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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled that you are interested in Zeeland Christian School! ZCS is a place where every child can thrive and grow into the person God created them to be. We hope through face-to-face interactions, this information packet, our website and social media platforms you will witness how God is working in the lives of kids and families at ZCS.

Please contact us whenever you have questions or just want to talk more. We are here for YOU! So feel free to contact any of our teachers as well (zcs.org/staff). You can ask them questions about anything - including their own faith story.

If you are new to the Zeeland Christian community, we invite you to take a tour of our classrooms. We'd love to get to know you and hear more about your educational desires. Our prayer is that every new family at ZCS feels like they have multiple people they can say "Hi!" to in the hallway.

If you have any questions or are interested in visiting while class is in session, please email Nancy Pyle, npyle@zcs.org or call our main office at 616.772.2609.

Blessings to you and your preschooler!

Tim McAboy
Head of School

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Preschool Overview

Zeeland Christian Preschool is dedicated to teaching children to love God, love each other and love learning. We do that by nurturing a child's social, emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual growth.

Options for Kids age 3 and 4

Threeschool

A play-based preschool experience designed specifically for three year olds.

Preschool

A kindergarten readiness program for four year olds.

Programs

English

This program is the foundation of all our preschool programs at ZCS. It is a play based preschool program led by experienced and educated teachers.

Inclusive Education

This beloved program welcomes students with special needs into the classroom. Inclusion benefits both the general education student and the student with special needs because it teaches that we are all created in God's image and part of the body of Christ. If you have a child with special needs, please contact Barb Newman at bnewman@zcs.org to discuss how we can serve you and your child.

Spanish Immersion

Spanish Immersion contains all the elements of our English program with one additional layer - classes are taught entirely in Spanish!

Mandarin Immersion

Mandarin Immersion contains all the elements of our English program with one additional layer - classes are taught entirely in Mandarin Chinese! (Note: We do not currently offer a Mandarin Immersion Threeschool option.)

Extended Care at ZCS

In addition to the classes listed above, we also offer Extended Care for children in threeschool-5th grade. Kids can be enrolled in childcare any time between 7:00AM-6:00PM each day. For more details, visit zcs.org/extendedcare



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2019-2020 Preschool Schedule

Online Registration: zcpreschool.eventbrite.com

Threeschool Classes

Children must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2019

English

Session 1 Monday/Wednesday AM - 9:00-11:45
Session 2 Tuesday/Thursday AM - 9:00-11:45
Session 3 Mon/Wed/Fri AM - 9:00-11:45

Spanish Immersion

Session 4 Tuesday/Thursday AM - 9:00-11:45
Session 5 Mon/Wed/Fri AM - 9:00-11:45

*Session 10 and 14: All students attend M-Th mornings. Parents may choose 1-4 afternoons for their child, and the specific day(s) is the parents' choice. Classes will run as 4-full-day classes with the same teacher and assistant all day.

Four-year Old Preschool Classes

Children must be 4 by Dec. 1, 2019

English

Session 6 Tuesday/Thursday AM - 8:45-11:30
Session 7 Mon/Wed/Fri AM - 8:45-11:30
Session 8 Tues/Thurs/Fri AM - 8:45-11:30
Session 9 Mon/Wed/Fri PM - 12:30-3:15
Session 10* Monday-Thursday AM & 1+ PM - 8:45-11:30/3:15

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Session 11 Mon/Wed/Fri AM - 8:45-11:30

Spanish Immersion

Session 12 Mon/Wed/Fri AM - 8:45-11:30
Session 13 Mon/Wed/Fri PM - 12:30-3:15
Session 14* Monday-Thursday AM & 1+ PM - 8:45-11:30/3:15

Mandarin Immersion

Session 15 Mon/Wed/Fri PM - 12:30-3:15

Young Fives, for children age 5 by Dec. 1 2019, is aligned to our Kindergarten schedule.

