

Little Steps Pre-Kindergarten

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When does Little Steps start?

The program will run from September 9, 2024 to June 13, 2025.

2. What are the class sizes in Little Steps?

Being a licensed preschool, we cap our classes at 12 students.

3. How old does my child have to be to attend?

For the 3 year old program, children must turn 3 by December 31, 2024. For the 4 year old program, children must turn 4 by December 31, 2024.

4. Does my child have to be potty trained to attend?

Yes, children must be potty trained to attend. We understand that accidents do happen and so we ask that children are sent with an extra set of clean clothes just in case.

5. What will my child learn?

Our program revolves around play that is guided by the interests of the students. Little Steps uses "experiential learning in a relationship-driven environment" (Reggio Emilia Approach). Students have the opportunity to imagine, create, and explore through endless learning materials available to them. In addition, our Little Steps aligns with our Kindergarten program through the "Get Ready for School" curriculum in order to provide an easy transition into the next step of their educational experience.

6. What are the yearly fees for Little Steps?

Little Steps fees have been reduced thanks to our participation in the Affordability Grant. Also, please see important information about subsidy in Question 7.

Number of Days	Monthly Cost
2 days/week	\$12.55

7. Is there subsidy available?

Yes, subsidy is available to families that qualify. Qualifications have changed so that families with a gross household income of up to \$180,000 can qualify. If a family qualifies, subsidy will cover up to \$125/month, meaning that your child could attend Little Steps free of charge. We encourage all our families to apply.

Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx> to apply. We ask that families inform our Little Steps team if they are applying for subsidy so we can apply the correct fee amount to your account.

8. Are there multi-disciplinary supports available in Little Steps?

Speech-Language and Occupational Therapy is available for students who qualify under the PUF requirements.

9. What supplies should I send with my Little Step student?

Your child only needs a backpack, lunch-kit with a snack, water bottle, and indoor shoes. Students will have a locker to store all their items in.

10. How will I know what to do on the first day of Little Steps?

At the end of August, we send out welcome packages to all our Little Step students. In this package, you will find all the required information you need such as the Little Steps handbook, year calendar, and first day instructions!

11. Does Little Steps interact with CKCS?

Yes! We love seeing the littlest members of our school community! Little Steps not only has access to school facilities such as the gym and the library, but they are also invited to participate in special school events throughout the year!

12. When does Little Steps close?

Little Steps runs on the same calendar schedule as CKCS. So if CKCS is closed for a holiday or PD day, then Little Steps is closed as well.

13. Are there snow days in Little Steps?

During school snow days, Little Steps remains open for those that can safely arrive.

14. No fundraising required!

15. No mandatory volunteer hours!

Still have questions? Contact us!

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