



Preschool Program Frequently Asked Questions

Is your program public or private?

Sprout Kids Academy is a private child care center however our four-year-old preschool program has joined the Clear Creek Amana School District as a “Community Partner” for the Voluntary Preschool Program (VPP). Community Partners follow the same rules, regulations and guidelines as all other school districts and Community Partners across the state that participate in the state-funded Voluntary Preschool Program.

How old does my child have to be to qualify for the Voluntary Preschool Program?

Your child has to meet the state’s requirement of being four on or before September 15th of the school year your child will attend.

At Sprout we also enroll students who do not meet the state’s age requirement and are seeking another year of preschool before starting kindergarten. These students will receive the same instruction as the VPP students but will pay our standard child care rates as they will not qualify for the state-funded Voluntary Preschool Program grant.

Can my child be in the Voluntary Preschool Program if he/she is three?

At this time, Sprout is not accepting children into the program who are too young to qualify for the state Voluntary Preschool Program. Sprout Kids Academy does have wonderful three-year old classrooms that help our students prepare for the Preschool Program in many developmentally appropriate ways.

Does my child have to live within the boundaries of the Clear Creek Amana School District to qualify for the Voluntary Preschool Program at Sprout?

No, a child does not have to live within the district boundaries.

What are the hours of the Voluntary Preschool Program?

Our preschool program has two Voluntary Preschool sessions/options. Our morning group is called “Caterpillars”. The VPP portion of preschool for Caterpillars meets from 8:15 am - 11:30 am. The afternoon group is called “Butterflies”. Butterflies perform their VPP learning from 12:00 pm - 3:15 pm. Wrap-around learning and care can be provided before and/or after those times for a fee.

What days of the week is the Voluntary Preschool Program in session?

The Voluntary Preschool Program follows the academic calendar of the Clear Creek Amana School District. The VPP meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (no Wednesdays) when the CCA School District is in session.

What curriculums do you use in preschool?

Creative Curriculum (overall/broad); Read-It-Again (Literacy); Jolly Phonics (Literacy); Handwriting Without Tears (Handwriting); Second Step (Social/Emotional); and LEAP (Social/Emotional)

How do I register my child for the Voluntary Preschool Program?

Sprout Preschool Program registration begins with registering through the CCA School District Website. (The Preschool tab can be found under Teaching and Learning) When registering, please select Sprout as your first (and even second) choice for location. After registering, please reach out to us and let us know that you have registered your child and have selected Sprout as your location preference. We will then put you on our internal list. Please reach out to us if you have any difficulty registering your child. We would be more than happy to help!

Is child care/ wrap-around care provided outside of the Voluntary Preschool Program hours?

At Sprout we do offer three choices or levels of care.

VPP (Voluntary Preschool Program) Only:

Care is provided only during the Voluntary Preschool Programs hours. Care follows the CCA School District calendar and is provided only when CCA is in session. (ie: no care during spring break, winter break, etc.)

This choice is no cost to parents.

School Day Only:

Care is provided from 8:15 am - 3:15 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday and 8:15 am - 1:15pm on Wednesdays. Care follows the CCA School District calendar and is provided only when CCA is in session. (ie: no care during spring break, winter break, etc.)

Full-Day Care :

Care is provided any time Sprout Kids Academy is open between the hours of 6:15 am - 6:00 pm. Care IS provided when the Clear Creek Amana School District is not in session. (This includes spring break and winter break, inservice days, etc.)

What does it cost to enroll my child in the Voluntary Preschool Program?

It does not cost anything to enroll your child in the VPP or to be added to the waitlist. Once enrolled, the *VPP (Voluntary Preschool Program) Only* option is free. Pricing for care beyond the VPP hours (*School Day Only or Full-Day Care*) can be found on the rate sheet located on the “Parent Info” tab of the Sprout Kids Academy website. www.sproutkidsacademy.com