

Enrollment Packet for 2022-2023

In this packet, you will find information about our 2022-2023 school year. Enrollment opens to current AEK families first and then opens to the public on January 17, 2022. Forms are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. You may mail in or drop off your form at the following address:

AEK
1912 Canyon Rd.
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

A registration packet will be sent to all enrolled students mid-June. This packet will include the other necessary forms and information to begin the 2022-2023 school year in August. At that time, your child will be added to our Brightwheel platform where you can pay all other fees and tuition online.

Class Placement

Children are placed in classes based on their age on September 1, 2022. Your child must be the age of the assigned class by that date. For example, your child must be 3-years-old by September 1, 2022 to enroll in the 3K class. Our MDO class is open to children aged 8 months through 2 years. If they will be 2-years-old by September 1, 2022 they will be in our 2K class. If you have any questions or concerns about specific class placements for your child, please feel free to contact me.

School Hours

Our school hours are 9:00-1:00 each day. Our MDO and 2K families have the option of sending their children 2 days, 3 days, or 5 days a week. Our 3K families have the option of a 3 day or 5 day a week schedule.

We know that some of our younger children, especially in MDO, have a difficult time making it all the way to 1:00 each day. Please know that you have until 1:00 to pick up your child, but you are always more than welcome to come in and pick them up earlier, as needed.

Aftercare Options

When you receive your registration packet in June, you will also have the opportunity at that time to sign up for aftercare. Aftercare is offered for students in our 2K through 5K five days a week from 1:00-2:00. Your child can attend aftercare as many days as you'd like. We also have drop-in days available.

Teacher:Student Ratios

It is our main priority to maintain a small teacher to student ratio in our classroom. We believe that is what makes AEK an exceptional program. A small teacher to student ratio awards children with one-on-one interactions with their teachers, helping them feel nurtured as they navigate school for the first time.

Teacher:Student ratios are as follows: MDO - 1:3, 2K - 1:8, 3K - 1:10, 4K - 1:11 , 5K - 1:12

Tuition and Fees

All fees and tuition can be paid through our Brightwheel app or via check made out to "AEK." I will enter all payments through the Brightwheel app so that you automatically receive a payment receipt and you have access to a record of your payments. New students will be added to Brightwheel in June.

Registration Fee: A \$150 registration fee is due with the submission of your enrollment form. Once you have submitted your enrollment form, you will have up to one week to pay the enrollment fee. If your enrollment fee is not paid within that one week grace period, we cannot hold your class placement.

The materials fee listed for your chosen class will be due July 1, 2022. The materials fee covers basic classroom supplies, curriculum supplies, and cleaning supplies for the school.

The first month's tuition will be due August 2, 2022. Monthly tuition will be due on the 2nd of each month, August through May. A 10% family discount will be applied to the youngest child's monthly tuition charge.

MDO to 2K Transition:

If your child will be turning 2 during the school year (September-May), they may transition into the 2K classroom at that time. You will be in conversations with the director, assistant director, MDO teachers, and the 2K teachers about if and when it is best for your child to make that transition. Any child who makes the mid-year transition will remain in the 2K classroom for the following year so that all children entering the 3K classroom will be 3-years-old by September 1st of that school year. To be clear, the transition from MDO to 2K will be the only mid-year transition at AEK.

We are confident that this will allow children to grow and learn at their own pace. Our MDO teachers do a fantastic job of reaching every child in the classroom from the young babies to the 2-year-old toddlers, but once children turn 2 they are typically ready for more movement and more academic structure. Not all 2-year-olds will be ready to transition, and that is okay! We will only transition if the child and parents are ready!

School Calendar

AEK follows a typical school-year calendar with school holidays and a summer break. We follow the Vestavia City Schools calendar in regards to school holidays and closures due to inclement weather. Our anticipated calendar for the 2022-2023 school year is on the following page. Some dates of our special events are subject to change, but the school holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.) are set.

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