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Tucson Community School Application

Thank you for your interest in our school. Please take a few moments to read about some important features of our program. At TCS:

We see each child as an individual with unique talents, strengths and rights. Our program welcomes children of all abilities.

We are eager to partner together with you and your young child to create a journey of growing and learning about ourselves and each other. Our highly trained and experienced teachers understand that young children learn best by doing. These understandings support us in providing your child daily provocations wherein your child will explore, play, create, problem solve and build relationships.

Families often tell us enrolling their child in the TCS learning community was one of the best decisions ever made for their child. Families are encouraged to enjoy the TCS community for up to four years to fully benefit from the program.

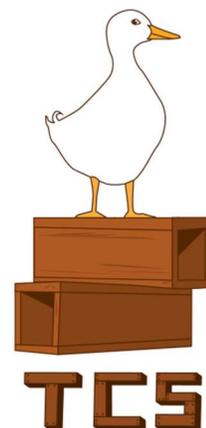
We believe it is our mission to provide child centered, creative learning experiences which capitalize on the juxtaposition of play, the outdoor environment and family participation to create the most excellent context in which children thrive.

We are a parent cooperative, which means you have the opportunity to learn and grow with your child as you make life-long friends and contribute to a dynamic learning community that continues to provide the very best early childhood program to the children of Tucson.

Come see why our program has been so successful for the last 69 years.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Castillo-Leon
Director

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Parent Cooperative

TCS offers the Tucson community a unique experience by providing an early childhood learning opportunity school where parents and children learn together. Parents are intricately involved in the workings of the program and assist the classroom teachers with daily operations.

How is this accomplished?

Our parent cooperative school is organized by a group of families with similar philosophies who have hired a Director to operate our school and manage professional teachers to provide their children with a quality early childhood experience. Parents assist the classroom teacher in the classroom on a rotating basis and participate in the educational program of all the children. Each family also contributes financially to the business operation and maintenance of our non-profit, nonsectarian school. Parents also elect current parents to represent the active membership on the Board of Directors, thus making it truly a cooperative venture. Parents, children and their teachers all work together to create a learning community.

What are the benefits of a parent cooperative?

For Parents

Parents gain insight into their own child's behavior by observing other children playing and learning together. Parents are able to observe how other parents and the early childhood teaching staff facilitate the development of positive interpersonal communication skills within the classroom community. Working in the classroom with their own young child, provides each parent a greater understanding of the needs of the child and with that understanding comes a greater enjoyment of their role as their child's First Teacher.

For Children

Children are able to participate in a wide variety of learning experiences with other children within the context of our well developed, play based, teaching and learning community. Daily opportunities are provided for children to interact with adults other than their own parents. Children find security and a feeling of "belonging" within a new group. Learning to respect and accept the rights and differences of others is emphasized throughout each playful day. Children have hands-on experiences in creative arts, music, science, literature, math, and language geared to their interests and developmental level.

For the Community

Parents and children develop an extended family with friendships they cherish and may carry throughout their lives. Parents gain a strong sense of social responsibility and develop positive self-worth which carries over into every aspect of community life.

What can I do for the school when my child is enrolled?

The parent participation in our school is what makes us a "community." The amount of time and effort you invest into TCS will be deeply satisfying as you watch the ripple effects of your contributions of love, time and energy. The more you put in, the more you benefit from all our school has to offer.

Parent participation creates the safe community environment that has made our program a success.

Each participation opportunity exists to enhance your child's experience at TCS.

- **Classroom Helping Days**
Learn and grow with your child in his or her classroom during the school year. Parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, nannies or others in your child's family may participate.
- **One (1) Work Party During the School Year (4 hrs)**
Join other parents for one, four hour, Saturday or Sunday to improve the buildings and grounds of our school.
- **Four (4) School Volunteer Tasks (two per semester)**
Volunteer to complete two school tasks per semester. Tasks are varied (library, gardening, animal care, organizing materials, etc.) to allow parents to choose the task that best fits within their schedule.
- **Participation in our two largest fundraisers**
Assist our non-profit school with creation and implementation of our two largest annual fundraisers; one in the fall and one in the spring. Help can include tasks done at home or at school.
- **Year End Classroom Clean Up (2 hrs)**
Assist your child's teacher at the end of the school year with classroom and/or material maintenance or clean up.

