



Cleveland Heights-University Heights Early Childhood Program Half-Day Program

What is the integrated preschool program?

The Integrated Preschool Program is for children 3-5 years old who require special education programming and for typically developing peers. Typically developing peers help to ensure strong and appropriate peer modeling for children with special needs. The Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District believes that all children benefit greatly from this philosophy. The classes provide a rich play and language-based curriculum that is developmentally appropriate for all children. The program has a strong commitment to helping all children develop social and emotional skills, pre-academic skills, and positive peer relationships. Class sizes are limited to 12 children, and a 1:6 staff to child ratio is maintained at all times. It operates Monday through Thursday from 8:50-11:30 (AM session) and 12:50-3:30 (PM session) and follows the CH-UH School District calendar (days and timings may change).

What is a peer model?

These are children who are 3-5 years old and who demonstrate strengths in areas of social and emotional skills, communication and cognition. Peers must participate in a play-based screening process to become eligible as a peer model.

What are the criteria required for peer model applicants?

- Children must be toilet-trained.
- Children must attend a play-based screener and be recommended as a peer by a district team
- Children must be fluent English speakers.
- Children must be 3 by Sept. 30 to attend the A.M. session or 4 by Sept. 30 to attend the P.M. session.
- Children must be residents of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District.
- Families must be able to provide transportation to and from school.
- Families must agree to bring their children consistently and arrive and depart on time each day.

What is the cost?

The cost is \$106/month per child. Scholarships are available and may cover up to 100% of tuition. For more information about scholarships please contact Danita Smith at D_Smith@chuh.org. Cuyahoga County Childcare Voucher spaces are available for families who qualify.

What do you need to do?

If you are interested in the integrated preschool program, please call the Early Childhood Office at Gearity Professional Development School. A play-based-screening will be scheduled and after the screening, the preschool team will contact you to discuss your child's screening results.

To inquire or apply to the program please contact:



CHUH Early Childhood Department
2323 Wrenford Road
University Heights, Ohio 44118
216-371-7356
www.chuh.org





Cleveland Heights-University Heights Early Childhood Program Full-Day Program

Program Description:

The Gearity Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten is an early childhood program for Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District residents. Gearity houses one Full-Day Preschool class which services children who are 3 by September 30, 2022. Gearity, Oxford and Noble both house Pre-Kindergarten classrooms serving children who are 4 by September 30, 2022. The classes provide a rich play and language based curriculum that is developmentally appropriate for all children. The program has a strong commitment to helping all children develop social and emotional skills, self-respect, positive peer relationships and self-control. The hours of operation are 8:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. Monday through Friday. Class sizes are limited to 16 children, and a 1:8 staff to child ratio is maintained at all times. The programs follow the CH-UH School District calendar.

Highlights:

- 5 Star rated by the state of Ohio
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten grantee
- Licensed and highly-trained teachers
- Community partners include: John Carroll University and CH-UH Libraries
- Curriculum aligned to Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards: Language & Literacy, Social-Emotional Development, Approaches Towards Learning, Cognition-math, science, social studies, Physical Well-being and Motor Development
- Music, Art, Physical Education. Science Lab and Spanish classes
- Curriculum inspired field trips
- Free lunch and snacks (Free breakfast for children attending Extended Day program)
- Gearity: Outdoor Education garden, nature trail, large fenced in playground

Registration:

Registration is available by appointment only. A \$250 deposit is due at the time of registration. Checks made payable to the Department of Early Childhood. \$25.00 is a non-refundable registration fee which is required for all families except those qualifying for scholarships or the ODJFS Child Care Assistance Program. The remaining amount will be put towards your first month's tuition payment.

Children enrolling in Full-Day, whose home school is Noble or Oxford will be registered for their home school unless there are no spaces available. Children whose home school is Boulevard will be registered for Noble or Oxford unless there are no spaces available. No intradistrict transfers will be accepted unless an older sibling already attends that school.

Tuition:

Tuition is \$575/month. Scholarships are available and may cover up to 100% of tuition. For more information about scholarships please contact Danita Smith at D_Smith@chuh.org. Cuyahoga County Childcare Voucher spaces are available for families who qualify.

