



Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten at Calais

Calais Elementary School
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Greetings,

I would like to let you know about Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten, a childcare program located at Calais Elementary that supports families and works to make juggling your family schedule easier. We have partnered with the school to extend the 10-hour per week Pre-K program into a program that runs Tuesday-Friday from 8:45 - 3:30 (3:00 on Wednesdays). On Mondays, when the Calais Pre-K is closed, we offer a full-day of care at Calais Elementary School from 8:45 AM to 3:30 PM that Calais families may attend.

Community Connections Pre-Kindergarten is a state-licensed childcare program located in the school. We accept childcare subsidy payments from the State of Vermont, and if you receive subsidies, your child may be able to attend our programs at a reduced or no cost to you.

Our program allows your child to stay for the full school day, access food services, and take the bus to and from school. We eliminate the need to pick up or drop off your child during the middle of the day. Your preschooler may have the same or a similar schedule as any sibling(s) who already attend Calais.

During the day, students attending CC Pre-K can access free breakfast and lunch from the cafeteria or bring meals from home. Your child will have access to the Calais campus, which includes the gymnasium, playground, school garden, and nature trail.

Our curriculum builds upon children's interests and classroom investigations are based on real and tangible topics for hands-on learning. We enjoy offering nurturing play based learning and explorations. We play games, sing songs, and work on projects throughout the day that create learning opportunities and allow social skills to develop. Daily routines include a balance of structured and unstructured times: free play, circle time, creative arts, small group activities, meals, outside and may include rest time.

On the next page, *the Community Connections Pre-K part of the day is highlighted in yellow.*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 -8:45 AM	CC Pre-K Early Care	CC Pre-K Early Care	CC Pre-K Early Care	CC Pre-K Early Care	CC Pre-K Early Care
8:45 - 11:15	CC Pre-K	Calais Elem. Pre-K	Calais Elem. Pre-K	Calais Elem. Pre-K	Calais Elem. Pre-k
CC lunch 11:15-12:50		Lunch Only	Lunch Only	Lunch Only	Lunch Only
12:50 - 3:30* (except Wednesday when children are dismissed at 3:00)	CC Pre-K	CC Pre-K	CC Pre-K	CC Pre-K	CC Pre-K

Community Connections is separate from the school and our programs are supported by the families that use them. Our rates are listed below:

Rates are per child

- Morning/Early Care \$10-16.00/day
- Half Days (3.5 hours or more) \$35-45.00/day
- Full days - Monday (8:45-3:30) \$55-70.00/day
- Lunch only 11:15-12:30 \$12-18.00/day

Suggested Family Income Guideline for Sliding Scale Placement

	Over \$99,000	\$75-\$99,000	\$50-\$75,000	Below \$50,000*
Early Care	\$16 per day/per child	\$13 per day/per child	\$11 per day/per child	\$ 10 per day/per child
Lunch Only	\$18 per day/per child	\$16 per day/per child	\$14 per day/per child	\$12 per day/per child
Half Day	\$45 per day/per child	\$42 per day/per child	\$38 per day/per child	\$35 per day/per child
Monday	\$70 per day/per child	\$65 per day/per child	\$60 per day/per child	\$55 per day/per child

**Families at this level should explore whether they qualify for assistance through the Vermont Child Care Subsidy Program.*

You can pick any combination of care that works best for your family! We are open every day that the Pre-Kindergarten is open, plus a full-day option on Mondays. We are closed on days the school is closed, including school vacations. We bill monthly in advance. You will receive a bill based on your schedule in August and the full payment for the first month, or an approved payment plan, will be due on the first day of school. Families are billed for each day the student is sign-up to attend unless **72 hours notice** is received.

Please fill out the form below to let us know of your interest in CC programs. Placement will be limited based on available staffing and family interest. If you have any questions please email or call me.

Thank you!

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To sign up for the Community Connections Preschool at Calais for the 2025-2026 school year:
Please fill out this form and:

1. Return this form to the Calais main office as soon as possible, or
2. Scan and email it to kbolduc@u32.org or
3. mail it to: *Community Connections*
1130 Gallison Hill Rd.,
Montpelier, VT 05602

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Child's name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email(s): _____

My child is eligible for VT state childcare subsidies at _____%

Child will attend <i>Please check boxes</i>	Monday \$55-70 <i>Check AM & PM for full school day</i>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Care 7:30-8:45 AM \$10-16 each day	☐ \$10-16	☐ \$10-16	☐ \$10-16	☐ \$10-16	☐ \$10-16
Afternoon (1/2 day) Tuesday-Friday	☐	☐ \$35-45	☐ \$35-45	☐ \$35-45	☐ \$35-45
Morning Monday only	☐				
Lunch only <i>Drop off 11:30 AM</i> \$12-18 each day	☐ \$12-18	☐ \$12-18	☐ \$12-18	☐ \$12-18	☐ \$12-18

Please indicated the amount on the sliding scale (see previous page) you will pay \$_____day
x # days_____ for a weekly total of \$_____.

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Our Programs are open every day that Calais Pre-Kindergarten is open. We will follow the school's decisions on weather-related closures and delays. We offer camps on many school vacations or in-service days, with the exception of those in November and December. We offer a Preschool summer camp program at a local district elementary school.

Upon final placement and receipt of these forms, you will be billed the first \$100 to reserve your child's spot. In early August, you will receive a detailed letter and a dismissal plan form by mail. The first bill will be invoiced in August and will include the days in August and September. The \$100 will be credited toward the first bill.