



Preschool, Kindergarten, and Play & Learn
A Ministry of First Presbyterian Church
Program Registration Information
2025-26

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 or would like to come for a brief tour of the facilities. You and your child are welcome to come by and take a peek at our day.

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.

Please note that we are opening our online application a little earlier (January 27) this year as a convenience to our families; however, we will not begin to process applications until February.

NEW FAMILIES may follow the steps below to apply (see next page for current family instructions). **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 apply for a new sibling, beginning January 27 as well.

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. **The opt-out form is due by February 12.**

To apply for 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?

Please note that Providence Early Childhood is on a separate campus from grades 1 – 12. We are located in 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 as soon as possible after registration (generally toward 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 finalize 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.

What is Play & Learn ???

Our Play & Learn program refers to any **additional services** which you apply for beyond preschool & kindergarten, such as early arrival, five mornings for threes, or fulltime before and after school care. See the program descriptions listed for further information.

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** or any Play & Learn additional services. **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.**

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.** A **brief readiness screening for new students (including midyear enrollments)** is typically administered upon applying and 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 pick up by 11:30 on Play & Learn mornings (rather than our preschool days pick-up time of 11:45). Play & Learn Threes/morning only students must be picked up by 11:30 so that the staff has time to prepare for their afternoon group.

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

Our **traditional morning-only kindergarten** classes (8:30 – 12:00) are designed to fully prepare children for their first grade school year. We find our kindergarten students to be most active learners in the morning hours of the day, leaving the afternoon for special time with family before they begin their grammar school years. We do, however, also offer a **full day kindergarten class option (8:30 – 2:30)** for those families who may be interested. Please see the kindergarten program descriptions online for further details. **Also, 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 (and 7:15 – 5:00 for the summer session). If you are interested, please be sure to indicate your need on the 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 or may be accepted throughout the year if any openings are available. Limited spaces are sometimes available if you need early morning hours only (7:00 – 8:30 during the school year).

If you are interested in full time 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?

You will find our current year calendar on the website (www.providencechristianschool.com), and we will post our upcoming year calendar soon. If you are enrolling in the year-round Play & Learn program in addition to preschool/kindergarten, your **Play & Learn classes/enrollment will start in June.**

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 sometimes 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 fully potty-trained in order to attend PEC Preschool (mid-August start) or Play & Learn full time extended day (which begins in June).

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 & younger siblings/friends who carpool with them
Carline C	2:30	Full-day Kindergarten students

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 www.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 Ministry
at 334 - 793 - 6283 during morning hours
or email Bonnie Wright at bwright@prov-ec.com.

Please see the program descriptions for further detailed information.

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.