

FAMILY FACTS

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

What age groups do you serve?

We serve children from infancy through school age, offering programs designed to meet the developmental needs of each age group. Families can choose from full-time, part-time, and drop-in care options to best fit their schedules and childcare needs.

What makes Trailblazer Academy unique?

Our academy focuses on experiential learning, outdoor exploration, and fostering curiosity in every child. We minimize screen time to encourage play-based, hands-on activities that promote creativity, critical thinking, and social-emotional growth.

Do you follow a specific curriculum?

Yes, we use a well-rounded curriculum that combines academic learning with social and emotional development. Our programs are designed to inspire a love of learning through interactive, age-appropriate activities. We use the ABC Jesus Loves Me curriculum which also provides age-appropriate learning experiences that foster spiritual development, guiding children to know and love Jesus.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Can I drop off my child before 6:00 AM?

Admitting hours start as early, but not before 6:00 AM. Children can never be allowed on the premises before operating hours or without permission from the Director.

What is the procedure during drop off in the morning?

As part of the morning routine, we ask that you walk your child completely into the classroom.

What is the process for picking up my child?

At the time of pick up, please identify yourself. After you obtain your child, please sign your child out. If someone beside yourself is authorized to pick up your child, please have identification (state ID or license) available. The person will not be able to pick up the child until confirmation is made.

Can someone other than parents/legal guardians pick up my child?

Yes, but written notice or a phone call must be given by a parent/legal guardian stating who will be picking up their child. The person picking up must have a valid photo ID. We may call you to confirm the pickup person if necessary, and if there is a question about the pickup person and you cannot be reached, we will NOT release the child for the safety and protection of the child.

What happens if I'm running late for pickup?

Our school has a designated close times. Late pickups require additional staff time, and late fees will be applied. If you are more than 15 minutes late, attempts will be made to contact you, and if unsuccessful, we will follow a protocol involving emergency contacts and, if necessary, law enforcement.

ENROLLMENT & ADMISSIONS

How do I enroll my child?

You can start the enrollment process by visiting our <u>Contact Us Page</u> and filling out an inquiry form. Our team will contact you to schedule a tour and discuss next steps. We always welcome drop in visits and tours as well if scheduling a time is not convenient.

Is there a waiting list?

At times, depending on the program and age group, there may be a waiting list. Please contact us for current availability or to join the waiting list.

What are your tuition rates?

Tuition varies by program and age group. **Download the enrollment process and tuition rate sheet.**

Do you offer financial assistance or sibling discounts?

Yes, we offer sibling discounts to help families with multiple children. At times we may offer scholarships or special promotions. Families can also apply for subsidized tuition - <u>learn more here</u>. Please contact us to learn more about eligibility and the application process.

DAILY LIFE AT TRAILBLAZER ACADEMY

What is a typical day like at Trailblazer Academy?

A typical day includes engaging activities such as hands-on academic lessons, outdoor play, creative arts, and group interactions. Each day is structured to balance learning, play, and rest.

Do you provide meals and snacks?

Yes, we partner with a local food caterer to provide nutritious snacks and meals. The cost is included in each child's tuition. If your child has specific dietary restrictions, please inform us during enrollment.

What is your approach to discipline?

We use positive reinforcement and redirection to guide behavior. Our approach emphasizes empathy, understanding, and teaching children how to manage emotions and solve conflicts constructively.

COMMUNICATION & INVOLVEMENT

How will I know what my child is doing each day?

We keep parents informed through daily updates through our parent communication app, including activity highlights, meal summaries, and any notable achievements. Throughout the year we will host parent-teacher conferences as well. At any time we welcome families to meet with their child's teacher and/or the academy director.

Can parents visit during the day?

Yes! Parents are welcome to visit during the day with prior notice. We value open communication and encourage family involvement in our program.

Are there opportunities for parent involvement?

Absolutely. We welcome parents to participate in events, volunteer for activities, and provide feedback through surveys and meetings.

What's the protocol for reporting absences?

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please notify the school office as soon as possible.

CHILD BELONGINGS

What should my child bring to school every day?

- Water bottle
- Backpack containing any required homework or communication from teachers
- Weather Appropriate clothing (jacket, hat, gloves, etc.)
- Indoor shoes (slippers or sneakers with non marking soles)

All items should be labeled with the child's first and last name.

What items should parents take home every week?

- Artwork or projects your child has completed
- Important notices or communication from teachers
- Used clothing or items that need laundering

What should be kept at the school for my child?

- A spare set of clothing, including underwear and socks, in case of spills or accidents
- Seasonal items, such as a lightweight jacket or raincoat, that may be needed unexpectedly
- Necessary medications, along with written instructions for administering them
- Administration team will help ensure you have everything completed per state policies.
- Emergency contact information, updated regularly

How should we prepare for snowy days?

Snowsuits, boots, gloves, and hats are essential during the winter months. Please ensure all items are labeled with your child's name to avoid confusion.

What should we do if our child forgets something at home?

Don't worry! We understand that it happens. Please inform the staff, and we will do our best to provide temporary replacements if possible.

