

**Families Together
Cooperative Nursery School**
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PLEASE VISIT US!

Open Houses

Bring your child and explore the classroom, interact with teachers, and talk with current parents and board members.

Admissions Coffees

Discuss play-based learning with our director and observe a class. Space is limited and reservations are required. Adults only, please.

Call us or check our website for dates and times.
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We provide a
**child-centered,
play-oriented
experience**
for preschool children

Who We Are

Families Together Cooperative Nursery School is made up of parents and teachers committed to creating a child-centered, play-oriented, developmentally appropriate environment for young children. We were founded nearly 40 years ago by parents with a deep desire to be active in their children's first school experience. Our collaborative community is at the heart of our school.



A Child-Centered Approach

Children at Families Together help guide their education. Our play-based curriculum is built around each child's emerging interests and unique needs. Our teachers work to instill self-esteem and a lifelong love of learning.

Why a Co-Op?

A co-op involves an active educational partnership between teachers, parents and children. Parent participation fosters a strong community and enhances the learning environment. It also helps keep tuition more affordable.

Parent and Family Involvement

Each family participates in our co-op by:

- volunteering in the classroom as an assistant to the teachers;
- serving on a support committee;
- participating in school fundraising efforts.

Parents also are given an opportunity to join our board of directors.

The Admissions Process

All applicants are required to attend an Admissions Coffee prior to submitting an application. Admission is by general lottery, with priority to returning students and siblings. For more information on admissions, please visit www.ftcns.org.

Sliding Scale Tuition

We are committed to being financially accessible to all families. Each family pays according to their annual household income. Limited financial aid is available.

Families Together is licensed by DCFS and is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



Our Programs

All Families Together programs emphasize the development of social, intellectual, language, creative and physical skills while meeting the child's emotional needs in a safe, inclusive environment. Our teachers embrace play as a mechanism for development. The children's natural curiosity and sense of wonder guide the learning process.

Young 3s Program

3 years of age between September 2 and January 1 of the school year
2 mornings per week

Nursery School Program (two classes)

3 years of age by September 1 of the school year
3 mornings per week

Mixed Age Program

3 or 4 years of age by September 1 of the school year
3 or 4 afternoons per week

Pre-Kindergarten Program

4 years of age by September 1 of the school year
4 afternoons per week



Our classes are led by two teachers and at least one parent assistant. The school year is September through early June. All children must be toilet trained.



For more information, please visit us at www.ftcns.org.