The Child Development Center
at MiraCosta College
Admission Agreement

The Child Development Center at MiraCosta College serves as a campus-based child development program providing both academic instruction to MiraCosta College students enrolled in child development/early childhood education courses and childcare and education services to student, staff, and community families. Providing demonstration classrooms to the college community, our program offers a model of best practice in early childhood education while providing students learning opportunities through observation and on-floor interactions with young children and their families.

Following the lead of MiraCosta's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, the Child Development Center is committed to providing a strong, supportive, and authentic environment where difference is valued, respected, encouraged, and honored; where all children, their families, and staff experience a sense of belonging and the freedom to express themselves; and where their experiences are recognized and valued.

Admission is open to all children 18 months to 4 years and 11 months of age. As a campus-based child development program, priority enrollment and student tuition rates are available to student families (enrolled in 6 or more units).

Enrollment options for our morning programs are 2 days (M/W or T/Th), 3 days (M/W/F or T/Th/F) or 5 days (M-F). Requests for a schedule other than those listed will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Extended Day programming is only available to students attending MiraCosta College classes during those times or for MCC faculty and staff employed on campus and availability is limited. Enrollment priority is as follows:

1. Students enrolled in 6+ units at MiraCosta
2. MiraCosta Faculty and Staff
3. Community members

Prior to the child's first day of attendance, proof of immunization (see current requirements) must be provided. Additional forms required by Community Care Licensing must be completed and signed by the child's parent or legal guardian.
As a campus child development center, our fees are based on a 17-week semester, and are calculated by number of days enrolled (2, 3, 4, or 5 days each week) and the length of each day enrolled (part day or extended day). Families are billed accordingly at a weekly rate, which is inclusive of any campus holidays (no individual days or absences are discounted). A copy of the program fees is available at the Child Development Center website.

Fees are billed one week in advance. Families are billed weekly on Monday and payment is due by Friday. Fees are not reduced for absences or for holidays (exceptions being the College Semester Break in December/January and Spring Break in March). To discontinue enrollment, families must notify the administrative staff, in writing, at least one week prior to the child's last day. Families are responsible for the final week of fees regardless of child's attendance.

Credit and debit card payments are made through our ProCare Application. Checks or cash are accepted at the Student Accounts Office (please bring your statement). Accounts that are delinquent will result in the child's disenrollment from the Child Development Center

and for MiraCosta College students, a hold will be placed on their account (for student families).

At the Child Development Center, we believe that social-emotional learning during the early years of a child's life sets a positive foundation for their future growth and learning. We use the Pyramid Model for Promoting Social and Emotional Competence in Young Children Framework (Teaching Pyramid) to achieve this. For children with persistent challenging behavior, we will team with the family to develop an individualized intervention plan to prevent the behavior and teach the child replacement skills. If it has been determined that the Child Development Center's staff has exhausted all resources possible, the child may be disenrolled from the program. We will work with the family to identify an alternative program where their child can be successful and will guide and support the family throughout the process of moving to a different program.

Consistent with our role as a campus laboratory school, families enrolled at the Child Development Center grant permission for their child(ren) to participate with MiraCosta College students through interactions and observations. All interactions with MiraCosta College students will be consistent with the usual classroom programming and will be under the supervision of Child Development Center staff. Photographs, video, and audio recordings may be used for Child Development Center documentation (displays), Child Development Center announcements, and MiraCosta classroom presentations. Any additional use will require separate and additional signed parent consent.