

Fair Acres FAQs

What is your admission policy? *Fair Acres registers on a first come, first served basis. Families currently enrolled at Fair Acres are given a priority registration period of two weeks before we open registration to the public.*

What is the Fair Acres philosophy? *At Fair Acres our philosophy is focused on Total Child Development. This means that we believe all areas of development are important. Our academic programs ensure our Fair Acres graduates are ready for the next step in their education, our focus on physical development incorporates year-round, daily play outside on our 7 acres campus, and our attention to social and emotional learning complete the picture for a well-rounded student experience.*

What is the student/teacher ratio and class size? *Our three year old programs have a class size of up to 16 students with two teachers. Our pre-K classrooms have up to 20 students with two teachers and our kindergarten classroom has up to 15 students with one teacher.*

What are the ages of your students? Do children need to be potty trained before admission? *Fair Acres begins accepting students at 2 years 9 months. We offer half and full day preschool & pre-kindergarten programs, and a full day kindergarten class. Early drop off beginning at 7:30 AM & extended day up to 5:30 PM is available to all students. We do not require children to be potty trained before admission.*

Do you follow Barnstable Public Schools calendar? *Yes, we follow Barnstable for school vacations, holidays and snow days. We do offer daycare programs during February & April vacation. Fair Acres does not participate in early release days, snow delays or professional development closings.*

Do you offer music, art, languages, etc.? *Our theme-based weekly curriculum touches on music, art, science, & movement as well as language, literacy & math. Our Kindergarten children participate in an hourly Spanish class each week. We also offer 6 week after school enrichment programs that can be signed up for which in the past have included KidFit, Soccer, Music, Art, Yoga, & More!*

What are the teacher qualifications? *Fair Acres is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Our teachers are all licensed through this office. Other qualifications may include Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, PreK-2nd Grade.*

Do Fair Acres programs follow state guidelines? *Yes, Fair Acres meets and exceeds the MA curriculum frameworks and standards put in place by the Department of Early Education & Care.*

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How is the tuition paid? *Tuition is billed monthly. The first payment is due in August. Fair Acres accepts cash, check or credit cards (Mastercard/Visa.) Payment plans are also an option.*

Do you offer a summer program? *Yes! We run a summer camp program for ages 4-11. The camp runs in 2 week sessions with a total of 8 weeks offered. This schedule allows campers to attend for one session or all four. Camp includes daily swim lessons, art, field games, court sports, nature, and plenty of “good ol’ camp fun!”*

Tell me about safety at Fair Acres. *Safety is a top priority at Fair Acres. Our school doors are locked during the day and we have a strict policy for pick up time. You must communicate who will be picking up your child. If it is someone we do not recognize, we will ask to see ID to verify. There are also protocols in place for our staff and students in the event of unforeseen emergencies.*

Do you provide snacks/meals? Is the school nut-free? *Yes, we are a nut safe environment. Fair Acres provides a morning snack to all students and an afternoon snack for students that stay for extended day. A nut-free lunch is brought from home for all full-day students. Lunches are stored in a refrigerator during the day. Fair Acres does not do any “heat-ups” however some parents choose to leave a labeled thermos on the counter with warm foods.*

May I visit my child’s classroom? *Yes, Fair Acres maintains an open door policy and welcomes parents. Some parents enjoy coming in to read a story with the class, teaching a special lesson, or just joining us for lunch. We also have several events during the year that parents are invited to such as our Halloween party, Holiday Craft Night, and Celebration.*

Do you go on field trips? *Our kindergarten takes 2-3 field trips by school bus during the school year. Our pre-k programs & kindergarten have the option to participate in our “learn to skate” program, traveling by bus to the Hyannis Youth & Community Center four times in January/February. Our three year old programs do not have trips nor do our pre-k programs (other than skating.) We do, however, like to bring special experiences to our students here at Fair Acres. In the past we have enjoyed visits from the Thornton Burgess Society, MadScience, & C.O.M.M. Fire Department to name a few!*

How do you communicate my child’s progress? *Children are assessed twice per year, typically in January and June. Progress reports will go home at these times. We offer parent-teacher conferences several times throughout the school year. Teachers may also be reached through direct classroom email or briefly chatted with during pick-up and drop-off times.*