, religious commitment, philosophical compatibility, and a willingness to cooperate with the Providence Christian School and Early Childhood administration and abide by its policies.

K-3 Preschool

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Program	Program Description	Hours	Tuition Costs	Other
K-3 (3 Day) Preschool Must be 3 by September 1 Fully potty-trained	Morning preschool program- Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings An engaging and fun introduction to your child's preschool years . . . Biblical integration, creative play, learning activities, stories, music classes, chapel, snack time, and outside play with a focus on social skills, fun friendships, strengthening skills for small motor, pre-reading and listening activities.	8:30 – 11:45 Students arrive between 8:20 -8:30	Annual tuition cost = \$3,372 12 monthly payments of \$281 (payments will begin in June - May)	Parent will pick up in Carline A at 11:45, (or Carline B, only if riding home with a kindergarten sibling or carpool). Play & Learn teachers will walk our extended day students back to the main church building for lunch, nap time and afternoon activities. Mid-August through Mid-May school year
K-3 (2 Day) Preschool Must be 3 by September 1 Fully potty-trained	Morning preschool program- Tuesday & Thursday mornings An engaging and fun introduction to your child's preschool years . . . Biblical integration, creative play, learning activities, stories, music classes, snack time, and outside play with a focus on social skills, fun friendships, strengthening skills for small motor, pre-reading and listening activities.	8:30 – 11:45 Students arrive between 8:20 -8:30	Annual tuition cost = \$2,496 12 monthly payments of \$208 (payments will begin in June - May)	Parent will pick up in Carline A at 11:45, (or Carline B, only if riding home with a kindergarten sibling or carpool). Play & Learn teachers will walk our extended day students back to the main church building for lunch, nap time and afternoon activities. Mid-August through Mid-May school year

Play & Learn (extended day) - Optional add-ons

Questions? Contact Bonnie Wright at PEC (bwright@prov-ec.com)

Early Bird Arrival – May arrive as early as 7:00 and will be accompanied from Play & Learn classroom to preschool on school mornings and picked up in preschool carline. Annual additional cost = \$540 - 12 monthly payments of \$45 (payments begin in June – May)

Five Day K-3 – Add either 2 or 3 additional mornings (when not in preschool) in our Play & Learn extended day to make a full week of morning classes.

Play & Learn mornings will be from 8:30 – 11:30 and parent will pick up in the main church building on P & L days.

Add 2 P&L days annual additional cost = \$1,488. 12 payments of \$124 Add 3 P&L days annual additional cost = \$2,208, 12 payments of \$184

Full Day/extended hours & summer program – Available from 7:00 – 5:00 as needed – **New students begin in June.**

Tuition includes the cost of lunches and summer program prior to K-3 year. Annual additional cost = \$7,332 - 12 monthly payments of \$611 (payments begin in June – May)

K-4 Preschool

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Program	Program Description	Hours	Tuition Costs	Other
K-4 Preschool (5 days/week) Must be 4 by Sept. 1 Fully-potty trained	This is a year you don't want to miss . . . such fun! The K-4 curriculum is a developmentally age appropriate preparation for beginning reading skills, with a strong focus on preparing small motor skills for handwriting, spatial awareness in drawing, fun study units, music classes, chapel, and lots of hands on learning. We use a phonics approach to reading, which includes music and chants to reinforce our skills. Our Field Trip to Big School is always a fun winter experience for our K-4 students.	8:30 – 11:45 Students will arrive between 8:20 -8:30	Annual Tuition cost = \$5,136 12 monthly payments of \$428 (payments will begin in June – May)	Parent will pick up in Carline A at 11:45, (or Carline B, only if riding home with a kindergarten sibling or carpool). Play & Learn teachers will walk our extended day students back to the main church building for lunch, nap time and afternoon activities.

Play & Learn (extended day) - Optional add-ons

Questions? Contact Bonnie Wright at PEC (bwright@prov-ec.com)

Early Bird Arrival – May arrive as early as 7:00 and will be accompanied from Play & Learn classroom to preschool on school mornings and will be picked up in preschool carline. Annual additional cost = \$984 - 12 monthly payments of \$82 (payments begin in June – May)

Full Day/extended hours & summer program – Available from 7:00 – 5:00 as needed – **New students will begin in June.**

Annual additional cost = \$6,144 - 12 monthly payments of \$512 (payments begin in June – May)
Tuition includes cost of lunches and summer program prior to K-4 school year.

Kindergarten

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Program	Program Description	Hours	Tuition Costs	Other
Kindergarten Mornings only 8:30 – 12:00 Must be 5 by September 1	Our traditional mornings-only kindergarten program with a curriculum designed for a fun and exciting kindergarten year to fully prepare them for first grade! We feature classical teaching methods along with full integration of our Christian faith, music classes, chapel, field trips, phonetic reading skills, and hands on math skills, along with art/crafts and unit study activities.	8:30 –12:00 Students will arrive between 8:20 -8:30	Annual Tuition cost = \$5,520 12 monthly payments of \$460 (payments will begin in June – May)	Parent will pick up in carline B at 12:00.
Kindergarten Full day (5 days/week) 8:30 - 2:30 Must be 5 by September 1 Note that students needing extended hours until 5:00 must enroll in the full-day kindergarten program.	Our traditional mornings-only core curriculum (see above), is enriched by additional learning activity units, art, music, science and phonetic review, as well as lunch, a brief story/rest-time, and outside play. Note that the afternoon kindergarten session will be taught by our kindergarten teachers with a teacher aide, and will include a mixture of students from any of the kindergarten classrooms. Lunch is included, or students may opt to bring their lunch. Enrollment is limited.	8:30 –2:30 Students will arrive between 8:20 -8:30	Annual Tuition cost = \$9,492 12 monthly payments of \$791 (payments will begin in June – May)	Parent will pick up in carline at 2:30 or students may enroll in Play & Learn extended day until 5:00 as needed. If a PCS sibling has a similar pick-up time, you may coordinate with PCS to adjust your pickup time as needed.

Play & Learn (extended day) - Optional add-ons

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Early Bird arrival only -

May arrive as early as 7:00 and will be accompanied from Play & Learn classroom to preschool on school mornings, and will be picked up in noon carline. Annual additional cost = \$984 - 12 monthly payments of \$82 (payments begin in June – May)

Extended hours & summer program – Available from 7:00 – 5:00 as needed – **New students will begin in June.**

(Before and after school)

Annual additional cost = \$2,340 12 monthly payments of \$195 - payments begin in June – May)

Tuition includes cost of lunches and summer program prior to kindergarten school year.