

Cascade Christian Schools

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

*When will my
child be ready for
Kindergarten?*



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Cascade Christian Schools'

Kindergarten Entrance Policy

Basic Requirements:

- The child must be five years old before September 1 to be considered for kindergarten.
- The child must show developmental readiness for kindergarten success.

Kindergarten Readiness will be determined as follows:

- All *current* Cascade Christian Early Learning students turning five on or before June 30 prior to kindergarten will be considered ready for kindergarten without further assessment *unless* their teacher recommends or their parent requests such assessment of kindergarten readiness.
- All current Cascade Christian Early Learning students turning five in July or August will be assessed for kindergarten readiness using the Developmental Readiness Scale (DRS).
- All students new to Cascade Christian will be assessed for kindergarten readiness using the DRS.

Developmental Readiness Scale

The *Developmental Readiness Scale* (DRS) assesses the child's maturation by comparing the child's progress with other children the same age in the following eight areas of development:

- Fine Motor
- Concepts
- Body Image
- Personal-Social
- Visual Motor
- Numbers
- Language
- Gross Motor

We will notify parents prior to the administration of the DRS evaluation. Evaluation occurs in January as a joint effort between Cascade Christian ELC staff and the CCS elementary staff. Results of the evaluation will be shared with the parents.

Readiness Assessment

We observe and document the learning growth of all CCS preschoolers throughout the school year. Anecdotal observations and samples of each student's work will be collected for his/her personal portfolio. Parent/teacher conferences for those families enrolled in CCS 4's or Pre-K, traditional preschool or child care, are held in November. Parents of all students age 3 through 5 will have parent conferences again in the spring. Portfolios will be given to parents at the end of the school year.

Pre-Kindergarten

For students who are age five before September 1, yet need another year to mature before entering Kindergarten, we offer a pre-kindergarten program. Pre-kindergarten provides an exciting transition year between preschool and kindergarten. This enriched program offers hands-on opportunities for development in all areas: physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Pre-kindergarten builds on the experiences of the 4's class, challenging students in a more structured academic environment. Students have time to experience frequent success in a school setting, while developing self-confidence and leadership skills.

Research shows that success or failure in the first years of school can be a major predictor of success or failure later in life. Many families have discovered that the benefits of Cascade Christian's pre-kindergarten experiences extend well beyond elementary years, resulting in a more self-confident and competent adolescent and/or college-bound student.

Half-Day and Full-Day Options

Cascade Christian Schools provides parents with choices in their child's kindergarten experience. Several full-day and half-day options are available throughout the district.



Dedicated to Developing Discerning Leaders

The preschool experience at Cascade Christian Early Learning Centers is designed to prepare students for Cascade Christian's elementary and secondary programs. Cascade Christian Schools has set high standards of excellence for its elementary and secondary students.

Spiritual Formation:

God's truths are integrated into every aspect of the child's personal, social, academic, and spiritual growth, teaching all subjects from a biblical worldview.

Academic Excellence:

At Cascade Christian Schools, excellence is defined as a sustained, dedicated pursuit of God-given potential. In our learner-focused environments, we strive to prepare, motivate and inspire all students to have a positive approach to lifelong, discovery learning.

Personal & Social Maturity:

Cascade Christian Schools focuses on developing godly attitudes and character traits through our positive behavior training based on the 3 R's of Respect, Responsibility and Relationship.

IMPACT Leadership:

Cascade Christian Schools is dedicated to developing discerning Christian leaders who will be well equipped to impact their world for Christ. Through our IMPACT leadership program, children are given opportunities to develop and hone their leadership skills.

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