



## JCSC Pre-K Program FAQs

### 1. What ages can attend the JCSC Pre-K Program?

The JCSC Pre-K program is for students who are 4 years old on August 1.

### 2. Does the JCSC Pre-K program follow the same calendar as JCSC?

Yes. The Pre-K program will follow the JCSC school calendar. The Pre-K program will also follow any weather delays or closures for JCSC.

### 3. What are the hours of the Pre-K program?

The JCSC Pre-K program will be Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. There will be morning care starting at 7:00 A.M. and aftercare until 4:00 P.M. for families who need it. During 2-hour delays, the Pre-K program will start at 10:00 A.M. and there **WILL NOT** be morning care.

### 4. What JCSC elementary locations will be available for Pre-K?

JCSC will have 3 locations. There will be a location at Sand Creek Elementary, North Vernon Elementary, and Brush Creek Elementary. Students do not have to be in those elementary districts to attend the pre-k programs.

### 5. How much does the JCSC Pre-K program cost?

The JCSC Pre-K program costs \$50 per week. However, vouchers are available to families who qualify and will make the JCSC Pre-K program **NO COST** to families upon approval.

### 6. Will transportation be provided?

No. Families will need to be able to provide transportation.

**7. Will food be included in the cost?**

Yes, students will be offered breakfast, lunch, and a snack that is included. Students can bring their breakfast, lunch, and/or snack to school if they would prefer. Water bottles will be provided to students to keep with them at school.

**8. Will there be a rest time?**

Yes, the JCSC Pre-K program will have a rest/quiet time for all Pre-K students in the afternoon. Students will have their own rest cot where they can nap or do a quiet activity during quiet time. Students can bring in a blanket and/or 1 stuffed animal that can fit in their backpack.

**9. Will students have playtime?**

Yes, students will have recess outside on nice days. Each Pre-K site for JCSC will have its own fenced-in Pre-K playground. On days the weather prevents outside play, students will have playtime inside the classroom.

**10. Will students have to be potty trained?**

Yes, it is required that students are potty trained to attend the JCSC Pre-K program. We understand that students may have toileting accidents from time to time. Parents can keep a change of clothes in the student's backpack just in case.

**11. What supplies will my child need for the JCSC Pre-K program?**

Students will need a backpack that is large enough to hold a two-pocket folder. A full supply list will be provided to parents before school starts.

**12. Will there be a nurse available for my child if sick or injured?**

Yes, each Pre-K site will have a nurse at the school building. The nurse will be there in case of any injuries or illness. The school nurse can also distribute medications provided by the parent with written permission and in the original container.

**13. Will there be a time to meet the teacher before school starts?**

Yes, families will be invited to the JCSC Pre-K Open House. This will be a time to meet your child's teacher and hear more information about the program. During the open house, you will also complete the enrollment, registration, and voucher forms for your child.

**14. What is the mission of the JCSC Pre-K program?**

JCSC's mission is to inspire and empower our children to reach their full potential as lifelong learners and productive members of a global community. The JCSC Pre-K program helps to build a strong foundation for that mission. JCSC Pre-K will provide a safe, fun, caring learning environment. High-quality instruction will be provided through a developmentally appropriate and play-based curriculum and taught by certified pre-k instructors.

**15. How large will the class sizes be at the JCSC Pre-K program?**

Class sizes will vary depending on enrollment interest. However, the class sizes will never be larger than 20 students with the goal being between 15-18 students per class. Each classroom will have a pre-k instructor and pre-k assistant.

**16. What are the goals for my child in the JCSC Pre-K program?**

The JCSC Pre-K program will provide a nurturing environment in which your child feels loved, respected, and valued. JCSC believes that pre-k students are active learners and encourages "hands-on" and "minds-on" learning experiences geared to your child's developmental age and ability. We believe that by providing students with a play-based learning environment the students will feel empowered to make choices, contribute, and learn based on their individual strengths. Our experienced and highly qualified teachers enable each child to reach his or her highest potential by supporting children wherever they are on their own learning path and timeline. Our low child-to-teacher ratios and small class sizes enable our teachers to help your child build a strong foundation for future success.

Our JCSC Pre-K instructors will monitor the progress of each child during their 4-year-old Pre-K year and provide detailed feedback to parents on how their child is progressing. Here are the goals for the end of the year for each of our Pre-K sites.

## **Goals**

### Early Literacy:

- 80% of our Pre-K students will identify at least 14 upper case letters before exiting preschool
- 80% of our Pre-K students will demonstrate print and word awareness before exiting preschool

### Early Numeracy Skills:

- 80% of our Pre-K students will orally count to at least 30

### Social-Emotional Development:

- Each child will develop a positive sense of self-worth
- Each child will develop the confidence to challenge himself/herself
- Each child will develop an acceptance and appreciation of similarities and differences among everyone

### Cognitive Development:

- Each child will expand his/her play skills
- Each child will build upon his/her problem-solving skills
- Each child will expand upon his/her curiosity about the environment and the events that occur in his/her environment
- Each child will acquire concepts and information that lead to a greater understanding of his/her world

### Speech and Language Development:

- Each child will expand upon his/her ability to communicate with friends during play
- Each child will expand upon his/her ability to communicate wants, needs, ideas, and thoughts
- Each child will expand upon his/ her understanding of language

### Physical Development

- Each child will participate in a wide variety of games and activities with friends that incorporate both fine motor and gross motor skills
- Each child will expand upon his/her ability to explore and learn from the environment