



We Are Family

"A Home Away From Home Where We Foster Lifelong Learners!"





LAKWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Early Childhood Program

Lakewood Catholic Academy's Early Childhood Program provides an outstanding opportunity for children ages six weeks to five-years-old to develop the skills necessary to be lifelong learners. We provide an environment that is engaging and nurturing, and fosters the overall development of every child. Our curriculum is age-appropriate and designed to promote growth in all curricular areas, including religion, math, language arts, social studies and science.

LCA's Early Childhood Program utilizes best practices in early childhood education and is inspired by the following principles:

- Children are capable, strong, able to problem-solve and must have some control over the direction of their learning.
- Children learn through experiences of touching, moving, listening, seeing and hearing.
- Children learn through collaborating and forming relationships with one another, and by manipulating materials in their environment, thus providing endless opportunities for expression.

**“We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed,
cherished and protected.”**

– POPE FRANCIS

We utilize Creative Curriculum, Conscious Discipline, and the Loyola Press Religion series to support the development of the whole child. We provide opportunities for cognitive, social-emotional, physical, language and spiritual development. A child's day includes independent and group activities, as well as time for outdoor exploration. External enrichment activities and opportunities for children and parents are planned throughout the year. All of these opportunities create an environment in which children are encouraged to discover their place in the world and develop respect for the people and the world around them. As the children move on to our elementary school, they do so with a love for learning and a firm foundation on which to build further knowledge.

ADMISSION

CURRENT FAMILIES

Those who already have children enrolled at Lakewood Catholic Academy receive first priority for admission.

NEW FAMILIES

Applications are accepted throughout the year and enrollment is on a first come, first served basis for placement.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

We accept children ages six weeks to five years old. Children entering the 2^{1/2} Year-Old Program typically turn two-and-a-half by January 1st. Children entering the Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Programs typically turn three and four, respectively, by September 30th of the year they enter the program.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Being part of a vibrant K-8 elementary school campus, students enrolled in the Early Childhood Program have access to programs and resources not traditionally found at other early childhood or daycare centers.

- Library Storytime for Two-Year-Olds, Preschool and Pre-K Children
- Physical Education Classes for Pre-K Children
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program for Preschool and Pre-K Children
- Music Instruction Through a Partnership with the Beck Center for the Arts for Two-Year-Olds, Preschool and Pre-K Children

VISIT US!

For more information or to arrange a personal tour, contact

Jennifer Berardinelli, Vice President of Early Childhood Learning
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*Inquire today for our Infant, Toddler and Two-Year-Old Programs!
Families are typically on our waiting list for 18-24 months before enrollment in these programs. We encourage you to begin a conversation with us early in your childcare search.*

PROGRAM OPTIONS AND TUITION

PROGRAM	HOURS <i>and</i> SCHEDULE	9-MONTH OPTION <i>(10 monthly payments)</i>	12-MONTH OPTION <i>(12 monthly payments)</i>
Infant / Toddler / 2-Year-Old	7:30 am - 5:30 pm (M-F)	\$1,440	\$1,525
2 ^{1/2} Year-Old*	8:00 - 11:00 am (M & T)	\$250	—
Preschool (3-Year-Old)	7:30 am - 5:30 pm (M-F)	\$1,300	\$1,417
Preschool (3-Year-Old)*	8:00 am - 3:00 pm (W, Th, F)	\$560	—
Preschool (3-Year-Old)*	8:00 am - 12:00 pm (W, Th, F)	\$330	—
Pre-K (4-Year-Old)*	7:30 am - 5:30 pm (M-F)	\$1,300	\$1,417
Pre-K (4-Year-Old)*	8:00 am - 3:00 pm (M-F)	\$820	—
Pre-K (4-Year-Old)*	8:00 am - 3:00 pm (W, Th, F)	\$560	—
Pre-K (4-Year-Old)*	8:00 am - 12:00 pm (M-F)	\$530	—

**Children must be fully toilet trained to enroll in these programs.*

NOTE: The 9-month schedule indicates enrollment between September - May and follows the K-8 academic calendar, which includes school closures on major holidays, one week at Thanksgiving and Easter, and two weeks at Christmas.

Tuition rates are listed with the monthly payment plan option. However, there are a variety of other payment plan options available.

REGISTRATION FEE

- Current LCA Families: \$200 per child, non-refundable
- New Families (Twos, Preschool or Pre-K): \$200 per child, non-refundable
- New Families (Infants or Toddlers): \$1,000 per child, non-refundable

ANNUAL FUND OBLIGATION (in lieu of fundraisers): \$250 per family

FACTS TUITION MANAGEMENT: An administrative fee of \$55 per family applies. Families need not participate in FACTS if tuition is paid in full by July 11th. A 2% tuition discount is offered to families who pay in full by July 11, 2025.