

NORTHSHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Questions and Answers

1. **When did your Early Learning Center open?** On August 1, 2006, we added our Childcare Center serving Toddlers, Preschool and full day Pre-Kindergarten programs to our existing half-day Pre-Kindergarten program. In 2007, we added additional classes and renamed our Center to Early Learning Center. We are now one of the largest Early Learning Centers in Snohomish County.
2. **What programs are available?** We currently offer full day Toddler (1 and 2 year olds), full day Preschool (3 and 4 year olds) and full day Pre-Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) programs. Through the Academy, we offer half-day Pre-Kindergarten (one morning and one afternoon session) and an afternoon two day a week (Tuesday & Thursday) Preschool (3 and 4 year olds)
3. **Is your facility licensed by the State Department of Early Learning?** Yes, all our full day childcare and school age care programs are licensed by the State Department of Early Learning.
4. **Is this program only based on the Academy's school calendar?** The Early Learning Center's programs follows the Academy's standard of excellence and its high quality of service; however the hours and days of operation are different. All childcare programs are based on a year round schedule. The half-day morning Pre-Kindergarten and afternoon Pre-Kindergarten/Preschool classrooms are based on Northshore Christian Academy's school calendar.
5. **Why does the Pre-K and Preschool program have more options?** In order to serve families and their needs, the Academy offers a four day half-day, morning or afternoon Pre-Kindergarten and a Tuesday & Thursday half day afternoon Preschool program which follows the Academy's school calendar.

Two full-day Pre-Kindergarten, one full-day Preschool program and two full-day Toddler programs are available with the all year option. These programs open at 7:00am and closes at 6:00pm year round. These program are closed on major holidays.

6. **When we register our child for 2010-2011?** Current family re-enrollment begins on February 8, 2010. New family enrollment begins on March 1, 2010. Call the Early Learning Center's Registrar to schedule an appointment: (425) 322.2390

7. **May we tour the facility?** Absolutely! Call our Director of Admissions, Denise Christian at (425) 322-2301 to schedule a personal tour of our beautiful 120 square foot campus located on 33 acres looking out over Puget Sound. We are located about 1.5 miles from the Everett Boeing plant.
8. **How do I register my child for the program?** Complete the registration paperwork and call the Early Learning Center Registrar to schedule an appointment: (425) 322-2390
9. **My child is currently enrolled in the program. Do I need to re-enroll?** Yes. If my child is currently in the Pre-Kindergarten program do I automatically get priority into the Kindergarten program? As your child transitions from the umbrella of our Early Learning Center to the Kindergarten-8th Grade Academy program, your child will be considered a "New" student to the Academy. However, you will have returning family registration privileges.

You will need to schedule a registration appointment with NCA's Receptionist at (425)407.1119 Ext. 1315. At that time you will also schedule your Kindergarten new family interview and entrance assessment with the Principal. This is a wonderful meeting where our Principal gets to know you and your family and you get to know NCA's Principal.

10. **Do you offer any type of tuition assistance?** Financial Aid is available for returning NCA families who have registered full-day Kindergarten through 8th grade students. There is no Financial Aid available for any of the Early Learning Center programs, half-day Pre-Kindergarten or half-day Preschool.
11. **How academic is the program?** We offer a developmentally and socially age appropriate program which includes academics that meets the standards and qualifies as a healthy balance to a child's everyday learning opportunities and capacity.
12. **What are the costs of the program and how do these costs compare to other programs in the area?** Our tuition information flyer enclosed in the packet has all our options and the prices based on a monthly program. Based on similar programs in the community, our prices are average.
13. **How many children will be in a classroom?** We follow the state guidelines and our classroom's square footage allotment. This varies due to age groups.
14. **How will we know what to bring and what to do after we have enrolled our child in the program?** You will receive a Parent Handbook with our policies and procedures. If you have any questions, please call our Early Learning Center's Director.
15. **Will my child go on field trips?** Depending on their age level, they may take one or more field trips during the year. You will be notified at least 48 hours prior to the trip as your permission will be required prior to us taking your child on a designated school sponsored activity.