



HODGSON PRESCHOOL

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PURPOSE

Hodgson Preschool is a laboratory preschool that provides practical experience for the students enrolled in the Early Childhood Program.

The high school students plan and present various developmentally appropriate activities and experiences for the preschool children during the school year as they apply their knowledge from the classroom.

The preschool program includes several learning centers where the preschool children can explore the areas of art, music, science, math, language, block building, movement and dramatic play. These areas are stocked with a variety of learning materials in which the children may choose to use.

This program is available to children 3, 4 and 5 years of age. There is a morning session that runs from 8:45 to 10:45am. There are two separate preschools that run during the morning session. One class has 3 and 4 year olds and the other class has 4 and 5 year olds. There is also an afternoon session that runs from 12:25 to 2:25pm. Again there are two preschools classes, one with 3 and 4 year olds and the other with 4 and 5 year olds. The preschool year runs from the last week of September to mid-May.

The goals of Hodgson Preschool are twofold: one that helps the high school students learn about young children and a second that helps the preschool children develop to their potential. For the preschool children our major goals are to:

- stimulate their interest in the world around them.
- encourage them to observe, classify, experiment and discover.
- develop gross and fine motor skills and coordination.
- encourage communication skills.

- foster independent choices and problem solving skills.
- encourage social skills with other children and adults.
- foster developmentally appropriate academic skills, in preparation for kindergarten.
- provide positive activities that lead the child to success and development of self-esteem and positive self image.
- foster respect for confidentiality and the right of the child and family to privacy.

Major goals for the High School Students are to:

- establish and maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for the children.
- advance physical and intellectual competence in young children.
- build positive self-concepts and individual strength in young children.
- promote positive social interactions with other children and adults.
- work in teams to plan and prepare the program and to behave in a professional manner.



PRESCHOOL POLICY

ATTENDANCE AND WELLNESS

Regular attendance is necessary for the young child to progress and to develop good habits related to future school attendance. When your child is sick and will have to miss preschool for several days, please inform the Preschool Office. If your child contracts a communicable disease, a notice will be sent to other parents in that preschool program, alerting them of the symptoms. If your child has a fever, s/he will not be able to function well at preschool and should be kept at home until the fever subsides.

CLOTHING

Please dress your child in clothes that are washable, and in which they feel comfortable playing. Safe footwear is also necessary for use on playground equipment. The Preschool does provide smocks for messy activities, but spills do occur from time to time. Therefore, we ask that you provide us with an extra set of clothing that can be kept at the Preschool in case of accidents.

SNACKS

A nutritious snack will be available to the children every day. The children are encouraged to choose to have a snack with their friends. Please advise us if your child has a food allergy or is on a special diet. On birthdays, parents are encouraged to provide the snack, and the children all eat at the same time to honor the birthday child.

CAR POOLS

Parents often like to car pool with one another. We can arrange for you to meet other parents from your area if you wish to form a car pool.

FIELD TRIPS AND (Guests)

Notices will be sent home prior to a field trip off school property so you may decide whether your child will be allowed to go on the trip. No child will be taken on a field trip without a signed permission slip from his/her parents or guardians.

You will also be notified of special guests who visit the preschool. We welcome parents to become special guests. The children burst with pride when their parents come to school to share an interest or a career with the class. If you are interested in becoming a guest, please tell us and we will be happy to include you in our schedule.

NEWSLETTER

Once a month, the senior students distribute a newsletter to all families. In this way, we can inform you of the happenings at Hodgson Preschool, and the activities of the early childhood students.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

We are part of the New Castle County Vo-Tech School District and that is the name that is used on WNRK, WSTW or WDEL radio when school is to be closed for emergency reasons. When it is announced that school will open one or two hours late, Hodgson Preschool will be cancelled because we will be on an alternate schedule. If we are sent home early because of a storm or other emergency, we will make every effort to call parents as soon as we are informed of the closing.

As part of a larger, public school, we will also be closed on Inservice Days and specific Holidays. We will notify you in advance of these closings through the Newsletter.



TUITION

The preschool expenses determine the tuition. We ask that you pay promptly so we can stay within our projected budget. There are four payment plans available for each program:

For Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday Program

- One payment of \$675.00, due at the start of the school year.
- Two payments of \$337.50 each, due at the start of school and the first of February.
- Four payments of \$168.75 each, due at the start of school, and the first of December, February, and April.
- Eight payments (monthly) of \$85.00, due the 1st of each month.

A 10% discount is offered to families with more than one child enrolled in Preschool

or

To all New Castle County Vo-Tech District employees.

Acceptance letters are mailed out the month of April for the up coming school year. If/When your child receives the acceptance letter please fill out the form and return it a.s.a.p. with a \$20.00 non refundable registration fee. This will ensure your child's placement in the preschool program.

You may pay in cash, or with a check payable to:

HODGSON PRESCHOOL.

Note: If an emergency arises and your payment will be late, please notify us immediately. If no arrangement is made and your payment is more than one week late, we will assume that you no longer wish to have your child enrolled in the preschool. Past due payment arrangements will need to be made at that time.



AUTHORIZATION FOR PICK UP

Only the adults listed on the form filled out during the entry interview may pick up children from preschool. You may add to the list as the need arises. Identification will be requested of all persons who are unfamiliar to us.

PRESCHOOL OFFICE

The preschool office is open from 7:30am to 2:30pm each school day, with the exception of lunch from 10:45am to 11:45am. Please feel free to call and talk to us about any problems/concerns you may have. Questions about behavior are often best discussed over the phone, or in person, out of your child's hearing.

OBSERVATIONS

The older preschool class has an observation room where you may watch your child and the preschool in action at any time. Our students do periodic observations of the children also, and will be happy to share the viewing space with you.

DISCIPLINE

Hodgson Preschool uses positive discipline and redirection of negative behavior. Our goal is to encourage the child to develop self-control, rather than relying on external control. If a child's behavior becomes dangerous to himself or to others, we will discuss other means of discipline with you. We prefer to rely on a well-planned and interesting preschool program to prevent negative behavior.

BABYSITTERS

There is a job posting bulletin board located in the high school classroom. There may be times when you need a baby-sitter for your children. If you would like one of our students to babysit, please let us know rather than asking the students directly. In this way, we can assist you in selecting a student who will fill your needs. Remember, our students have varying degrees of training and experience.

SEPARATION POLICY

The first few days of preschool can produce anxiety in some children and parents. If you feel there is a need for you to stay for the first few days, we welcome you to do so. If your child would feel comfortable bringing something from home to keep in a pocket or a cubbie, we encourage you to permit this. Children adjust to new situations in their own way, and we want them to feel comfortable in their new setting.

Parents who are experiencing anxiety about leaving their child will often communicate this message to their child through body language or hesitations. A short and simple good-bye ritual and assurance that you will be back soon are all that most children require feeling you approve of the child's new school and his or her place in it.



Enrollment

Applications are available online at HodgsonVotech.org. A \$10.00 non-refundable fee is required to hold a spot. Application can be mailed to the following address:

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Additional Questions

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