Tuition Rates - Full Year

(per month rate based on 9-month payment plan)

2 Day Session - \$1,040 (\$115/month)

3 Day Session - \$1,456 (\$162/month)

*4 Day + 1 p.m. - \$2,688 (\$299/month)

*4 Day + 2 p.m. - \$3,328 (\$370/month)

*4 Day + 3 p.m. - \$3,968 (\$441/month)

*4 Full Days - \$4,608 (\$512/month)

Extended care is available any day from 7:00am-6:00pm, as long as your child is enrolled in one class session.



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ZCS Extended Care 2019-20

Our extended care programs are designed to support family child-care needs. All children must be pre-registered in order to attend Extended Care programs.

There is a \$30 registration fee per family.

Contact Heather Mulder (hmulder@zcs.org) for more information.

Before School Care

Offered everyday from 7:00am-9:00am

Offered to preschool or elementary students (PS-5th) Nutritional breakfast provided

Cost \$6.00 for 1 child/day, \$10.00 for 2, \$14.00 for 3

Morning Care

Offered everyday from 8:30am-11:30am Nutritional snack provided

Cost \$14.00 per child/per day

Lunch Bunch

Offered everyday from 11:30am-1:00pm

Kids bring their lunch from home and eat at school.

Cost \$6.50 per child/per day

Afternoon Care

Offered everyday from 11:30am-3:30pm Kids bring their lunch from home

Cost \$18.00 per child/per day

After School Care

Offered everyday from 3:30pm-6:00pm

Offered to preschool and elementary students (PS-5th)

Nutritional snack provided

Cost \$5.00 per child/per hour, \$9/hour for 2, \$12/hour for 3, billed in half hour increments

Full Day Preschool Care

Offered everyday from 7:00am-3:30pm

Cost \$35 per child/per day (Kids can stay for After School Care (ASC), but cost of ASC is the same)



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Frequently Asked Questions

What types of things will my learn at Zeeland Christian Preschool?

Activities are designed to encourage growth in key developmental areas. A few examples:

Threeschool

Counting
Early literacy behaviors
Recognizing his/her name
Colors and shapes
Vocabulary development
Eye-hand coordination
Taking turns, sharing, helping each other
Worshiping with friends

Preschool

Letters, numbers, counting, colors, shapes
Name writing/recognition
Pre-writing skills
Language development and self-expression
Taking turns, sharing, helping each other
Worshiping with friends

Are parents expected to help in the classroom?

We ask parents to volunteer as classroom helpers 2 times per school year. A parent or another special friend will help once at the start of the year and once at the time of the child's birthday or half birthday. Kids love the opportunity to show their loved ones what they do at school. If a parent or special friend cannot attend, please let us know.

How do you handle food allergies?

We take allergies very seriously at ZCS and will work with you to put together a food plan. We will also try to accommodate food allergies when developing monthly menus. However, we do recommend providing "safe snacks" for children with severe allergies.

Does my child have to be potty trained?

Yes. Children enrolled in Zeeland Christian Preschool must be toilet trained and independent in the bathroom. No pull-ups are allowed. Our staff will coach children in the bathroom but not physically assist them. (An exception can be made for children who are a part of inclusive education.)

Is there a registration fee?

\$55 is paid online when you register. \$50 of that fee is applied to your child's tuition.



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Are there ways to help reduce the cost of preschool tuition?

There are a few different ways that you can help reduce the cost of preschool tuition:

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP)

Purpose: To provide current and future families an opportunity to reduce their tuition at ZCS by shopping with participating businesses.

How it works:

Families purchase gift cards from participating businesses.

The businesses give back a certain percentage of each purchase to ZCS.

The money given to ZCS goes into each family's account. This is then applied to your tuition balance in July or January upon request. Over time, the money can add up.

