

Berry Patch Registration FAQs

Who should I talk to if I have a question about which class to choose for my child?

- Consider your family's needs, schedules, desires (number of days to attend, finances, other student activities)
- Your child's current teacher is your best resource for a discussion regarding what might be best given their knowledge of your child's stamina, readiness, etc.

How many days are offered for each age group?

- Raspberries (18-23 month olds at Calvary only): 1, 2, or 3 days/week (Friday Only, MW, TTH, MWF or TTHF)
- Huckleberries (24-35 month olds): 1, 2, or 3 days/week (Friday Only, MW, TTH, MWF or TTHF)
- Blueberries (3 year olds): 2 or 3 days/week (MW, TTH, MWF or TTHF)
- Strawberries (4/5 year olds):
 - 3 days/week - T, W TH mornings
 - 4 days/ week - M through TH mornings
 - 5 days/week - M through F mornings
 - Full Day - 9:00 – 3:00 M through TH (Offered at both locations)
 - Full Day plus Friday morning – 9:00 – 3:00 M through TH and 9:00 – 12:00 Fridays (Offered at both locations)

How do you determine where children are placed?

- All children are placed in the appropriate age group/class based on their ages **AS OF SEPTEMBER 1** and they remain in that classroom for the entire school year.

What if I am not sure if I should register my child for Fridays right now?

- Our recommendation would be to register for Fridays now as these spots fill quickly. Should you decide that you do not want the Friday spot, you may drop it before paying September's tuition.

Do the different Pre-K teachers teach different things?

- The Pre-K teachers at both Berry Patch locations work collaboratively in planning the schedules, lessons, skills covered, and activities for the month.
- Every Pre-K classroom will offer all that your child needs academically and socially to be prepared for Kindergarten regardless of the number of days they attend.

What should we register for if we are not sure our child will go to Kindergarten the following year?

- Our recommendation would be to register for a 3 or 4 day option for the upcoming school year leaving a 4, 5 or full day option for the following school year.

Why is September tuition due in March?

- We require a non-refundable payment of September's tuition in the spring so that we are aware of our staffing and physical space needs and have time to plan accordingly for the fall.

When and where should I turn my form in?

- **Current families** may submit registrations to Leadership Team members **BEGINNING Monday, January 7th at 8:30 a.m.** We will be available at the central check in stations at both locations to accept your forms.
- **Returning families** may register by dropping your form off at the main office or mailing it to The Berry Patch, 5300 France Ave, Edina, 55410, Attn: Quay Mitchell **BEGINNING Wednesday, January 16th.**
- **New Family Registration** will be held on **Thursday, January 24th** at the Colonial location. Doors will open at 6:30 a.m. and this on-site/in-person registration will **begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.**

Who do I talk to should I have questions regarding registration?

- Please call or email Quay Mitchell, Assistant Director - Program Administration, with any questions related to the registration process. Q.mitchell@berrypatchschool.com, 952 836-1577.