Tuition Based Preschool
(10-Hour Full Day)

Billing and Tuition FAQs

**What is the cost of tuition?**
Tuition for the 2015-2016 school year is $12,765. The deposit is $670 and will be credited to the annual tuition after a placement has been offered.

**Who manages tuition collection?**
The SMART Tuition Management System is responsible for the monthly collection of tuition payments. Tuition payments may be paid by check, money order or automatic checking account deduction. Online credit and debit options, as well as making payments at 7-11, are also available; however, a small fee is charged for using these options. SMART Tuition Management also charges a one-time processing fee of $45 for using their system.

**How do I set up a payment plan for tuition?**
Once you accept a slot for your child in the program you will be contacted by mail from SMART Tuition. At that time you will have the opportunity to select your method of payment.

**When is the tuition payment due?**
Tuition is due on the 20th of each month, billed from August through May. If payment has not been received by the 25th of each month, a $100 late fee will be charged to your account. Please note the program is entirely funded by the collection of tuition. This includes teacher and teacher assistant salaries, benefits, as well as equipment and supplies.

The Tuition Based Preschool program does not receive funds from Chicago Public Schools (CPS), the city of Chicago, or the state of Illinois; therefore, timely tuition payments are critical for the successful operation of the program.

If a monthly tuition payment becomes overdue and it is not paid in full by the last day of the upcoming month, your child will be removed from the program and his/her slot will be immediately filled with another child. For example, your child will be removed from the program if the August 20th payment has not been received by September 30th.
Do you offer financial aid?
No, financial aid is not available.

Are there any tuition discounts?
Yes, there is a 5% family discount for paying in full at the beginning of the school year and a 5% family discount for having more than one child in the tuition based preschool program.

The tuition for children entering as three-year-olds and returning as four-year-olds will remain the same.

Who do I contact for more information about the program?
If you need additional information regarding the Tuition Based Preschool program, contact Pat McCaughey at 773-553-1123 or email pamccaughey@cps.edu.