"I highly encourage ZCS families to participate in TRIP since it is a very easy way to earn free money toward tuition. We primarily use TRIP for groceries and gas each week. With that alone we earn over \$500 per year toward our kids' tuition!" - Traci, ZCS Mom

Interested in participating in TRIP? Register online at www.zcs.org/trip

Families who register for TRIP when they enroll the first student in ZCS Preschool or Young Fives receive a \$500 tuition voucher when their oldest reaches 1st-grade!

Ready for School

Ready for School is an organization in the Holland/Zeeland area that provides scholarships to three-year-olds based on family income. The application process occurs online. You apply directly with Ready for School, and if approved for a scholarship, you contact Nancy Pyle to let her know to be in touch with Ready for School to confirm your school of choice is Zeeland Christian. Here is the family size/income chart for the 2018-2019 school year. This will be updated for the 2019-2020 school year in the Spring.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Ready for School Tuition Assistance, 2018-2019

Household Size	Ready for School (\$400 per semester)	Ready for School (\$200 per semester)
	Annual	Annual
2	41,150	49,380
3	51,950	62,340
4	62,750	75,300
5	73,550	88,260
6	84,350	101,220
7	95,150	114,180
8	105,950	127,140



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How does ZCS keep the building secure?

Exterior doors at ZCS are kept locked during school hours except during drop-off times. Visitors must enter through the main ZCS office (off Central Ave.), sign in, fill out a name tag, and then sign out when they leave.

What should I expect between registration and the first day of school?

Jan. 31, 7pm: Register online (zcspreschool.eventbrite.com).

Feb.: Watch for a "Welcome" email from preschool staff.

Mar.: You will receive an enrollment form by mail.

June: You will receive a class list and misc. forms by email.

July: Misc. forms are due back to ZCS

Aug.: Your child's teacher will mail you a back-to-school letter

Sept.: Parent meetings (Dates TBD - usually evening meetings, the week before preschool begins)

Sept.: Preschool begins!

What path should my child take to get to kindergarten?

There are lots of paths that parents choose for their child's journey to kindergarten. Parents make choices based on their child's birthdate, time at home vs. time at preschool/childcare, family schedules, and more. There isn't a right or wrong answer on what's best for YOUR child. The state of Michigan requires that a child turns five by September 1, of the year he/she enters kindergarten. That means that all children should be five, turning six, during his/her kindergarten year. (Some children with late summer birthdays start kindergarten as six-year-olds.)

See following page for more details on the different path options to Kindergarten.



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Paths to Kindergarten

This is the traditional path that many families have chosen for their children.



Threeschool is a great opportunity for children to learn how to "do school" before they begin the Kindergarten Readiness structure of Preschool. Our teachers have found that children who complete Threeschool are very well prepared for Preschool.



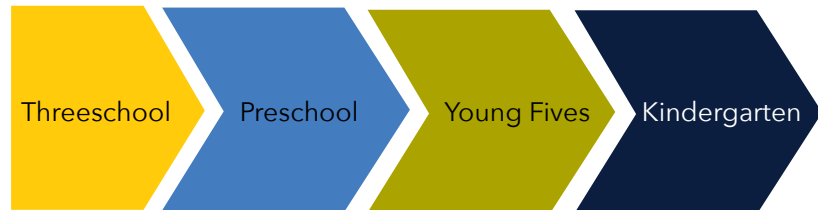
This is a good option for children who have birthdays between September 1 and December 1. If you think your child will benefit from a year of Young Fives (5 mornings a week), give your child a year of Preschool before beginning Young Fives.



If your child has a fall birthday but you are not sure of future plans, start your child in Threeschool and then work with the classroom teacher to determine if Preschool or Young Fives is the best option for your child for the next year.



This option includes three years of schooling before Kindergarten, but it may be a great option for a child with a summer birthday who enters Threeschool as a young three-year-old. Even after the year of Preschool is finished, Young Fives is an option to give the "gift of a year" to a child who still needs time to grow and develop skills before entering Kindergarten.



If your child has had good educational experiences outside of a school setting, he/she may do well with a year of Young Fives and then Kindergarten.



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