

Preschool Q&A's



- **Q: Can you enroll mid-month? mid semester?**
 - A: If there is space available, we do allow you to enroll mid-month or mid semester. Premier time spots fill quickly, so please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate your preferred class schedule.
- **Q: Do children need to be potty trained to attend? Do you assist with potty training?**
 - A: Children may begin attending Monument Academy Preschool at age 3 if they are fully potty trained. (This means a child is aware of when they need to use the restroom and can manage their own clothing and hygiene needs in the process of using the bathroom.) We understand that children do have accidents, and therefore require a change of clothes marked with your child's name for these occasional situations. Although preschool staff encourages and reminds students to use bathroom, we cannot assist with other aspects of potty training.
- **Q: My child receives services such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, counseling, etc. and/or has an IEP/504 plan. How does this mesh with their preschool experience?**
 - A: Please speak with our registrar and/or director about your specific situation. Although staff may be able to offer basic support in certain instances, the preschool is not serviced by ECSE staff, and therefore cannot provide high levels of support or staffing for students who are currently receiving these services elsewhere.
- **Q: Does your school offer Kindergarten? If so, what information can you share?**
 - A: Yes, MA offers half-day and full-day kindergarten. Students who continue with Monument Academy enjoy a continuity of curriculum throughout their elementary and secondary years. Our preschool uses the same curriculum sequence (Core Knowledge) as the grades K-8.
- **Q: What are the costs? What are the days and times?**
 - A: Tuition is based upon day and time options. Please refer to the tuition schedule found under the enrollment tab.
- **Q: Can I choose any combination of days? Minimum number of days?**
 - A: Yes, MA offers Tuesday/Thursday and Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes, as well as full day, morning and afternoon options. Please note that class day and time offerings are specific to your child's age, and refer to the website enrollment tab for specific information.
- **Q: One-off option? How much per?**
 - A: This option is not available at MA.
- **Q: Class size? Student/teacher ratio?**
 - A: Monument Academy has a 8:1 student/teacher ratio, meaning there is one adult to every eight children. There are times when classes are combined for certain activities; however, we do our best to maintain this ratio.
- **Q: How do you engage the kids in a positive way? Curriculum/ school learning philosophy? How does your program promote a healthy start to learning (encourage learning)?**
 - A: MA Preschool introduces children to the Core Knowledge curriculum in a fun, loving and caring environment. We use "Love and Logic" for discipline, so children have the opportunity to make guided choices regarding their own

behavior. We believe that in order to learn, children must **enjoy** learning, so classrooms offer process-based learning and many hands-on activities.

▪ **Q: How do you feel your program gets the kids ready for the next step?**

- A: We introduce students to a variety of social, emotional and academic concepts each day. Exposure to this “core” base of information gives students great opportunity for success throughout their school career. Our preschool is the first step in introducing children to this curriculum. For information, visit: [Core Knowledge Foundation](#) and [Love and Logic](#).

▪ **Q: What kind of out of schoolwork can parents do with their child to prepare them?**

- A: Teaching staff frequently suggests at-home activities parents/guardians can do with students to extend learning. Bringing children to class and modeling excitement to learn is one of the best preparation tools you can give your child! Reinforcement of the sounds, letters, and numbers learned every week is also helpful.

▪ **Q: How much parent volunteer help is needed/wanted?**

- A: Because Monument Academy Preschool is tuition-based, you are not required to volunteer in the program. However, individual teachers do offer regular volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Please contact your child’s teacher for specific information.