



# HOLLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 2021-2022 ENROLLMENT FAQ

## WHAT PRESCHOOL OPTIONS DO YOU OFFER?

With our 3-year-old, 4-year-old, and junior kindergarten morning classes, Spanish Immersion offerings, afternoon enrichment classes, and before and after school care, parents can **create a fully customized preschool schedule**, ranging from part-time to full-time enrollment, and based on family needs.

### MORNING CLASSES | 8:30-11:15 am

#### **3-YEAR OLD ENGLISH - ROSE PARK OR SOUTH SIDE**

Students attend school Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday

#### **3-YEAR SPANISH IMMERSION - ROSE PARK**

Students attend Tuesday & Friday

#### **4-YEAR OLD ENGLISH - ROSE PARK OR SOUTH SIDE**

Students attend 3 Day (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) or 5 days

#### **4-YEAR SPANISH IMMERSION - ROSE PARK**

Students attend Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

#### **JR KINDERGARTEN - ROSE PARK OR SOUTH SIDE**

Students attend Monday-Friday

### AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT | 11:15-3:00 pm

Parents can use our afternoon **Little Adventurers Preschool Enrichment Classes** in conjunction with our morning preschool classes to **create a full-day experience**; or parents can choose to enroll their children into **standalone afternoon enrichment classes** on the days their children are not in preschool. Each day has its own focus:

#### **MONDAY - LITTLE TRAVELERS**

Provides an extension to our social studies curriculum. Preschoolers experience the world outside of their communities and discover just how big God created our world.

#### **TUESDAY - LITTLE SCIENTISTS**

Lets students get down and "dirty" with science and math! This class offers a STEM-based opportunity for preschoolers and features a project-based, hands-on, child-centered environment. Children make, create, and experiment with all things science and math, building a foundation for success in kindergarten and beyond.

#### **WEDNESDAY - LITTLE ATHLETES**

An enrichment opportunity focused on gross motor development, which is an essential kindergarten readiness skill, as well as an important element of a child's physical and emotional health. Every month this class highlights a specific skill children learn and explore through games and hands-on activities to help strengthen those skills.

#### **THURSDAY - LITTLE EXPLORERS**

Students will get a taste of our Forest School program and experience God's creation in the great outdoors guided by our HC preschool staff. In tandem with classroom activities, preschoolers learn recycling, bird life, animal tracks, animal homes, and much more.

#### **FRIDAY - TEACHER'S CHOICE**

Focuses on a different fun and educational theme each month dealing with everything from art, to math, to science. The activities include fine motor, gross motor, creative (music and art), and sensory experiences.



## WHAT KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS DO YOU OFFER?

### 3 DAY+ ENGLISH - ROSE PARK OR SOUTH SIDE

Students attend school Monday/Wednesday/Thursday adding a 4th day, Tuesdays, after spring vacation.

### 5 DAY ENGLISH - ROSE PARK OR SOUTH SIDE

Students attend school full time Monday-Friday.

### 5 DAY SPANISH IMMERSION - ROSE PARK ONLY

Students attend school full time Monday-Friday.

### 5 DAY FOREST KINDERGARTEN - FOREST SCHOOL

Students attend school full time Monday-Friday in our new Forest School building between Holland Christian Middle and High School.

## WHAT IS THE PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM LIKE?

In 3-year-old preschool, **children explore, create, play, and discover** the beginning structures of a classroom routine. Students engage in learning activities that promote their academic, social, emotional, and spiritual development. Our early childhood teachers **help students discover God's love and how to share it with others**, and **equip them to create positive interactions** with classmates and adults.

In our hands-on 4-year-old preschool classes, children **discover and expand their knowledge** of letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and other kindergarten readiness skills. The content and teaching style of junior kindergarten is perfect for 5-year-olds who need the gift of time before starting kindergarten, or for 4-year-olds who are ready for an accelerated experience.

