

Riverview Nursery, Inc.

(a.k.a. Riverview Co-Op Preschool)

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Dear Prospective Member:

Welcome to Riverview Nursery, Inc., a Co-Operative Preschool. Enclosed you will find additional information about our cooperative preschool program.

Additional information is provided to help you make the best preschool decision for you and, most importantly, your child.

Research shows parental involvement is the key to your child's success. At Riverview Nursery, Inc. we can give you the opportunity to actively participate in your child's first school experience. You will be able to use your talents to effectively manage and help operate a small non-profit organization, witness the incredible changes and growth your child will experience at preschool and make friends for you and your child that could last a lifetime.

For a child to attend the 3-year-old class he/she is required to be 3 by September 1st and for the 4-year-old class he/she is required to be 4 by September 1st. A child entering the 3/4 split class should be born in 2013 or 2012 who may be entering Young 5s or Kindergarten the following school year.

Thank you for your interest. Do not hesitate to call if you need any additional information. Please return the [Application for Membership](#) to reserve your child's place in our 2017-2018 preschool class.

Sincerely,

Executive Board

Finding the Perfect Preschool

10 questions to ask the preschool:

1. How long has the school been in existence?

Riverview Nursery has operated as a non-profit cooperative preschool since 1952.

2. What are the teacher's qualifications?

This information is coming soon!

3. What is the daily routine?

Carpet time, child directed activities, regroup, snack, outdoor play (weather permitting).

4. What is parent involvement?

Parents or other family members work in the classroom as assistant teachers. Each family holds a job within the preschool.

5. Is there time set aside for the parents and teacher to discuss the child?

Conferences are scheduled and the teacher is available to discuss any concerns or suggestions upon your request.

6. How is discipline handled?

Discipline is handled through positive methods to aide in developing self-control, self-direction and self-esteem. If the rules are violated, the child is warned, redirected and praised for appropriate behavior.

7. Does the school have an outdoor space and how often is it used?

The school is located next to a city park and it is utilized, weather permitting. Outdoor activities may be scheduled to relate to a particular theme.

8. Does the preschool take field trips?

Field trips are scheduled throughout the year.

9. What is the vacation and holiday schedule?

Riverview Nursery's school year runs approximately the same as Riverview Public Schools.

10. What is the policy for taking care of sick children?

Parents are given information regarding communicable diseases and are asked to use their judgment deciding if their child should attend school. If a child becomes sick at school, the child is taken to a quiet area in the classroom and the parent is notified. If a child is injured during school, appropriate first aid is given and the parent is notified. Our teacher is certified in CPR, first aid, and OSHA.

10 Signs That Your Child Is In A Good Preschool Classroom

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 6 and attends a child care center, preschool or kindergarten, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) suggests you look for these 10 signs to make sure your child is in a good classroom.

1. Children spend most of their time playing and working with materials or other children. They do not wander aimlessly, and they are not expected to sit quietly for long periods of time.
2. Children have access to various activities throughout the day. Look for assorted building blocks and other construction materials; props for pretend play, picture books, and paints and other art materials and table toys such as matching games, pegboards and puzzles.
3. Teachers work with individual children, small groups and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.
4. The classroom is decorated with children's original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling and stories dictated by children to teachers.
5. Children learn numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences. The natural world of plants and animals and meaningful activities like cooking, taking attendance or serving snack provides the basis for learning activities.
6. Children work on projects and have long periods of time (at least one hour) to play and explore. Worksheets are used little if at all.
7. Children have an opportunity to play outside every day. Outdoor play is never sacrificed for more instructional time.
8. Teachers read books to children individually or in small groups throughout the day, not just at group story time.
9. Curriculum is adapted for those who are ahead as well as those who need additional help. Teachers recognize that children's different background and experiences mean that they do not learn the same things at the same time in the same way.
10. Children and their parents look forward to school. Parents feel secure about sending their child to the program. Children are happy to attend; they do not cry regularly or complain of feeling sick.

Why a Co-op?

What's in it for the parents?

