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LONG BEACH ISLAND PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Long Beach Island Board of Education offers one preschool program for three and four year old children. Classes meet 5 days a week from 8:20am - 2:55pm. Participants must be age 3 by October 1, 2026. Teachers are fully certified and serve to prepare the children for Kindergarten with state-approved curriculum aligned with each child's progress monitored.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Long Beach Island School District's Preschool Program recognizes that the years from three through five are critical in the growth and development of a child. We believe that a child thrives in a safe, happy and nurturing environment that supports learning through each developmental stage. The Long Beach Island Schools' Preschool Program is designed to provide developmentally age-appropriate experiences in a nurturing environment. The intention of our program is to address the individual needs of each child by providing experiences that promote physical, emotional, social and cognitive development through curricular activities. The Long Beach Island Schools' Preschool Program seeks to enable children to reach their potential regardless of abilities.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide experiences that meet each child's needs, to stimulate learning in all developmental areas (physical, emotional, social and cognitive) and curricular areas (language literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, world language, creative arts and health, safety and physical development).
- To provide opportunities to develop relationships, interactions and activities. These opportunities are designed to develop children's self-esteem to engender positive feelings towards learning and towards other students.
- To provide small and large group activities for the children to participate in to the best of their abilities.
- To stimulate the child in all areas of language development-listening, speaking, reading, thinking and expressing themselves in various ways.
- To provide experience in gross motor skills (running, skipping, climbing) as well as fine motor activities (writing, cutting, coloring).

PROGRAM OFFERING

- PK - Full-Day Program with state approved curriculum

- State certified teachers

TRANSPORATION
Transportation is provided.

SECURITY AND SAFETY
The school will release a child only to the child's parent/guardian or an individual that has been given **written permission** by the child's parent. **Under no circumstances will verbal permission be accepted**.

An Emergency Evacuation Plan is posted in the classroom. Each month the children participate in a Fire Evacuation Drill and Emergency Lockdown Drill. The Fire Evacuation Drill includes the testing of the alarm system.

For safety reasons, rubber soled shoes or sneakers are encouraged. Please do not allow your child to wear flip-flops or sandals as they are dangerous on climbing equipment.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
Communication with parents is absolutely essential. Please be assured that our teachers will be open to any questions, problems or concerns you may have about the program. Our Back-To-School Night will be held in early September to give the teacher the opportunity to review our school policies and give you an overview of the preschool program. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in November. This is an excellent time for the teacher to review your child's progress with you and address any concerns you may have. Newsletters will also provide information on activities and concepts presented in the classroom.

DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT
We strive to maintain a happy and healthy environment for your child. In order to do so, the children are taught the importance of safety, care of property, good habits, rules of conduct and respect for others. Our philosophy is to work in a positive way to provide instruction and guidance in helping children to learn appropriate and inappropriate behavior in the classroom.

- **Appropriate behavior** is defined as a cooperative spirit on the part of the child to follow guidelines and rules. This behavior will be rewarded with praise and recognition. Examples of this behavior: keeping their hands to themselves, putting away toys, and following instructions.
- **Inappropriate behavior** is defined as an uncooperative or harmful behavior to oneself, classmates or teachers. This behavior will be handled by verbal correction (reminding the child of limits), time out, and with extreme behavior, removal from the classroom with a teacher present. Examples of inappropriate behavior: biting, hitting, screaming, etc.)

CLOTHING/BEDDING/TOILETING
Please send an extra set of clothing with your child to keep in school. Your child must be toilet trained to attend our preschool program – no diapers or pull-ups. We will assist children with clothing, but they will be expected to manage themselves so that they can learn to be independent in their toilet habits. We understand that accidents may occur occasionally, but frequent accidents may need to be addressed through the nurse's office. If an accident does occur your child will be assisted into clean clothes in a calm and pleasant manner reassuring them that it is okay.

CHILD ILLNESS/MEDICATION

If your child is out due to illness, please call the school nurse. If your child has a fever, he/she must be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. **Please note that a student may not bring any medication to or from school.** This includes vitamins, herbal preparations and all over-the-counter medications. If medication is needed during school hours, it is necessary for you and your provider to complete a brief form for each medication and address it to the nurse. The first dose of any new medication must be given at home. The medication authorization form is available in the Health Office and on the school's website at: www.lbischools.org

SNACK/LUNCH

There will always be a snack time during the school day. Please have your child bring in a healthy snack each day. Lunch is offered daily. The monthly menu is on our school website at: www.lbischools.org. There are many options for your child to choose from or you may also pack a lunch. Our lunch program is through Maschio's Food Services, Inc. We also offer a Child Nutrition Program for free or reduced price school meals if you meet the eligibility guidelines.

TUITION

The tuition rate set by the Long Beach Island BOE for the 2026-2027 school year is $4,000. The payment schedule is as follows:

Tuition Due Dates

June 3, 2026	$1,000.00 deposit/agreement
September 8, 2026	$1,000.00
December 2, 2026	$1,000.00
March 3, 2027	$1,000.00

Please note that if we do not have your deposit by June 3, 2026 your spot may be offered to a child on the waiting list. If tuition payments are not received by the due date, your child may be subject to removal from the program. We do not accept cash payments. Please make checks payable to Long Beach Island BOE.