



About our Preschool

- We believe all children learn through play and hands-on experiences. Our classrooms, daily schedules, activities, materials, and behavior strategies all reflect an understanding and appreciation for each *individual child*.
- Our small class sizes and low student-teacher ratio (8:1 child to adult) allows teachers to respond to the individual needs of your child.
- We incorporate principles of Creative Curriculum (www.creativecurriculum.com) in our classes.
- We have a highly qualified teaching staff—all of our preschool teachers have Master’s degrees. All of our teaching staff have completed CPR & First Aid and child abuse awareness training. Our teachers receive continuing education throughout the year and their careers.
- Music and art are an integral part of our daily classroom routines. Our music director teaches music each week in our large and bright music room. In addition, our classroom teachers take turns developing art projects which focus on a common theme each month.
- We believe in fitness and provide Physical Education with a full time P.E. teacher 2 -3 days per week.
- We offer a setting designed specifically for children including a full-sized gym (with a 40-foot rock climbing wall) and a large natural playground space. Children are actively involved in our organic garden and care for our chickens and goats.
- Communication is a core value. We weave listening and spoken language development into every day. Our preschool provides many opportunities for open-ended discussion, critical thinking, problem solving and cognitive skills development, all with a focus on social and emotional learning.
- Children who are deaf and children with typical hearing are all part of a shared classroom community, learning from each other as well as their teachers. With years of experience, we have learned that this increases empathy and emotional intelligence in all our students.
- We offer Extended Care in the mornings (from 7:30 AM until class begins) and afternoons (from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM) on a monthly or hourly basis.
- Families also have access to free hearing, speech and vision screenings.
- We are a family-oriented school that was started by a group of parents in 1947. To this day, Tucker Maxon remains a community of families who offer each other support and encouragement.

More about our preschool program...

We think Mr. Rogers said it best when he said “play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.” That is why we have chosen to incorporate principles of Creative Curriculum into our classes. Our classrooms, daily schedules, activities and materials all reflect an understanding of child development and an appreciation for each *individual* child and their unique needs. Our learning environment is designed to help children acquire the social and emotional intelligence and skills they need to succeed as creative, caring lifelong learners.

With the current trend of focusing on test scores, there is a danger that too much focus will be put on academics, while ignoring aspects of development that are equally, if not more, important for achieving positive and long lasting results with young children. Through their daily experiences, our children develop social and emotional intelligence, cognitive skills, physical fitness, communication, language and academics, preparing them for a successful transition to kindergarten.

With hands-on experiences and play, our teachers guide student interest and learning in a variety of areas including literacy, math, science, social studies, and the arts. There are daily opportunities for open-ended discussion, critical thinking, problem solving and cognitive skills development. On any given day you can peek into a classroom and see children who are taking apart a broken toaster, painting at an easel, playing a game with a friend, reading quietly in a book nook, building with blocks, “writing” a note at the writing table, looking out the window with binoculars and filling containers with water. What might look like “just play” is actually children being encouraged to experiment, explore and pursue their own interests. They do this by making choices, expressing themselves, taking risks, working independently, cooperating in groups, sharing their ideas, and taking responsibility for themselves.

Guest speakers and field trips are also an important part of learning. We invite guests into the classroom to share their knowledge with us as well as venture out into our community for new and enjoyable experiences. Field trips vary year to year, depending on the interests of the class and topics being explored.



ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR CHILDREN WITH TYPICAL HEARING

1. **Come visit our campus and meet with our staff.** Nothing replaces a visit to be able to understand who we are and what we do at Tucker Maxon School. Prospective students are required to visit. Please review the information in this packet and on our website, then call 503-235-6551 to schedule a visit by you, your child, and your family. Everyone is welcome!
2. **Apply for admission.** Once you have decided to apply for admissions at Tucker Maxon, you need to submit an application and some additional information including:
 - An Intent to Enroll form and a \$100 registration fee. The registration fee will be refunded if admission is not offered. The registration fee will not be refunded if admission is offered.
 - Current statement of eligibility for special education, if applicable
 - Any other school or medical records that should be considered
3. **Wait for admissions decision.** Our staff will review your child's application and you will receive a letter with our decision as quickly as possible. Please note that we need to meet your child and receive all requested records before we can offer admission *For all new students, the first two weeks are a trial period to determine if the class and/or Tucker Maxon is the appropriate placement for your child.*
4. **Once accepted, keep an eye out for more information in the mail.**
 - In July, you will receive information about tuition payment options. Your initial tuition payment or signed enrollment contract will confirm your enrollment.
 - In August, you will receive a registration packet with class assignments and other information on the upcoming year. The registration paperwork must be completed and returned to the school office by the first day of school. A completed Health, Emergency and Authorization form must be completed before your child may attend class.

Thank you for choosing Tucker Maxon School!



INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH TYPICAL HEARING 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Preschool	Elementary (K-5)
8:30 am-2:30 pm daily	8:15 am-2:45 pm daily
\$7,900/year	\$7,150/year

Tuition can be paid in full for the year or monthly through ACH (automatic payment) over 10 months.

Monthly and Annual Tuition Options

Payment options include:

- Pay full annual tuition no later than September 1 by check and receive a 2% discount.
- Auto-pay tuition monthly through secure ACH set up no later than September 1 at no cost to you.
- Pay monthly by check or credit card by the 1st of each month with an added 3% admin fee.
- Late fees of \$30 apply after the 10th day of each month.

Sibling Discount Program

When siblings enroll at Tucker Maxon, additional children in the same family with typical hearing receive a discount of 10% on their tuition.

Enrollment

Families new and returning must submit an Intent to Enroll form and a non-refundable \$100 registration fee for each child. This fee reserves your child's place in their class and will not be applied to tuition. Information on back to school supply lists, book and insurance fees will be distributed by mail in July each year.

For all new students, the first two weeks are a trial period to determine if the class and/or if Tucker Maxon is the appropriate placement for your child.

Extended Care Program

Our optional Extended Care program offers childcare before and after school for our students. Morning care starts at 7:30 am and runs until school begins. After school care begins at 2:30 pm and ends at 5:30 pm. For families with a regular schedule, our prepaid plans offer a discounted rate of less than \$7 per hour (mornings \$135/mo., afternoons \$400/mo., or both/full-day \$500/mo.) Extended Care is also available on an hourly basis for \$9 per hour. Additional information will be included in the registration packet.

Referral Program

If an enrolled family refers another family, the referring family will receive **\$250 off of one month's tuition** after the new student has attended for 30 days. The referred family must enroll and pay tuition.



INTENT TO ENROLL
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
NEW STUDENT

Please submit one form per child.

My signature below signifies my intent to enroll _____ in _____
(Child's First & Last Name) (Elementary grade or Preschool)

at Tucker Maxon School for the 2016-2017 school year. I am including a \$100 non-refundable registration fee to reserve a place for my child.

I understand that this is not a contract my family will be held to but it will help the school plan its budget and staffing for next year. My child's placement is not guaranteed until s/he has been accepted and tuition arrangements have been made. Tuition or ACH payment form is due no later than September 1, 2016. The first two weeks for all new students will be considered a trial period to determine if Tucker Maxon is the appropriate placement for my child.

Parent/Guardian (please print): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Child's birth date: _____ Current age: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Do you anticipate your child will be in TMS's Extended Care program (before or after school) YES NO
(Elementary and Preschool students ONLY)

Tucker Maxon admits students on a rolling basis and classes fill up quickly. To reserve a space for your child, please return this form along with your \$100 registration fee to the school office as soon as possible.

Please note that the registration fee does not apply toward tuition.