1. A co-op is a parent's school as much as it is a child's school. Parents work in it, give their energy and ideas to it and help to shape it and make it whatever it becomes by putting themselves into the school.
2. Co-op parents see, on a regular basis, their child's behavior in the group, they see other children's behavior and they see a school program at work.
3. Co-op parents tend to be hipped on good education. They don't want the ordinary; they want the very best for their children.
4. The co-op parent's own lives take on more significance because they are "in" on such a vital process of helping a child grow well.
5. Co-op parents find new friends for themselves at school.
6. A cooperative nursery always costs less than a comparably good private school. Co-op parents pour their time, energy, sweat and skills into their school.

What's in it for the children?

1. Co-ops usually have more adults present than standard nursery schools do, with a trained teacher on hand plus several parent-assistants.
2. There is more of a chance for individual attention at cooperative preschools. There can also be a greater richness and variety in the co-op programs.
3. In a co-op, "school" doesn't stop at the end of the school day, nor does it end on Friday. A co-op child is apt to be surrounded by a common point of view twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.
4. The child is apt to get more consistency in guidance and more richness in stimulation; home and school and school and home.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Parent or designee must work in the classroom as an assistant teacher. This is at least twice per month, depending on the number of children enrolled. FIA/child abuse and neglect clearance is MANDATORY by the state for any adult working in the classroom and must be completed by orientation.
2. Provide a healthy snack for the class about once each month.
3. Arrive 20 minutes prior to the start of class time on scheduled workday to aid teacher in session preparation. Must remain approximately 15-20 minutes after class to perform cleaning duties.
4. Hold a job within the preschool.
5. Participate in one Cabin Clean up per child enrolled. (This usually takes approximately 3-4 hours on a Saturday morning)
6. Attend the MANADATORY, monthly General Membership Meetings.
7. Participate in fundraising activities to raise a minimum profit per child of \$150.00. A tax-deductible donation may be made for the entire amount or a portion of the minimum.
8. Enjoy watching your child learn and grow through your active participation.

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2017-2018 School Year

Fee Schedule:

***Non-resident fee (one-time fee)** **\$15.00** (*due with application)

(*Last month's tuition due w/application & *1st month's due at Orientation)

3-year-old monthly tuition (3 by September 1st) **\$70.00**

Young 4s tuition (children entering
Young 5s or Kindergarten) **\$80.00**

4-year-old monthly tuition (4 by September 1st) **\$90.00**

(2nd child ½ price tuition, taken off lower tuition)

Cabin cleaning deposit fee INCLUDED IN TUITION
(Refunded only after completion of cleaning responsibility)

***Supply Fee (one-time \$40 fee for families of multiples)**

A small list of typical required school supplies to start school will be provided in your orientation packet. Items such as markers, crayons, Clorox wipes, tissues, etc.

Fundraising Requirements:

***Minimum for each child enrolled** **\$150.00** (due by Dec. 1st)

(A variety of fundraising ideas will be offered. If a family chooses not to participate in the various fundraising activities provided by the Preschool, that family may make a tax-deductible contribution to the Preschool to fulfill its fundraising requirement.)

Class Times:

3-year-old class	Tuesday / Thursday	9:00 – 11:30am (Subject to change)
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4-year-old class	Monday / Wednesday / Friday	9:00 – 12:00pm (Subject to change)
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Young 4s class	Tuesday / Thursday / Friday	12:20 – 2:50pm (Subject to change)
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*Indicates a non-refundable fee.

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Application for Membership

Date: _____

Class Year: 2017-2018

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Circle One: 3 Yr. Class (3 by September 1st) or 4 Yr. Class (4 by September 1st)

or Young 4s Class (entering Young 5s the following school year)

Child's Gender: M F Child's Birth Date: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Siblings: (Please list child's siblings and their ages)

Child's Previous Nursery Experiences: _____

How did you learn about Riverview Nursery? _____

**Please mail your application,
\$30.00 registration fee (\$20 for returning families), \$15.00 non-resident fee (if applicable), and last month's
tuition to:
(Above fees/tuition are non-refundable)**

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Note: This will reserve your child's place in our 2017-2018 preschool class. You will then receive a complete Membership Admissions packet.

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