Early Education FAQ

What are the locations/schedules for early education programs?

Hours of operation:

➢ **Regular Program**: 7:00 am-4:30 pm unless otherwise noted.
➢ **Extended Day**: 4:30-6:30 unless otherwise noted

**North:**

➢ *Austin Achieve Public Schools, 5908 Manor Rd, 78723* (Hours: 6:45 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. *)

**Central:**

➢ *Austin High School, 1715 W Cesar Chavez St., 78703*
➢ *Blackshear Elementary, 1712 E. 11th St., 78702*
➢ *Little Angels, 55 N. Interstate 35, 78702*

**East:**

➢ *KIPP Austin Ridge, 8509 FM 969, 78724* (Hours: 6:45 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. *)

**South:**

➢ *Blazer Elementary 8601, Vertex Blvd., 78744*
➢ *KIPP Paseo, 6800 Metropolis Dr., 78744* (Hours: 6:45 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. *)

How can I schedule a tour?

Please contact us at eacy@austinymca.org or by phone at 512-236-9622. Our Customer Service Coordinator will assist you in contacting the Early Education Program Director for a visit.

How do I register for all-day care for my infant or toddler/preschooler?

1. You may register by visiting our website at [www.eacymca.org](http://www.eacymca.org) and clicking on the **EZChildtrack Parent Portal** link located on our homepage. Follow the prompts to complete the application.
2. Choose the program based on your location needs.

Expecting mothers may not have information to complete the required fields such as date of birth, sex of child, etc. Please fill out these fields as best as possible and we can update the information once you have it. Date of birth cannot be a future date. Please ask for our step-by-step registration guide if you need additional assistance to applying online.

What if my child was placed on a waitlist?

Registration fees and deposits are not paid until space becomes available. You will be contacted by phone and e-mail when a space becomes available. The waiting list is approved in the following priority order: 1) current children and their siblings; 2) employees working on-site; 3) district employees from their campus’ vertical team; and 4) children in the community.

If your child has not been born or if you’re still on maternity leave at the time when space becomes available, then you will be given the option to choose from one of the following:

• Reserve the spot by paying the monthly fee until you can place your child; or
• Remain on the waiting list until another opening is available.

**Does my rate change as soon as my child ages out of the infant/toddler group?**
Your newly turned toddler will remain at the infant pricing until we can accommodate your child in a toddler group. If there is space in a toddler group when your child turns two, then the monthly rate will change to toddler pricing. Toddlers turning 3 will automatically receive the preschool pricing effective their birth month.
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What documents are needed before childcare begins?
Current **validated immunization records** or a **vaccine affidavit** and a **health statement** are required by childcare licensing before childcare services begin. Most doctors can provide a health statement; however, we can email you a template that your doctor can sign, if needed. If your child is 4 years or older, we will also need records of their hearing and vision results.

**Note:** Start of care will be delayed until all required documents are received at the EAC Y business office.

What items do I need to bring for my child?
**Infants:** pacifiers, fitted pack n play yard sheets, 3 complete change of clothes (including socks), bottles with pre-measured water (if formula), sippy cups, large bag of diapers, diaper rash crème, food (cereal, jars of food, etc.), burp cloths, and bibs. **All items must be labeled.** EAC Y will provide wipes.

**Note:** A $20 purchase fee will apply when a parent does not provide clean, fitted, pack n play yard sheets.

**Preschool:** diapers/pull-ups, extra clothing (especially when potty training), a small (non-bulky) nap/rest blanket, a non-microwaveable lunch and sippy cups. **All items must be labeled.** EACY will provide a waterproof mat, wipes and a nutritious morning and afternoon snack.

How much does the program cost?
- Prices shown are effective August 2023.
- Infant Program: $200 non-refundable registration fee and a $75 supply fee will be due at the time you electronically submit your application. An additional $75 supply fee will be billed in January.
- Preschool Program: $200 non-refundable registration fee plus a $75 supply fee will be due at the time you electronically submit your application. An additional supply fee will be billed in January.

**Monthly tuition:**
- Infants (6wks-23 months) is $1255.00
- Toddler (age 24 mos.-35 mos.) is $1155.00
- Preschool (3-5 years) is $1055.00
- Extended Day Fee is $175
- Kipp Schools PK3 Program (For PK3 Students at Kipp Paseo and Kipp Ridge Only):
  - Morning Program (7:15-11:45 a.m.): $447.00
  - Afternoon Program (10:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.): $447.00
  - Afterschool Program (3:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.): $263.00

Does EAC Y offer financial assistance/scholarships/discounts for multiple children/teacher discounts?
EAC Y does not provide discounts for multiple children or a teacher discount. We do offer financial assistance and our customer service team can guide you through that application process. Please contact us at **eacy@austinymca.org** or by phone at 512-236-9622. Our Customer Service Coordinator will assist you with information about financial assistance.
Does my registration expire?
Families will register for the following school year in March of the current year. You will be required to re-register your child to secure a space for the following school year. Priority registration will be offered to families currently enrolled.

If your child is waitlisted for the current school year, you will be required to re-register for the following school year. You will receive an e-mail notifying you of the date registration will open.