



Kindergarten Fact Sheet

School Day and Calendar

Currently, the school day hours are 8:15 A.M. – 3:15 P.M. with doors opening at 8:00 A.M. and dismissal at 3:20 P.M.

Birchwood's yearly calendar is planned each year to correlate closely with that of local school districts and other CCIS* schools. Calendars come out in the Spring of the prior year, with final revisions in August of the current year.

Entrance Requirements

Children must be 5 years of age by September 30

Preschool teacher recommendation form

Copy of medical records and any psychological testing results to date

Vision and hearing screening

School visit

Program – including Spanish enrichment

Beginning with Ohio Standards for Full Day Kindergarten Curriculum, instructional practices will also follow the Birchwood model of allowing children to accelerate according to ability, particularly in reading and mathematics. The program is designed to provide a full range of academic and social learning experiences in both group, individual and learning center styles. Students will have Spanish language instruction by way of formal classes and also throughout the school day as part of the daily routine.

Staff

Ms. Noemi Rodriguez has 25 years of experience teaching/directing kindergarten programs both in Argentina and the U.S. She has degrees in Montessori and Early Childhood Education.

Ms. Joanna West, certified in Early Childhood Education and also 3rd and 4th grade reading teacher at Birchwood, will team teach several periods during the school day.

Mrs. Rhonda Sprau, current first and second grade teacher at Birchwood School will team teach the reading curriculum with Ms. Rodriguez.

Tuition and Fees 2011-2012

\$7,000 \$400

Accreditation and Affiliations

Birchwood School is fully accredited with the State of Ohio's Operating Standards for Nonpublic Schools.

Birchwood School is a member of:

The Cleveland Council of Independent Schools*

The Ohio Association of Independent Schools

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