



Bluebird Montessori Program

Aspect	Traditional Preschool	Bluebird Authentic Montessori
Educational Philosophy	Teacher-directed, focuses on group learning and standardized curriculum	Child-centered, focuses on individual learning and development
Focus on Independence	Less emphasis on independence, more on following instructions	Strong emphasis on independence, self-care, and responsibility
Role of the Teacher	Mainly group instruction	Teachers work one-on-one with children to ensure they fully grasp tasks and activities.
Curriculum Structure	Structured, separate subjects, teacher-directed activities	Montessori-specific areas of exploration, designed to teach specific concepts and encourage exploration.
Learning Environment	General classroom setup with standard educational toys and materials	Prepared environment with specific Montessori materials that promote hands-on learning
Classroom Activities	The teacher is in charge of lessons and same-age grouping.	Bluebird has two classrooms for each age group: 0-1, 1-2, 2-3, and a preschool room for 3-5-year-olds. In the mixed-age environment, older children share their knowledge with younger children, enhancing learning through positive exchanges.
Enrichment Activities	Scheduled separately, may include arts, sports, etc.	Bluebird offers a range of enrichment programs including Spanish, Geography, Happy Feet, and the Exploring Our World program with field trips to explore Overland Park and in-school guest speakers.
Student Assessment	Periodic tests and summative assessments	Our teachers are trained to observe and support each individual child, ensuring they feel seen, heard, and appreciated for their unique strengths and challenges.
Parental Involvement	Varies, often includes scheduled conferences and updates	High level of involvement and communication, fostering a strong school community.
Overall Goal	Academic readiness and social skills development	Develop the whole child (cognitive, emotional, social, physical) to foster lifelong learning, adaptability, and connection to their community.



Tuition Rates for July 2024-July 2026

Full time:

0-1 years old = \$1990/month.

1-2 years old = \$1,850/month.

2-3 years old = \$1600/month.

3-5 years old = \$1,360/month.

Drop-In Care:

\$90/day as needed, all ages up to 5 years old.

Late Fee:

\$10 for every 5 minutes of care after regular school closing time.

Deposit:

\$300 – due with signed enrollment contract.

Monthly fee to hold an open spot:

\$400/month.

Sibling Discount:

10% off of oldest child's rate.

*We do not offer care for children older than 5 years old or part-time care.