



*3012 West Main Street
Dothan, AL 36305*

Preschool, Kindergarten, and Play & Learn Childcare

Program Information

We are excited to share information for our upcoming school year! Please take some time to read through the information below, 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 (masking required).

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 perspective.

Our registration process is online and can be accessed by following the information below:
(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 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.

What classes do you offer?

Providence Early Childhood Ministries offers creative, fun, and age-appropriate academic classes for **K-3, two mornings per week** (Tu Th) or **K-3, three mornings per week** (MWF), as well as **K-4 and Kindergarten classes for five mornings per week** (mid/August – May).

Do you offer a year-round, extended hours childcare program?

Our Play & Learn program offers year-round extended hours (before and after preschool/kindergarten) and summer care for preschool and kindergarten students. Our hours are from 7:00-5:15. Please note the holiday closings on the school calendar. A decision was made earlier this year to end the full-time childcare for two year olds and **focus our program and classroom space on our growing K-3 through Kindergarten age groups**. We will miss our sweet twos!

Where is the preschool/childcare ministry located?

The preschool and kindergarten are located in the preschool 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 (formerly First Presbyterian Preschool ☺) 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 offered an upcoming opening soon after our initial registration season (generally by the end of February into March). When you receive your acceptance by email, please follow the link and instructions to complete your child's enrollment with additional information. This must be completed in order to finalize your acceptance for the upcoming year, including uploading the birth certificate and immunization form.

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 preschool/kindergarten is \$150 and is non-refundable, unless there is no opening available at the current time. An additional \$50 is required if applying for extended childcare as well. Tuition rates are available on our website and with this information - **note that the annual tuition figure is divided over a twelve month payment schedule (June- May), and that application fees and summer tuition are non-refundable.** The application fee **will be refunded** if there is no available opening at the time.

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 those forms onto your FACTS account once accepted. A **brief readiness screening for all new K-4 and K-5 students (and any midyear enrollment)** is administered upon applying and before an acceptance is completed. If you are enrolling for the before and after school, **Play & Learn** childcare program as well, there will be some additional paperwork as required by the state for childcare.

When does the school year start?

You will find our calendar for next year on the website (www.providencechristianschool.com) and at the end of this FAQ information. **If you are enrolling in the year-round childcare program in addition to preschool, your childcare enrollment will start in June in order to maintain the childcare opening for the fall.**

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 potty trained in order to attend preschool beginning at age 3. If you are applying in February, remember that you have time to work on that! 😊 Parents will be contacted in the case of a potty accident.

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** (form available from preschool). Consideration will be given to requests if appropriate or available; however, no requests will be accepted before that date. **Consideration will be given but please note that placement requests for specific classrooms cannot be assured.** Class lists are released in mid-August. Keep in mind that staff placement sometimes changes over the summer months.

What are the hours for preschool and kindergarten?

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

Our pickup time has two carline groups:

Carline A 11:45 a.m. K-3 & K-4 students

Carline B 12:00 noon K-5 students & siblings/friends who carpool with K-5 students

Children who are enrolled in childcare or other activities sometimes offered after preschool, such as ballet, art, tutoring, etc. will be accompanied to their next location.

Do you offer music classes during the school day?

Yes, all preschool and kindergarten classes enjoy making a joyful noise in their weekly music class and have fun singing and dancing, learning musical concepts, preparing for programs, and experimenting with instruments.

If I enroll in preschool, will childcare 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. Play & Learn childcare classes are year-round, available from 7:00 to 5:15. If you are interested in extended care, 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 childcare students will begin in June or are accepted throughout the year if any openings remain available. A few spaces are sometimes available in the childcare if you need early morning hours only (7:00 – 8:30).

What is the difference in the K-3, 3 day and 2 day classes?

Both the 3 day (MWF) and the 2 day (T/Th) K-3 classes offer the same curriculum and share the same learning goals 😊 **Both K-3 classes offer the same teachers, with fun filled activities and learning experiences which are designed to prepare them for their K-4 school year. It is simply a matter of personal preference and/or schedule as to which class you may designate as your first choice.**

Students in the 3 day class will simply have additional related enrichment activities. Our weekly school-wide chapel is on a K-3, 3 day school day, so children in the 3 day classes will attend chapel, while the 2 day students

will attend chapel for the first time beginning with their K-4 year. All classes have Bible lessons/devotions every day. **K-3 students who are in the Play & Learn classes on chapel day often attend chapel as well, under the supervision of their P&L teachers.**

Is there an option for a K-3 (5 days per week) program? What if my two year old just misses the age cut off?

