

## **Enrollment Packet 2025-2026**

### **Enrollment Schedule:**

January 10-16: Registration is open for current families (includes younger siblings)

January 17: Parents on our waiting list will be contacted

January 22: Registration opens to the public

Class placements are given on a first come, first serve basis, so get your enrollment forms in quickly to ensure your child gets the schedule you prefer! Please note, enrollment fees are due within one week of us receiving your enrollment form or your spot will be forfeited to the next person on the list.

### **Included in this packet:**

- Basic Information for 2024-2025
  - Hours/Schedule/Class Options
  - Tuition/Fees
  - Extended Day Options
  - School Calendar
- Enrollment form for 2024-2025
- Early-Bird Enrollment Form
- Aftercare Enrollment Form
- Summer Camp Registration

A registration packet will be sent to all enrolled students mid-June. This packet will include the other necessary forms and updated information to begin the 2025-2026 school year in August. All enrolled students will need an updated immunization form on file by the first day of the school year.

### **School Hours/Schedule**

Normal School Hours: 9:00-1:00

Early Bird (open to all ages): 8:00-9:00

Aftercare (open to 3K and 4K only): 1:00-2:30

### **Daily Attendance:**

You will choose your preference for the number of days you would like your child to attend school each week. If you choose 2 or 3 days, you will then mark which schedule you prefer. We will do our best to match to your preference. Preferences will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

#### **2 Day attendance:**

- Open to our babies through 2K. You will number your preferences for days on the enrollment form and we will do our best to give you your first two choices.

#### **3 Day Attendance:**

- Open to our babies through 3K. You can choose between a MWF or a TWTh schedule

#### **5 Day Attendance:**

- Required for our 4K students, but open to all ages.

## **Class Placement**

Children enrolled in the preschool are assigned to classrooms based on their age as of September 1, 2025. For age groups with more than one classroom/teacher option, every effort is made to make the best placement for your child. Age, gender, class size, personality, and staff recommendations are reviewed before teacher placements are made. Specific classroom requests cannot be guaranteed.

We anticipate the following classroom groupings for the 2025-2026 school year.

Babies (Caterpillars) - 6 -12 months

Toddlers (Butterflies) – 12 months – 2 Years

2-year-olds – 2-years-old by September 1

2K – 2.5 years old by September 1

3K - 3 years old by September 1

4K - 4 years old by September 1

PLEASE NOTE: Students entering the 3K and 4K classes must be potty trained by the first day of school!

We understand that accidents happen, and teachers are prepared to deal with those circumstances, but we expect all children in these classes to be mostly independent with their potty skills at the beginning of the school year.

3K and 4K students who are not fully potty trained may be asked to stay at home until potty training has been completed. Reoccurring daily accidents without medical reasoning notated by a doctor's note will necessitate a meeting with the parents to determine the best course of action. If you are concerned about your child's ability to reach this goal by the first of the school year, please reach out to the director to make an enrollment plan.

### **Teacher: Student Ratios:**

It is our main priority to maintain a small teacher to student ratio in our classroom. I believe that is what makes AEDS an exceptional program. A small teacher to student ratio awards children with one-on-one interactions with their teachers, helping them feel nurtured as they navigate school for the first time.

Class ratios are as follows:

Babies - 1:3

Toddlers – 1:4

2K - 1:7

3K - 1:10

4K - 1:10

**Tuition and Fees  
2025-2026**

**Enrollment Fee:**

This fee covers the cost of enrolling your child (admin. costs). Payment of this fee secures your child’s spot for the school year. This fee is due upon enrollment into the program. Once the enrollment form is submitted, you have one week to pay the enrollment fee to secure your child’s spot. Enrollment fees are non-refundable.

**One Child Enrolled: \$200  
Two Children Enrolled: \$350  
Three Children Enrolled: \$500**

**Supply Fee:**

This one-time fee covers basic supplies for your child’s daily attendance. Supplies for cleaning, diapering, and curriculum needs are included in this fee. The supply fee will be posted to your child’s Brightwheel account in June and is due July 1, 2025. Supply fees are non-refundable.

**2 Days Per Week: \$120  
3 Days Per Week: \$150  
4 Days Per Week: \$200**

**Tuition:**

Your child’s tuition is determined by the annual cost of paying our wonderful teachers, as well as other operating costs of the preschool.

Tuition payments may be made in one annual payment, 2 equal payments paid at the beginning and mid-year, or in 10 equal monthly installments.

