The Center For The Development of Children
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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to provide you with the 2027-2028 application for The Center for the Development of Children. (CDC).

CDC offers a long history of over 39 years in early childhood education.

The CDC has been an award winning preschool in the local community of Dover for over 39 years, serving families of Dover and all surrounding towns. We support children ages 2 - 5 years of age, which allows us to support the growth of your child and their siblings.

Our program is proud to have many dedicated teachers who have been part of the CDC family for over 30 years. Their experience, commitment, and passion for early childhood education are an integral part of what makes our school so special.

Our play based curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Preschool Learning Guidelines and provides a well-rounded educational experience across key learning areas, including social studies, language arts, mathematics, and science.

The CDC takes great pride in our dedicated, experienced staff, flexible scheduling options, and commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education. These strengths allow us to create a nurturing, enriching environment where every child is supported in learning, growing, and thriving.

We appreciate that you have a choice in your children's education and care and thank you for choosing CDC.

The CDC is a private, not-for-profit preschool that was intentionally restructured 16 years ago to ensure that all profits are reinvested directly into our program. This approach allows us to continually enhance the educational experience for our students while supporting the needs of our teachers and staff.
Our school is guided by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors, who provide valuable oversight, assist with business planning, and help ensure the long-term success and sustainability of our program.

Tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year core hours are as follows:

Due to the rising costs of operating the preschool, including increased staffing and overall expenses, the Board of Directors has approved a tuition increase of **8% for the Puppy Class and 9% for the preschool classrooms.**

We have not increased tuition in the past three years and remain committed to keeping tuition as affordable as possible for our families. Any adjustments are made only when necessary to ensure we can continue providing a high-quality educational experience for our children.

We have also carefully reviewed tuition rates at other preschools in the area to ensure our rates remain competitive. With these adjustments, our tuition will continue to fall within the local range, neither the lowest nor the highest among area preschools.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to maintain the quality of care, education, and experiences that our families have come to expect from our program.

Please note we have a 2-day minimum commitment for 2 year olds and a 3 day minimum commitment requirement for 3 year olds.

For our core hours, we have staggered drop off (8:20,8:30,8:40) and pick up (12:20,12:30,12:40) times by last name.

	Under 3 years old as of Sept 1	3 and Older as of Sept 1
	Puppy room	Panda/Puffin/Penguin rooms
	19.50 per hour	$18.00 per hour
2 Days	$585/month	N/A
3 Days	$877.50/month	$810/month
4 Days	$1170/month	$1080/month
5 Days	$1462.50/month	$1350/month

Families who require care beyond the core program hours may take advantage of our early morning and extended-day options. Additional hours will be billed at the applicable hourly rate and incorporated into your child's monthly tuition. Please contact the Director for a personalized quote based on your family's scheduling needs.

To help accommodate the varying needs of our families, the CDC offers the flexibility to add extra hours or days to your child's schedule on an as-needed basis. Additional time is subject to availability and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, with approval from the Director required in advance.

Additional hours or days will be charged at the applicable hourly rate and invoiced each time the service is used.

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Please complete the Application. Note Dates and Fees Below.
Please Remit Any Applicable Application Fees by November 6, 2026.

A non-refundable application fee of **$50 for new families** and **$25 for new siblings of current students** is required at the time of application. If we are unable to offer placement immediately, this fee will keep your child on our waitlist. There is no registration fee for currently enrolled students re-enrolling for the upcoming school year.

All applications from current families received by **November 6, 2026**, will be reviewed together. Families who meet this deadline will receive priority consideration for their requested schedule choices.
If your application is submitted by November 6, you can expect to hear from the CDC by **November 16, 2026**, regarding the status of your application. Once your enrollment is confirmed, you will receive a confirmation letter outlining your child's placement and projected monthly tuition.
Please do not include any tuition payments with your application. Only the applicable application fee should be submitted at this time.

Upon receiving your confirmation letter, please sign and return it along with payment for one month's tuition, which will be invoiced through Brightwheel. This payment will serve as a **non-refundable deposit** and will be applied toward your child's last month tuition payment.

Please note that if you choose to withdraw your child from the CDC early, this non-refundable deposit will not be returned to you.

We appreciate your continued support of CDC and thank you for allowing us to care for and educate your children. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Warm Regards,

Sandy Blinn, Program Director
Ashley Salmon, Director
Chris Kent, Director
Kristen Giordano, Chairman of the Board