Once we complete our February registration, we can review our available openings and may possibly be able to offer a K-3, 5 day (morning only) option for a few children, **by combining your K-3 preschool, 3 or 2 days, with a Play and Learn morning playgroup on the alternate remaining days.** This would be offered only on days the preschool is in session, not summers or preschool holidays.

If we have remaining space in the mornings when preschool is in session, we may also be able to consider just a few **older twos**, if they are potty trained.

We should be able to determine availability around the end of February. Play and Learn mornings would typically be from 8:30 – 11:30 for Twos and Threes, or to preschool carline for pickup at 11:45 if they have siblings. **Openings will likely be very limited in this program, depending upon availability.** If you are interested, you are welcome to email the director at bwright@prov-ec.com, for more information.

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 FP Children's Ministry program. Their new registration information is typically available on the FP church website around March. Check them out at www.firstpresdothan.com.

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.

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.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD



First Presbyterian Preschool/Kindergarten 2021-22 Calendar

Tuesday, August 17	PEC Orientation Night (tentative-parents only)
Wednesday, August 18	First Day of School - Preschool
Monday, September 6	No School – Labor Day
October 4 - 8	Fall Break (Play & Learn will be open this week)
Thursday, November 11	No School – Veteran’s Day
November 22 - 26	Thanksgiving holiday
Thursday, December 16	Dismiss at noon for Christmas holiday (See below for Play & Learn holiday closure dates)
Tuesday, January 4	Students return from Christmas holiday
Monday, January 17	No School – MLK holiday
Monday, January 31	K-5 Progress Reports
Friday, February 18	No School – Winter Break (Play & Learn will be open this day)
Monday, February 21	No School – President’s Day
April 4 – 8	Spring Break
Friday, April 15	No School – Good Friday
Friday, May 20	Kindergarten Graduation (morning) Last day of school

Play & Learn Program -

Year-round, extended hours (before and after school) & summer care for K-3 through Kindergarten

Tuesday, June 1 - First day for 2021-22 Play & Learn

Play & Learn program will be closed the following dates:

4th of July week (July 5-9)

Labor Day

Veteran’s Day

Thanksgiving week

Christmas & New Year’s week (closed Dec. 20-31)

MLK Day

President’s Day

Spring Break (Apr. 4 – 8)

Good Friday

Memorial Day

Providence Early Childhood

Tuition Rates: 2021-2022

Rates are effective June, 2021

PEC Preschool/Kindergarten

(Morning school program)

	Annual Tuition	Monthly Payments (June - May)
K-3 (2 day, Tu Th)	\$1560	\$130
K-3 (3 day, MWF)	\$2184	\$182
K-4, K-5 (Kindergarten)	\$3456	\$288

New students (which includes siblings of currently enrolled students) will pay a one-time application fee of **\$150 for Preschool only, or \$200 for Preschool with extended childcare hours** (see Play & Learn info below). The application fee will be refunded if an opening is not available.

Note that the preschool operates on an Aug-May school calendar, but the annual tuition is divided over 12 monthly payments with first tuition payment beginning in June. The application fee and summer tuition payments are non-refundable once enrolled.

For currently enrolled students, a separate application fee is not required; instead, a non-refundable deposit of the tuition (\$150) will be drafted through your FACTS account in March to maintain your student's continuous enrollment. This will be deducted from your annual tuition fee and the remaining tuition will be divided over 12 monthly payments from June – May.

Tuition deposits and summer tuition payments are non-refundable.

Preschool/kindergarten students arrive between 8:20 – 8:30 each morning.
Pick up times are 11:45 for K-3 & K-4 and 12:00 for Kindergarten (and their siblings)

Play & Learn Program:

Year-round, Extended hours (before and after school) & full-time summer care for K-3 through Kindergarten

Program hours available: 7:00 – 5:15

New students will begin in June, 2021

Play & Learn Fulltime Rates

K-3 students	\$520 monthly (+preschool tuition)
K-4 & K-5 students	\$435 monthly (+preschool tuition)

Early Morning only (very limited availability – on preschool mornings only 7:00 – 8:30)

K-3 students	\$450 annually (+preschool tuition)
K-4 & K-5 students	\$750 annually (+preschool tuition)