



# 2021 — 2022

## Grand Rapids Christian Elementary School Evergreen Campus PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

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

*Preparing students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society*



### **Growing together, preparing for more...**

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**

##### **Annual Tuition**

Tuesday & Friday	8:00 am — 10:50 am	\$1575
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday	8:00 am — 10:50 am	\$2070
Monday — Friday	8:00 am — 10:50 am	\$3375

##### **Full Days**

##### **Annual Tuition**

Tuesday & Friday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	\$3195
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	\$4500
Monday — Friday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	\$6570

#### **KINDERGARTEN** (Child must be at least 5 years old by September 1, 2021.)

##### **Progressive Kindergarten**

##### **Variable Tuition**

##### **Full Tuition**

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday (1st semester) Monday — Friday (2nd semester)	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	<p><i>For information on kindergarten tuition, visit <a href="http://grcs.org/variabletuition">grcs.org/variabletuition</a></i></p>
<b>5 Full Day</b>		
Monday — Friday	8:00 am — 3:00 pm	

There is an \$80 non-refundable fee for all preschool, Young Fives, and kindergarten programs.  
All preschool students must be potty-trained prior to the first day of school.

## EXPERIENCE EVERGREEN

At Evergreen 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 school in action. Students from preschool through 5th grade are divided into Team Time groups. Students meet with their group to 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. Must be at least 3 years old by the first day of school.)

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, 2021.)

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.

## PROGRESSIVE KINDERGARTEN

Because not every child is immediately ready for 5 full days of kindergarten, our Progressive Kindergarten begins the year with a 3-full-day schedule and then transitions to 5 days in January. This allows children to gradually adjust to the full-time schedule while providing additional time for teachers to review concepts, enrich the curriculum, and help students further develop their reading readiness and other skills.

## 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.

Kindergarten screening will take place in the spring for all new incoming students to ensure readiness.

Beginning in February, you will receive an email confirming your child's placement, outlining the next steps towards completing enrollment, and information regarding screening dates and times.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

The primary preschool payment plan is 9 monthly payments from September through May. This aligns preschool payments for those who use preschool tuition as a childcare deduction on their taxes. The primary kindergarten payment plan is 10 months from August through May.

However, GRCS offers additional payment plan options:

**Pay in Full:** One payment in July

**Pay by Semester:** Two payments in July and December

**Monthly Payments:**

- 9 months – September through May
- 10 months – August through May
- 11 months – August through June

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Connect with the admissions director for more information.

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