

2019-2020

Grand Rapids Christian Elementary School

# Evergreen Campus

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

1630 Griggs SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
www.grcs.org/Evergreen



## Growing together, preparing for more...



The Evergreen campus is a balanced-calendar school that includes flex/enrichment weeks, multi-age instruction, and inquiry-based learning. Within a safe, Christ-centered environment, our early childhood program provides exceptional opportunities for academic, social, emotional, and spiritual growth and discovery. Every day is a new opportunity to share, learn, and grow — together.

### PRESCHOOL (Child must be at least 3 years old by the first day of school.)

#### Mornings or Afternoons

#### Annual Tuition

#### Approx. Mo. Payment

Tuesday & Friday	8:00 am — 10:50 am 12:10 pm — 3:00 pm	\$1475	\$135
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday	8:00 am — 10:50 am 12:10 pm — 3:00 pm	\$1975	\$180
Monday — Friday	8:00 am — 10:50 am 12:10 pm — 3:00 pm	\$3275	\$300

#### Full Days (Parents provide lunch.)

#### Annual Tuition

#### Approx. Mo. Payment

Tuesday & Friday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	\$3075	\$280
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	\$4375	\$400
Monday — Friday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	\$6475	\$590

### KINDERGARTEN (Child must be at least 5 years old by September 1, 2019.)

#### Progressive Kindergarten

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday (1st semester)	8:00 am — 3:00 pm
Monday — Friday (2nd semester)	

#### 5 Full Day

Monday — Friday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm
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There is an \$80 non-refundable fee for all preschool and kindergarten programs.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## EXPERIENCE EVERGREEN

Evergreen is built on **three pillars**:

- MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS**
- INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING**
- A BALANCED CALENDAR.**

These pillars begin in preschool and kindergarten and grow as children continue through 5th grade. Here students learn in community, take an active role in the learning process, and learn with less interruption.

Team Time is a great example of our three pillars in action. Students from preschool through 5th grade are divided into Team Time groups. Each week students meet with their group and explore various aspects of our school theme. Each student has a Team Time partner in his or her group. Preschool and kindergarten students are paired with an older student. Activities include research projects, experiments, and much more.

As the relationship grows between partners and teams, both the older and the younger students develop new skills related to the topics explored. Students also learn skills that result from being part of a community working together.

## PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)

Within a safe, Christ-centered environment, preschool students at Grand Rapids Christian Schools engage with caring teachers who purposefully provide experiences to achieve both developmental and academic goals and position children for future success while respecting the pace of childhood. Students are given the freedom to make choices within an intentional plan of activities that build social and academic skills.

Focusing on the whole child, our highly trained teachers document each child's individual progress with a portfolio centered on faith formation, cognitive and physical growth and abilities, and their social-emotional well-being. Play is an important part of our preschool program. It inspires creativity, teaches empathy, encourages language development, fosters independent learning experiences, gives students space to solve problems, and prepares them to be lifelong learners.

## KINDERGARTEN (Must be 5 by September 1, 2019)

Our program is designed to be a Christ-centered, hands-on, engaging curriculum based on the State of Michigan Benchmarks. Our classroom environment reflects God's creation, inspiring children to know God's world, learn from it, and care for it. Building on each child's natural curiosity, our nurturing staff sets the stage for future success as students become excited about learning, exploring, experimenting, and expanding their friendships.

## KIDS CARE

In our supervised, licensed childcare program, we offer before and after school care for students, including snack time, craft time, playground/gym time, and homework time.

Visit [grcs.org/KidsCare](http://grcs.org/KidsCare) for more information, rates, and registration information.

## REGISTRATION

The first step in securing a seat for your child is to complete the registration form.

Visit [grcs.org/register](http://grcs.org/register) to complete this form.

You will receive an email confirming your child's placement and outlining the next steps towards completing enrollment.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Connect with an admissions director for more information.

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