Our **Spanish Immersion preschool classes** have the same goals as their English counterparts except that classes are taught in Spanish. English is used at the beginning of the school year and **Spanish is introduced once students are comfortable** with the teacher and the daily classroom routine. No previous knowledge of Spanish is expected or required, and it's **truly amazing** how much Spanish these little ones are speaking and understanding within just weeks!

## WHAT IS THE KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM LIKE?

Seeking to meet individual needs of God's young learners at Holland Christian, the kindergarten curriculum is **developmentally appropriate, rigorous in preparing children** for our ever-changing world, and **constantly working to grow learners to their fullest potential**. We play educational games, explore with our senses, move to music, and apply learning across different subjects. Kindergarten reading focuses on **developing students' vocabulary, critical thinking, and problem solving skills** as students learn letter names and sounds and how to put them together. In math, we work on counting, addition and subtraction, shapes, and manipulating numbers and objects. We read Bible stories and learn about God's great world, weaving His truths into our daily curriculum through our **Discipleship Practices**. Our science units are filled with experiments and fun hands-on activities, while our social studies curriculum focuses on making **cultural connections** in our community.

Our **Spanish Immersion curriculum** includes all of the components that you'd find in a typical English classroom—reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and Bible—except that **it's 100% en español!** No previous knowledge of Spanish is expected or required, and it's **truly amazing** how much Spanish these little ones are speaking and understanding within just weeks!



## HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BE TO ENROLL?

Children need to be 3-years-old for the 3's program, 4 for the 4's program and 5 for kindergarten by September 1, 2021, to enroll. Children enrolling in junior kindergarten should be 5 by December 1 in order to enroll. Preschool children also need to be potty trained by the start of the school year.

## WHAT DEGREES DO YOUR TEACHERS HAVE, AND ARE YOU ACCREDITED?

All of our preschool and kindergarten teachers hold bachelor's or master's degrees in elementary education or early childhood education. Our preschools are licensed by the State of Michigan. Holland Christian holds dual accreditation through Christian Schools International (CSI) and Advanced Ed.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?

From our youngest learners, all the way through high school, our Christian **faith is integrated in all that we do**. And not just in things like prayer, devotions, Bible stories, and praise and worship, but in **EVERYTHING** we do! Our faith is the lens through which we teach all pieces of our rigorous curriculum, handle discipline and student behavior, and manage every detail of the school day. It is a special privilege to partner with parents in the spiritual formation of their children.

## HOW ARE PARENTS INVOLVED?

A partnership with parents is important in a child's education, so we welcome parent volunteers in the classroom in a variety of ways—although it's not required—and encourage parents to participate on field trips with their children.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- **Preschool tuition (20-21)** ranges from \$116-259/month for morning classes and starts at \$74/month for afternoon enrichment classes.
- **Kindergarten tuition (20-21)** can range from \$230-\$674/month depending on the class schedule and financial aid awarded.
- **21-22 tuition will be published April 2021.**

You can view our full tuition schedule online at: [hollandchristian.org/tuition-fees](http://hollandchristian.org/tuition-fees)

## IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

**The short answer is yes!** Financial aid is available for 3's preschool through our partnership with Ready for School. Contact them at [readyforschool.org](http://readyforschool.org) to learn more.

Significant financial aid is available K-12 through Holland Christian totaling more than \$2 million every year through our different programs. Please see additional details in this packet or at [hollandchristian.org/financialaid](http://hollandchristian.org/financialaid)

We truly want to work with parents who desire Christian education for their family to make it affordable for them.

# HOW DO I ENROLL?

Online at [hollandchristian.org/apply-now](http://hollandchristian.org/apply-now)

**Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis** and some classes fill quickly. Please enroll early to ensure your spot! **If you run stuck or have questions about enrolling** please contact Courtney Lampen at (616) 820-2804 or [clampen@hollandchristian.org](mailto:clampen@hollandchristian.org).

### PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Begins February 9 at 7 am.  
(Preschool enrollment requires a \$75 deposit)

### KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Begins February 2 at 7 am.