Further information and appointments for tours and registration may be obtained by contacting:



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Cleveland Heights-University Heights Early Childhood Rates and Payment Information 2022-2023

Deposit Amount

	Rate Per Child	Sibling Rate
Registration Fee	\$25	\$25
Full Day Deposit	\$250	\$200
Half-Day Deposit	\$106	\$91

*The \$25 Registration Fee is not required for families who qualify for tuition assistance or those that utilize the ODJFS Child Care Assistance Program.

Monthly Tuition Rates

	Rate Per Child	Sibling Rate
Full Day Rate	\$575	\$525
Half-Day Rate	\$106	\$91

All tuition payments are due the 5th of each month prior to the month of service (i.e. August 5th payment is for the month of September).

Payments can be in the form of cash or by check. Cash payments **MUST** be made at Gearity Elementary School (2323 Wrenford Road, University Heights, Ohio). Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the address listed above. The office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Credit card payments can **ONLY** be made through Infinite Campus. For directions on how to pay online, please call Danita Smith at (216) 371-7356.

If payment has not been made by the end of the month, your child(ren) will no longer be able to attend the Preschool Program effective the first school day of the following month. **If payments become challenging please reach out to learn about our safety net scholarship before you miss a payment.**

Unpaid Preschool tuition fees will remain on your child's record until such payments are made.

We have two potential scholarship opportunities for families. Through the state's ECE Grant, families may be eligible to receive up to 100% tuition coverage. Information about Ohio's ECE Grant and the sliding scale fee are located on the back of this page.

If Cuyahoga County awards us the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Scholarship, it will reduce tuition up to 50%. Both scholarships can be layered to further reduce tuition.

If you have any questions about our scholarship opportunities please contact Danita Smith at D.Smith@chuh.org or at 216.371.7356.



Cleveland Heights-University Heights Early Childhood Program Grant Guidelines 2022-2023

We are anticipating that the state will be awarding us their Early Childhood Education Grant for the 2022-2023 school year. This grant is available for children who are four years of age by September 30, 2022. However, we do encourage families of our three-year-olds to also apply in the case we are able to extend the grant to those three by September 30th, 2022. Eligibility is based on family size and income. The grant is also available to four-year-old children with an IEP or those living in foster care. Families of children with an IEP or foster children do not need to meet the income guidelines to qualify, but children cannot be Kindergarten eligible.

The Eligibility Screening Tool must be completed along with supporting documentation.

Half-Day Program				Full-Day Program			
Number in Family	\$0	\$65	\$90	Number in Family	\$0	\$130	\$180
2	\$18,310	\$27,465	\$36,620	2	\$18,310	\$27,465	\$36,620
3	\$23,030	\$34,545	\$46,060	3	\$23,030	\$34,545	\$46,060
4	\$27,750	\$41,625	\$55,500	4	\$27,750	\$41,625	\$55,500
5	\$32,470	\$48,705	\$64,940	5	\$32,470	\$48,705	\$64,940
6	\$37,190	\$55,785	\$74,380	6	\$37,190	\$55,785	\$74,380
7	\$41,910	\$62,865	\$83,820	7	\$41,910	\$62,865	\$83,820
8	\$46,630	\$69,945	\$93,260	8	\$46,630	\$69,945	\$93,260

Income verification is required for parents, step-parents and grandparents living in the home

The following will be accepted for verification of income:

- Earnings/Wages/Salary: Two consecutive weeks of pay stubs within the last 30 days
- Payments (AFDC, ADC, GA): Letter from welfare agency
- Child Support/Alimony: Court decree, agreement or copies of checks received
- Tax records: 1040 or 1040A annual tax report
- Disability or Workers Compensation: Copy of the disability award letter or check stub
- County Child Care Assistance Letter: Current award letter

*If you are currently a full-time student, your student loan documents and class schedule can be used in lieu of income verification.

*If you currently have no income please speak with Danita Smith and she will be able to assist you with the application process.