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Classes

School is in session Monday through Friday with half day, full day and before after care options available.

Half Day Program: 8:30am – 12:00pm

The school is divided into four to five groups of children according to age, **with a teacher, an assistant(s) and helping parents.** Enrollment for a minimum of three days per week is recommended for children to feel the embrace of our TCS community.

Protein & nutrient rich snack is provided.* School enrollment is limited to keep these group ratios small. The guidelines for group division are as follows, but can vary depending on enrollment:

Toddlers:

Age: 24 months by September 1
Class Size: 10-12 children
Minimum: 2 days per week

Preschool:

Age: 36 months by September 1
Class Size: 12-15 children
Minimum: 3 days per week

Pre-K Classroom:

Age: 48 months by September 1
Class Size: 15-18 children
Minimum: 4 days per week

Kindergarten:

Age: 60 months by September 1
Class Size: 15-18 children
Minimum: 5 days per week

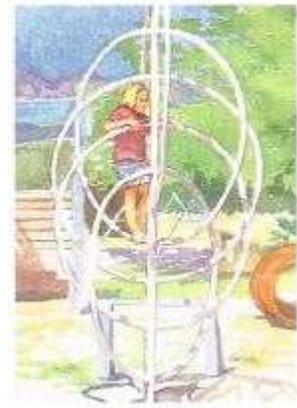
Full Day: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Upon completion of a selected morning program, the afternoon program can be added to create a full day experience for your child. The full day provides children an opportunity to learn and play with children from other classrooms while engaging in a variety of enrichment activities. This program includes lunchtime conversations, a period of rest or quiet time and extended learning opportunities through playful interactions. Parents provide a sack lunch.

Before / After Care 8:00am – 8:30am / 3:00pm – 5:00pm

TCS Children have the opportunity for continued playtime in the same, comfortable environment with our professional, caring teachers and staff while you work or run errands. Snack is provided during the 3:00 – 5:00pm hour.

* Families with children with allergies are encouraged to provide an appropriate snack for their child(ren) on those days needed to ensure a healthy school eating experience.



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For Office Use Only
Date Rec'd _____
App Fee: _____

A \$75 non-refundable application fee is due at the time application is accepted at TCS.
Immunizations records must be on file before enrollment.

Date: _____

School Year: _____

Core Program 8:30 – 12:00pm
_____ Three (3) Days Per Week
_____ Four (4) Days Per Week
_____ Five (5) Days Per Week

Full Day Program 12:00 – 3:00pm
___ Monday ___ Thursday
___ Tuesday
___ Wednesday

Before/After Care 8-8:30am/3–5pm
___ Monday ___ Thursday
___ Tuesday ___ Friday
___ Wednesday

Preferred School Days: _____

Depends upon availability. Schedules are confirmed once registration is complete.

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Child's Ethnicity (optional): Native American African American Hispanic Caucasian
Asian/Pacific Islander Other

Previous School Experience: _____

Parent(s):

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Phone: _____ cell or home Phone: _____ work

Email: _____

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Phone: _____ cell or home Phone: _____ work

Email: _____

Reasons for wanting to enroll child in school: _____

How did you hear of our school? _____

Language(s) spoke by the child: _____

Does your child have any medical conditions, special needs or unique care requirements?

Emergency Contacts: In the event that parent(s) cannot be reached, please list two people who can be called in an emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ cell or home Phone: _____ work

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Phone: _____ cell or home Phone: _____ work

I grant permission to the school to use its best judgment in case of an emergency or accident.

Parent's Signature _____

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