

Wilson Preschool FAQs

Can we attend Wilson Preschool if we don't live within the boundaries of Santa Clara Unified?

Yes, our program is open to everyone, regardless of where they live. Santa Clara Unified families receive priority when demand exceeds class-size capacity.

What is the application process?

The first step is to submit an application using the link on the website. You will then be contacted to let you know if there is space in the class you would like to join. If there is no space, you will be placed on the waiting list. Once you are admitted into a class, you will need to submit a registration fee to hold your spot in the class and complete some documents (see below). You cannot begin classes until all your documents and tuition have been submitted.

What documents do I need to submit to begin classes?

- Application form
- Registration form/profile on [Santa Clara Adult Ed website](#)
- [Physician's report](#)
- [TB assessment](#) (for all adults participating in the classroom)
- Tuition payment on Santa Clara Adult Education website
- Parent responsibilities acknowledgement

Does my child need to be potty trained to attend Wilson Preschool?

No. If a child needs help in the restroom, our teachers and aides can assist him/her.

What does the daily schedule look like?

Toddler/Twos	Threes	Fours
• Classroom exploration • Circle time • Snack • Outdoor exploration/parent discussion • Closing circle	• Opening circle time • Small groups/planning time • Work time* • Snack/review time • Outside time/parent discussion • Closing circle	• Opening circle time • Planning time • Work time* • Review time • Small groups • Snack • Outside time/parent discussion • Closing circle

*During work time, students can choose to explore and play in different areas of the classroom.

Do parents have to attend evening meetings?

We occasionally offer optional evening classes or other events, but parent education discussions are held during the class time. Half of the parents participate in a parent education discussion with the teacher while the other half supervises the children outside along with the classroom aide.

My child will have his next birthday after the start of the school year. Will he change classes to be with his new age group?

Our September 1st birthdate cutoff requirement is aligned with the school district and all other California schools, so your child will remain in the same class for the entire school year. This will enable you and your child to build stable friendships with others in your class, as these are the same children your child will continue with through school, should you remain in the district. Every child in the class is also getting older throughout the year as well and the curriculum will reflect that.

Can I send my child with the nanny?

Because Wilson is a parent education program, we require the child's attending adult to be a parent or grandparent.

May I bring my child's sibling to class?

Infants up to 6 months are allowed to come with the parent to class. You will need to find alternate care for siblings older than 6 months.

What is the child to staff ratio?

In our toddler class, there are 18 children, one teacher and 18 parents. In our twos classes, there are 19 children, one teacher, one aide and 19 parents. In our threes and fours classes, there are between 20-23 children, one teacher, one aide and 6-8 parents.

As a parent in the threes or fours, will I have the same workday each week?

Yes, you will be assigned a day of the week that will be your workday and that will be consistent all year. If your schedule changes and you need to change your workday, your teacher will do her best to accommodate your needs.

What if I'm sick on my workday?

If you are in the toddlers or twos class and you are sick, simply stay home with your child. If you are in the threes or fours, you will be responsible for finding a substitute. Typically, you would contact other parents in the class to see if anyone could cover for you. You could arrange to swap workdays for that week or work out a form of compensation for their assistance.

Do parents need a TB test to work in the classroom?

Parents are required to submit a clear TB assessment. While a skin test may be needed in some cases, your healthcare provider can often provide a clear assessment just by asking you a few simple questions.

What do you do about children who hurt other children?

As a parent education program, one of our goals is to help all children and parents use socially acceptable behavior. Parents and children will learn to use problem-solving techniques which will enable them to resolve conflicts without aggressive behavior.

What are the participation requirements for Wilson Preschool parents?

Parents are expected to work in the classroom one day a week. In addition, parents will support the class, program and school in the following ways:

1. Support the program by completing a parent project each term.
2. Support the school by attending one Saturday workday during the school year.
3. Support the school by participating in the annual fundraiser, the Giraffe.

What can you tell me briefly about your school's HighScope Curriculum?

The HighScope educational approach emphasizes active participatory learning. This means children have direct, hands-on experiences with people, objects, events and ideas. The arrangement of a HighScope preschool classroom reflects the belief that children learn best in a stimulating but ordered environment in which they can make choices and act upon them. The classroom is divided into well-defined work areas and the materials in each area are logically organized. This enables the children to act independently and with as much control over the classroom environment as possible.

Our curriculum content contains the social, intellectual, and physical building blocks that are essential to young children's optimal growth. Our content areas are aligned with state and national standards and are made up of key development indicators. The content areas are:

- Approaches to Learning
- Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development and Health
- Language, Literacy and Communication
- Mathematics
- Creative Arts
- Science and Technology
- Social Sciences

If you would like to learn more about the HighScope curriculum, go to:

<http://www.highscope.org>