



2023-2024 Bulldog Buddies Preschool - General Information

Bulldog Buddies is a Crown Point Community School Corporation preschool program for children ages 3-5. Engaging in playful learning that supports the guidelines of [Indiana's Early Learning Foundations Framework](#), children become lifelong learners while cultivating friendships in an inclusive environment. A child-centered approach to learning supports children's cognitive, social/emotional, and physical development.

All registration will be processed through the CPCSC Learning Center. Parents should refer to the Bulldog Buddies website on our CPCSC page to find information about the program. Pre-registration will begin on February 1 for new and returning families. Please fill out a form for each child you would like to pre-register.

[23-24 Bulldog Buddies Pre-Registration Form](#)

Filling out the pre-registration form only indicates your interest, it does not guarantee you a spot. Families who complete pre-registration will be contacted by Friday, March 24 to confirm their enrollment. Students must be between the ages of 3-5 (must be 3 before August 1, 2023) and live within CPCSC district boundaries to attend.

Preschool locations (pending enrollment)

Preschool classrooms will be tentatively located at Timothy Ball Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary, Douglas MacArthur Elementary and Winfield Elementary. Locations will be confirmed after enrollment.

Times, Days, Fees:

	3 Days per week (AM)	5 Days per Week (PM)
Days	Tuesday-Thursday	Monday-Friday
Cost	\$180	\$300
Class Times	2.5 hour session	2.5 hour session
Eligibility	3 & 4 year olds	4 & 5 year olds and attending kindergarten in 24-25
Payment for the next month is due on or before the 10th of the previous month. If payment is not made in advance, your child will not be permitted to attend the following month until the fee is paid.		

- All students pay an annual, non-refundable \$65 supply fee plus monthly tuition.
 - If a household income meets certain federal requirements, fees may be waived. Please inquire with the registration secretary for more information.
 - Students with IEPs are not required to pay monthly tuition fees.
 - Payments can be accepted at the school building or online

Frequently Asked Questions

- How is Bulldog Buddies different from a traditional pre-K program? Will my child be kindergarten ready?
 - Playful learning is emphasized at Bulldog Buddies. Children learn best when they have space to creatively explore their environment. Even through play, children can be prepared with all of the skills outlined in the [Indiana Early Learning Foundation Framework](#). Because Bulldog Buddies is located in our CPCSC elementary schools, students also have the benefit of preparing for their future K-5 school environment early.
- Is there transportation?
 - Transportation is available only for students who receive transportation as a related service in their Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- What are the teachers' qualifications at Bulldog Buddies?
 - Teachers will have a minimum of an associate-level degree from an accredited institution in the area of early childhood. Ongoing professional development for early childhood best practices will also be provided to teaching staff.
 - Students with IEPs will receive special education services from licensed special education teachers and/or service providers.
- I think my child has a disability or might need services like speech or other therapy. What should I do?
 - If your child is between the ages of 0-3 years old, a referral can be made through Indiana's early intervention system called First Steps. If your child is between 3-5 years old, students may be referred to the Learning Center for an evaluation. [You can find more information at this link.](#)
- What is the teacher to student ratio?
 - Each class of 15 students will have one teacher and at least one paraprofessional (teaching aide).
- What is the approach to discipline?
 - Children can learn appropriate social skills and behaviors through redirection and positive reinforcement. Staff will understand the developmental needs of children and how to encourage their social and emotional growth. Should issues arise, communication and collaboration with parents will be important.
- Will this program be available at other CPCSC schools in the future?
 - The plan is to expand Bulldog Buddies to each elementary school in the CPCSC school district. The timeline is subject to construction at some of our schools.
- If the corporation is closed due to a weather-related emergency, is Bulldog Buddies still open?
 - If the corporation closes, Bulldog Buddies is closed. If there is a two-hour delay, there will be no morning classes. The afternoon classes will begin at their regularly scheduled times.