



Good Shepherd Catholic School PreK4 Program Options 2019-2020

Good Shepherd Catholic School is happy to offer two PreK4 options:

- 1) VPK Only - state-funded, tuition free program from 7:50-11:05a.m.
- 2) Full-Day - from 7:50a.m.-3:05p.m. (2:15pm on Wednesdays; includes state-funded VPK program)

*** For information and to complete the Florida VPK application visit the VPK website ***

<https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com>

PreK4 Program Requirements & Needed Information & Documents:

- Child must be 4 on or before September 1, 2019
- Child must be fully potty trained (NO pull ups)
- Child will wear GSCS uniforms
- GSCS application submitted online
- Birth Certificate must accompany application
- VPK Certificate of Eligibility voucher (see Florida VPK flyer for details)
- Baptismal Certificate, if the child is baptized Catholic, must accompany application
- Physical and Immunizations health forms must accompany application

Option 1: VPK Only Program

- All classrooms have a Teacher and Teacher's Assistant, based on student-teacher ratio.
- The VPK only program is August through May, 7:50-11:05a.m.
- The program allows for 540 hours of instructions for a school year which averages out to be approximately three hours per day.
- There is an attendance requirement for the VPK program.
- There is a fee for late pick-up, after 11:15a.m.
- No tuition, enrollment fee or additional fees required for use of the VPK only program.
- VPK only program participants are required to wear GSCS uniforms (which are NOT provided by the school).
- Students are expected to bring a water bottle and a healthy snack daily.

Option 2: Full-Day Program

- All classrooms have a Teacher and Teacher's Assistant, based on student-teacher ratio.
- Full-Day program is August through May, 7:50a.m. to 3:05p.m. (2:15pm on Wednesdays)
- The Full-Day program includes enrichment classes: Music, Physical Education, Media (Library), Computer and Spanish.
- Students are expected to bring lunch, a water bottle and a healthy snack daily.
- Daily naptime is part of the schedule.
- There is an attendance requirement due to the VPK portion of the program.
- Full-Day Tuition Rate: \$6,720 or \$611.00 (11 month schedule) or \$672 (10 months).
- Annual Enrollment Fee of \$200.00 (per student).
- Extended Care will be available at an additional cost (see Extended Care separate flyer with all hours and costs, or refer to Extended Care information on the school website).
- Tuition is paid through the FACTS program annually or monthly on the 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th of each month, July through May. There is a \$38.00 annual administration fee charged by the FACTS program.
- PreK4 costs qualify as Child Care Credit.
- There are no tuition discounts available for PreK4 tuition, other than the state-funded VPK program as shown below.
- A reduction in the full-day tuition* fee will be made for families participating in state-funded VPK program (see below).

*Full Day Tuition less VPK payment

\$6,720.00	PreK4 Tuition
<u>-(2,440.00)</u>	VPK state-funded portion - ESTIMATED 2019-2020 amount
\$4,280.00	(\$389/11 months** or \$428.00/10 months**)

Both PreK4 Program Highlights:

- Programs follow the highly regarded Frog Street Press PreK curriculum.
- Programs run concurrently with the school calendar. This includes vacations, and holidays. A detailed school calendar is published on the website at: www.goodshepherd.org under *Parent Center*, then *Calendars*.
- All teachers are fully state certified with DCF clearance and VPK credentials.
- Parents, Teachers, and School Administration work together to form a positive partnership in a Catholic environment.

** 11 months = July - May; 10 months = August - May