



"Our task is to help children become highly sensitive to the world about them... Give them freedom...Let them try... Let them fail... Let them succeed... Encourage them...Rejoice with them!!!

I Can Make A Rainbow

By Marjorie Frank

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in the Sherwood High School Early Child Development Preschool Laboratory Program (Preschool Lab Program). This unique program provides a quality educational experience for 4-year-old children and high school students who are eager to work and learn together.

**The Sherwood High School Early Child Development Preschool Lab Application Procedures**

1. Children participating in our program will be selected according to the criteria stated in the Montgomery County Public Schools Early Child Development Preschool Laboratory Procedures. Please read all of the forms regarding this program carefully.
2. Children who will be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible to participate in the Preschool Lab Program during the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Parents are encouraged to participate in our program. This includes attending a parent orientation in October, observing your child in class during the year, and participating in seminar day discussions with the high school students. Together we can all learn about the challenges and joys of working with young children.
4. Please complete the attached application to: (No deposits necessary at this time)

Early Child Development Preschool Lab Program  
Sherwood High School  
300 Olney Sandy Spring Road  
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

6. When buildings open and COVID regulations allow, you will be invited to visit the Early Child Development Preschool Lab Program.
7. Once the high school class schedule is created in late April, and decisions are made about the time of day that the Early Child Development high school classes will be offered, applicants to the Early Child Development Preschool Lab Program will be notified.

Sincerely,

**Nicole Schneider**

Mrs. Nicole Schneider  
Early Child Development Teacher  
Nicole\_A\_Berry@mcpsmd.org

Office Use Only  
Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

## Child Development Lab School Application

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Prefers To Be Called \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age in September 2021: \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School Child Will Attend \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**The Child Lives With (both parents, Mom, Dad, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings (names and ages in September 2021)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic or Cultural Background** \_\_\_\_\_

**Holidays Celebrated** \_\_\_\_\_

**Language**

Primary Language Spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Other Language(s) Spoken \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous School Experiences** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Health Problems** \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

**What makes your child happy and what does he or she like?**

**Sad/Dislike?**

**Describe the student's special interests and what he or she does well.**

**Is there any additional information that you feel would be helpful?**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



Family And Consumer Sciences  
Sherwood High School  
Early Child Development Preschool Laboratory Program  
Policies and Procedures

The Family and Consumer Sciences Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Early Child Development Preschool Laboratory program is designed to support the competencies of the high school Early Child Development courses program of study. The high school students, under professional supervision, plan and lead developmentally appropriate activities for young children in career preparation for future roles as child care workers, parents, teacher related professions. Most programs operate four days a week, from October through May. High school students receive in depth training in advance of the preschool lab opening, followed by weekly seminar classes.

Early Child Development teachers independently administer each high school's Early Child Development Preschool Lab. Contact the Family and Consumer Sciences Early Child Development teacher in the nearest high school for applications, enrollment information, dates, program details, or to arrange observations. Early Child Development teachers are available to provide information September 1<sup>st</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Early Child Development teachers in Montgomery County have developed the following countywide policies and procedures are in place for the Early Child Development Preschool Lab program.

1. The program's curriculum is appropriate for the year before a child enters kindergarten. Certain high schools have more specific age requirements. Children must be toilet trained. The Maryland mandatory Kindergarten Law includes specific dates for kindergarten enrollment. Children exempted from kindergarten enrollment may not enter the Early Child Development Preschool Lab Program. Parents should refer all questions about this process to their local elementary school.
2. Children selected for the Early Child Development Preschool Lab program should represent diverse cultural backgrounds that represent the high school populations. It is more convenient for travel, drop-off, and pick-up times if the children live within the high school boundaries. Every effort is made to enroll an equal number of boys and girls. The high school Early Child Development teacher will make the final determination based on the above criteria.
3. Since many different high school students will be teaching the children, the program is designed for the prekindergarten child who can cope with daily changes and flexible scheduling. Special education services are not provided through this program however, children with special needs are accepted, and greatly enrich our program. Parents of preschoolers who may have special needs should call MCPS Child Find, 301-929-2224, for a free preschool screening clinic and to determine the most suitable program and services for their child.
4. Applications for children are accepted on an annual basis. A master list of participating children is kept by the Early Child Development teacher to enforce this policy. Children may not attend one Early Child Development program in the morning and another in the afternoon. This will help to ensure that the program serves as many Montgomery County children as possible. Children with special needs may remain in the program for more than one year, with the recommendation of the MCPS Child Find Staff.
5. Applications will be marked with the date they are returned to the Early Child Development teacher.
6. First time applicants will take priority over returning student applicants. Vacancies may occur during the school year. The Early Child Development teacher will maintain a waiting list.
7. A \$100 **non-refundable** deposit will be charged **at a later date due to COVID.**
8. To cover the costs of snacks, instructional materials, and supplies, there will be a tuition fee of \$300.00 per semester or \$600.00 per year. Tuition is due at the time of notification of acceptance into the program. Alternative payment arrangements should be discussed with the Early Child Development

teacher prior to June 1, 2021 (Children from economically disadvantaged families may qualify for the MCPS Head Start Programs, 301-230-0676, which has no fee and provides more comprehensive services).