For families with multiple children enrolled, a \$100 annual discount will be applied to the youngest sibling’s tuition.

Age Group	Annual Tuition (due 8/2/25)	Semester Tuition (due 8/2/25 and 1/2/26)	Monthly Tuition (Due on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of each month, Aug. – May)
<b>Baby-2K -----2 Days</b>	\$2,600	\$1,300	\$260
<b>Baby-2K -----3 Days</b>	\$3,100	\$1,550	\$310
<b>Baby-2K-----5 Days</b>	\$4,400	\$2,200	\$440
<b>3K and 4K-----3 Days</b>	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$300
<b>3K and 4K-----5 days</b>	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$400

**Payment Plans for Tuition:**

**1. Full Payment Plan**

Families may pay tuition **in full by August 2, 2023**

**2. Two-Payment Plan**

Families may pay tuition **in two equal installments due on August 2, 2024 and January 2, 2023.**

**3. Monthly Payment Plan**

Families may pay tuition in 10 equal installments from August 2, 2024 – May 2, 2025.

**Making Payments:**

All fees and tuition can be paid through Brightwheel (current students only) or via check made out to “AEDS.” ALL charges and payments will be entered through the Brightwheel app so that you automatically receive a payment receipt and you have access to a record of your payments.

Brightwheel charges a 2.95% processing fee for payments made with cards. It is only 0.6% with a \$2 max. processing fee for bank draft. Paying by check is always an option as well. You may send a check via your child’s backpack or it can be dropped off at the church office in an envelope labeled “AEDS.”

**Brightwheel accounts will be created for new students by June 15, 2025. Paid enrollment fees will be entered at that time. New families must pay enrollment fees via check.**

**Extended Day Options**

**Early Bird Drop Off**

“Early Birds” is available for all AEDS students. Children will participate in quiet activities with AEDS teachers during this time. Parents can drop their child off any time between **8:00-8:50**.

The enrollment form for Early Birds is included in this packet. If you do not wish to enroll in consistent early drop off, a drop-in option will be available if spots are available. Please indicate if you anticipate using the drop-in option so that we can better gauge the number of staff needed. NOTE: Early birds was very popular this year and we were often full. Consistent spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. I encourage you to send this form in promptly if you anticipate needing this service.

**Schedule/Cost:**

- 2 days per week: \$75/month
- 3 days per week: \$100/month
- 5 days per week: \$150/month
- Drop-In Day: \$20/day

**Aftercare**

Aftercare is a great way for your child to spend extra time playing at school. Aftercare is ideal for our **3K-4K students** and will be offered each day from **1:00-2:30**. The enrollment form for aftercare is included in this packet. If you do not wish to enroll in consistent aftercare, a drop-in option will be available. Please indicate if you anticipate using the drop-in option so that we can better gauge the number of staff needed for aftercare.

Aftercare fees will be included on your child’s monthly tuition statement.

- 1 day a week: \$75per month
- 2 days a week: \$100 per month
- 3 days a week: \$125 per month
- 4 days a week: \$150 per month
- 5 days a week: \$175per month
- Drop-in day: \$25 per day

## **School Year Calendar**

This is a TENTATIVE calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. In general, we follow the Vestavia City Schools calendar in regard to school closures including holidays, in-service days, and inclement weather. A final and updated calendar will be sent home with the June registration packet, but this calendar will give you an idea of the main events and holidays.

### **2025-2026 Calendar**

#### **August:**

8/11-8/12: Teacher Workdays  
8/13: Meet the Teacher Day  
8/14: First Day of School  
8/18: First Day of Extended Day

#### **September:**

9/1: No School - Labor Day

#### **October:**

10/10-10/14: Fall Holiday/No School  
10/31: Halloween Parade  
Halloween Parties

#### **November:**

11/11: Veteran's Day – No School  
11/21: Thanksgiving Feast @ 12:00  
No Aftercare  
11/24-11/28: Thanksgiving Holidays

#### **December:**

12/18: Happy Birthday, Jesus Party  
12/19-1/2: Christmas Holidays

#### **January:**

1/5: School Resumes  
1/19: No School - MLK Day

#### **February:**

2/16 - 2/17: No School  
2/27: 4K Circus

#### **March:**

3/23-3/27: Spring Break

#### **April:**

4/3-4/6: No School: Easter Holiday  
4/16: 3K and 4K Music Program  
4/17: Inclement Weather Day

#### **May:**

5/14: Last Day of School  
4K Graduation (10:30 am)  
No Aftercare  
5/15: Teacher Work Day

