



THE SCHOOLHOUSE

Preschool: Admissions Process and Financial Aid

The admissions process for the preschool program involves the following steps:

- Arrange an hour-long parent/child visit to learn about the program, observe the classrooms, and see the school.
- Submit initial application (including a \$20 non-refundable fee) to indicate your desire to enroll your child in the program.
- A child transitioning from another program should submit their teacher/director's name and contact information and give permission to discuss the child's development with him/her.
- Upon acceptance to Story Time at The Schoolhouse, submit the enrollment contract, and a non-refundable deposit (**\$250 for 2.5 days or more; \$125 for fewer than 2.5 days per week**). Contract and deposit guarantees enrollment.
- Contract and deposit must be returned within 10 days of acceptance to ensure enrollment.
- If, after reviewing your application (including the non-refundable application fee), your child is accepted to Story Time, but the program is full, you may request to be on the waitlist and will receive information about being on the waitlist.
- 30 days prior to your start date, you must complete the registration packet.



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FAQ for Story Time Admission

What if my child is younger than 2 and I want to secure enrollment upon their 2nd birthday or for a specific date in the future?

- Option 1: You can pay full tuition to hold an open space for your child until his or her start date.
- Option 2: Keep your name on the waitlist. You will be contacted when a space is available and can take steps to secure that space (see Option 1).

Is there a time when more spaces tend to open up?

Typically spaces tend to open up between June 15 and July 1st and the beginning of September.

Is there financial aid or other ways to find outside financial support to attend Story Time?

- Child Care Financial Assistance Program (a.k.a. child care subsidy): Contact Child Care Resources to learn about this program (www.childcareresource.org or 863-3367)
- Act 62: The State of Vermont provides funding for pre-kindergarten education for 3-5 year olds. Contact your local school district for an application or see Liz Shayne. Note: the funding level and system for its distribution under Act 62 varies by school district.
- When the above options are not available or are inadequate, The Schoolhouse offers financial assistance on a case by case basis.