

FAQs with Faith Community Preschool

When did Faith Community Preschool open?

Faith Community Preschool began in 1986.

What schedule do you follow for holidays, school breaks, and inclement weather?

We start our school year just after Labor Day in September and end in the middle of May. We follow Lakota Local School's district calendar for all holidays and breaks. We also close when Lakota schools close or delay due to inclement weather.

How does Faith Community Preschool handle safety?

Faith Community Preschool makes safety a top priority. The Preschool, along with the church building, is a passcode-protected facility. Families will be given a code that will allow them access to the Preschool door while their student is in the building. All rooms that the Preschool children use are also locked while the students are in the building.

What education do the teachers have?

All lead teachers at Faith Community Preschool have either their bachelor's degree or their CDA (Child Development Associate) certificate. Assistant teachers all have at least their high school diploma. Teachers are also required to take six hours of professional development courses every year. In addition, all teachers are trained in CPR, First Aid, and Child Abuse recognition. They also receive yearly training from the West Chester Police Department in the A.L.I.C.E. program.

What are the class sizes and student/teacher ratios?

Class sizes and student/teacher ratios vary by age group:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>State Requirement</u>	<u>Faith Preschool</u>
2-year olds	1 teacher to 6 students	2 teachers to 10 students
3-year-olds	1 teacher to 12 students	2 teachers to 12 students
4-year-olds	1 teacher to 14 students	2 teachers to 14 students
5-year-olds	1 teacher to 18 students	2 teachers to 14 students

How is information communicated from the teacher and director?

Faith Community Preschool utilizes brightwheel, a software app for communication, tuition and fee payment, and form intake. Teachers also send emails, newsletters, and monthly snack calendars. In addition, the Preschool Director sends out a monthly newsletter and uses Facebook to provide information about special events.

How is children's behavior managed?

Classrooms are set up to allow for creativity, imagination, cooperation, quiet time, and interaction and are designed to limit disruptive behavior. Should a child's behavior become dangerous to themselves or others, a warning from the teacher along with an explanation of the rule broken and redirection will occur. If the issue becomes persistent, parents will be contacted.

What if a child becomes sick while at school?

Should a student become ill or injured while at school, they will be removed from the classroom and brought to the Preschool Director's office, and a family member will be called to pick them up. A child may return to the Preschool once they have been symptom free and fever free for 24 hours.

Does the Preschool provide snack or lunch?

Snack is provided daily by the Preschool families on a rotating basis. Teachers will email a monthly snack calendars detailing the day(s) a family is responsible. One pre-packaged snack per student needs to be provided on your assigned snack day. The Preschool will provide water for the students to drink. Faith Community Preschool is a peanut- and tree nut-free facility. Snacks containing those items will not be allowed.

Students in the extended day programs will not be given lunch. Their snack time will be scheduled later in the day.

Do you go on field trips?

Field trips are no longer part of our Throughout the school year, Faith Preschool has several all-school assemblies that include the West Chester Police and Fire Department, a visit from the dentist, and special assemblies such as Mother's Nature and Schoolhouse Symphony.

What type of Christian Enrichment will my child receive?

Faith Community Preschool is a non-denominational religious-based program. The students will learn Christian prayers and songs, and faith-based activities will be incorporated into the curriculum. Once a month the entire school joins together to participate in Faith JAM where they will sing songs, dance, and hear a Bible story. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend this fun event!

For more information, please view our handbook.