9. Early Child Development teachers and their high school students **will not** provide parents, clinicians, service providers, or school staff members with any documentation, verbal or written, of the preschooler's kindergarten readiness.

### **Upon Acceptance**

10. If the child is accepted for enrollment, parents must indicate a willingness to enroll by June 1, 2021 or consideration will be given to other applicants.
11. Children are expected to attend the entire Early Child Development Preschool Lab program session from October through May.
- 12. The tuition for the first semester must be paid at the time of acceptance, on or before October 5, 2021. The second semester's tuition will be due at the beginning of the second semester in February 2022.**
13. The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Health Inventory Form and the Maryland Immunization Certificate, which includes verification of immunizations, must be completed by a doctor, and returned to the high school Early Child Development teacher, before the first day of the Early Child Development lab program. Required immunizations include: 4 doses of DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus), 3 doses of polio, and 3 doses of Hepatitis B; required on or after the child's first birthday are 1 dose of varicella\* (chicken pox), 1 dose of rubella, 1 dose of measles, 1 dose of mumps, 1 dose of HIB (haemophilus influenzae type b) and Prevnar (PCV) vaccine. Preschool children who turn five while in the program will be required to have a second MMR by their fifth birthday to remain in immunization compliance. \*Physician documented history of chickenpox disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history. Freedom from tuberculosis, documented by a negative skin test or chest x-ray is recommended for children entering our county from any country outside of the United States, or for those children who have been out of the country for a year or more. All health forms and certificates will be treated with confidentiality and will only be shared with the school community health nurse, school security staff, and/or a school administrator if deemed necessary.
14. A child displaying symptoms of potential illness (such as running nose, red eyes, rash, sore throat, fever, etc.) should be kept at home. These are often initial symptoms of contagious diseases. If a child becomes ill during the school day, the parent is asked to make provisions for picking up the child as soon as possible. If a child has been exposed to a disease, which is communicable in a school setting, the Early Child Development teacher must be notified at once and the child should remain at home until all danger of contagion has passed.
15. Parents must provide reliable and consistent transportation, or we may ask that the child be withdrawn from the program.

General questions about the Early Child Development program should be directed to Ms. Regina Breiterman, Early Child Development Program Coordinator, Department of Enriched and Innovative Programs, the Family and Consumer Sciences Office, Career and Technology Education Team, Montgomery County Public Schools.

#### Kindergarten Start Dates

Child Must be 5 years old by September 1

#### Preschool Start Dates

Child must be 4 years old by September 1



**Sherwood High School  
Pre-school  
300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road  
Sandy Spring, Maryland 20860  
301-924-3249**

Dear Parents,

We are now forming our 2021-2022. Sherwood High School Child Development Preschool class lists and we would be pleased to include your child in our program. We will be having one preschool session during the school year. The morning session will begin at 7:50 a.m. and end at 11:00 for the school year. Our preschool will be in session on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (unless there is a half day for the high school students or other schedule change which may mean a deviation in our days of operation. Hence, a Friday could be added to the schedule.) The high school student teachers will normally have a seminar day each Friday. You will be given a calendar at the end of each month noting the days of operation and themes to be studied for the following month.

In the fall, when our room is ready and our student teachers are trained, we will have an Orientation Day the first week in October for all parents and children. This is an important day for you and your child. It is necessary that you attend since valuable information will be given to you to make this year a successful one for you and your child. We anticipate that the first day of preschool will be the first week in October. We will write to you and your child at the end of the summer and will have information for you then. Our student teachers will prepare an information booklet for you for the coming year with a calendar and other useful information that will be presented to you on Orientation Day.

The cost of preschool is \$300.00 per semester, \$600.00 for the year. Please be prompt in returning this form since we will accept them on a first come first serve basis. We can only accept 16 preschoolers. We will send you a letter as soon as our session is formed so you can relax for the summer knowing your child has a place in our preschool program. The remainder of your enrollment

fee(\$200.00) for the first semester will be due on Orientation Day (first week in October).

When your deposit has been received, you will be sent a letter of acceptance. Your medical form should be completed and returned in the fall at the Parent-Child Orientation meeting in October. During early September you will be sent more specific information about the orientation and start of preschool. Please feel free to call anytime if you have questions regarding this information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me. I look forward to a year of good experiences and good times for all the children and ourselves as well.

Sincerely,

Nicole Schneider

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Child Development Teacher