

Frequently Asked Questions



Question	3-year-old Preschool	4-year-old Preschool	Kindergarten
How much is tuition?	\$70 per month half-day (2021-22) \$100 per month full-day (2021-22)	Three-day preschool—FREE Fourth day--\$100/month (2021-22)	\$1975 for the school year (2021-22)
Is there tuition assistance?	Not for preschool	Not for preschool	STO—Student Tuition Organization; apply on-line beginning in January
Do students wear uniforms?	Not for preschool; dress for the weather and to play	Not for preschool; dress for the weather and to play	Yes, khaki, black, or blue pants, collared shirts in blue, red, black, green, or white (see student handbook for details)
Is busing available?	Not for 3-year-old preschool	Yes, through Western Dubuque for a fee	Yes, through Western Dubuque, or transportation reimbursement may be available from your local school district
Is the program licensed/accredited?	The three-year-old program and before/after care is DHS licensed	La Salle is a community partner with WD and is part of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	La Salle Catholic School is accredited with the State of Iowa Department of Education
When does school start?	Usually Friday of the first full week of school, August 28, 2020	August 25, 2020; teacher makes home visits just before school starts	August 23, 2019 (we generally follow the Western Dubuque district calendar, may be some variation)
Who will be my child's teacher?	Miss Beverly Ambrosy, four years at La Salle, preschool endorsement	Miss Beverly Ambrosy, four years at La Salle, preschool endorsement	Mrs. Deb Errthum, 29 years at La Salle, kindergarten endorsement
Do students rest?	Full-day students nap on cots Half-day students do not nap	Yes, nap time daily on mats	As needed, rest time/quiet reading time after lunch recess
Do students go to Mass?	Not for 3-year-old preschool	Yes, when a Holy Day falls on a preschool day	Yes, each Friday morning at 8:30; families always welcome; classrooms take turns planning and speaking at Mass

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What is the school schedule?	Fridays 8:00-11:00 for half-day 7:45-3:25 for full-day	Mon-Wed free preschool, Optional fourth day on Thurs; 7:45-3:30, Before and after school care is available	Monday through Friday, 7:45-3:30, Before and after school care is available
Is there hot lunch?	Full-day students eat hot lunch in the classroom and have a snack in the morning and afternoon. Half-day students leave before lunch but there is a snack during the morning.	Yes, nutritious, tasty meals are served daily. Students may choose between the main dish and alternate sandwich; students may bring lunch if they choose; applications for free and reduced lunch are accepted at any time throughout the school year	Yes, nutritious, tasty meals are served daily. Students may choose between the main dish and alternate sandwich; students may bring lunch if they choose; applications for free and reduced lunch are accepted at any time throughout the school year
What is the focus of the program?	Exploration & discovery as a way of learning	State-wide Voluntary Preschool Program: Creative Curriculum, exploration & discovery as a way of learning	State of Iowa accredited, full kindergarten curriculum with religious instruction, music, art, and physical education
Do the big kids mix with the little kids?	Older students may choose helping in preschool as a reward for positive behavior	Preschool through first grade have lunch and recess together; we have scheduled buddy activities with a younger and older student paired together	Preschool through first grade have lunch and recess together; we have scheduled buddy activities with a younger and older student paired together
Is there a playground?	Yes! La Salle has a fenced playground with equipment for ages 2-5, the playground includes a sunshade, swings are available	Yes! La Salle has a fenced playground with equipment for ages 2-5, the playground includes a sunshade, swings are available	Yes! La Salle has a fenced playground with equipment for ages 2-5, the playground includes a sunshade, swings are available; a playground for ages 5-12 is also available
Is there recess?	Yes, we plan an outside or in-the-gym playtime for each class; there are riding toys in the gym	Yes, we plan a daily outside or in-the-gym playtime in the morning and after lunch; there are bicycles with training wheels and riding toys in the gym	Yes, we have a 30 minute recess each day after lunch and usually go outside in the morning; we play in the gym if the weather is bad

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