

TK/KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2022-2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in our child care services at the Cipriani, Redwood Shores, and or Nesbit School sites. We also serve Kindergarten children who attend Fox and Central Schools at our off-site location, Footsteps@Barrett, a program in partnership with the City of Belmont.

Footsteps Child Care, Inc. is a parent organized, not-for-profit Corporation operating on-site at Cipriani School, Nesbit School, in Belmont and Redwood Shores Elementary School in Redwood Shores. We have been in operation since 1994. We also operate full day preschool programs at three locations, two also serving infants and toddlers.

Our **mission** is to provide infants, children, youth, and their families quality programs in a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment, through caring and professional staff and family involvement. The program provides children with opportunities to learn and develop new skills through a variety of play experiences and includes free choice activities, homework assistance, healthy snacks, science, arts and crafts, music, movement, non-competitive games, sports, neighborhood outings, field trips, and activity clubs. The curriculum includes a variety of both group and individual activities, structured and non-structured, specific to age level and ability.

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I enroll my child for child care for the school year 2022-2023?

When you receive confirmation that your child is enrolled at a BRSSD school that Footsteps serves, you can submit your enrollment to Footsteps. Enrollment often fills quickly with at waitlist, so please enroll as soon as you have confirmation. Siblings of current Footsteps families receive first priority.

What types of schedules are available?

- **Cipriani-Nesbit-Shores Locations:** We offer three scheduling choices for our on-site locations. Before school care opens at 7:00 AM and we walk your child to their classroom when school begins and pick the children up directly from their classroom at dismissal time. You can choose before school care (Session One), after kindergarten care until 3:00 PM (Session Two), and/or afterschool care until 6:15 PM (Session Three), or a combination of the three schedules. We also offer a three-day per week and a five-day per week choice.
- **Barrett Location:** We offer before school care for Fox and Central schools at Barrett Community Center. We open at 7:00AM and transport your child to either Fox or Central before school begins. We pick up your child after Kindergarten dismissal at Fox and Central Schools and transport them to the Barrett Community Center. We only offer one afternoon schedule at Footsteps@Barrett, a five day a week schedule, from school dismissal until 6:15 PM. We will not offer care for TK students. You can choose before school or after school only or a combination of the two.

What are the costs?

2022-2023 rates and enrollment forms for each schedule and site will be posted on our website when available, www.footstepschildcare.org. Please look at this year's rates and assume there will be an increase. We offer a 5% per child sibling discount for any sibling enrolled in a Footsteps Child Care program. We offer limited fee subsidies for families who qualify and cannot afford the full tuition.

What if I only need child care occasionally?

Depending on COVID restrictions and space availability, you may enroll your child as a “drop-in” and use our program on an as-needed basis, providing we have space available that day. There is a drop-in rate, with a two hour minimum enrollment.

What about lunch?

The TK children eat lunch with us at child care. You may send a lunch or order hot lunch through the school. The school hot lunch program continues to be at no cost to families. Both TK and Kindergarteners have lunch in our program on Wednesdays. We provide daily afternoon snacks for those who stay beyond 3:00 PM. We have received the gold level Healthy Apple Award because we provide healthy nutritious snacks and ample physical activities.

What do we do when school is closed for holidays and breaks?

Most schools breaks are included in the monthly tuition for those who enroll five days per week for after-school care until 6:15. If spaces are available, it will be offered to part-time enrollees for an additional fee. We will close our programs the majority of federal holidays and for one week between Christmas and New Year.

Can my child start the summer before they enter TK/Kindergarten?

Yes, your child is welcome to attend our summer camps. This is a great way for the staff and children to become acquainted before the school year. Our summer camps will be posted on our website by the end of January. You can enroll your child on a weekly basis. Please note that Camp Footsteps is the only camp that accepts TK children.


What are your admissions policies?

We are non-discriminatory in admission, giving equal access to services without regard to race, religion, place of national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental or physical ability. A parent or guardian is required to visit the site for an orientation before their child attends. We will make every effort to include children with special needs in our programs. Children who have special needs are considered for admission on an individual basis. The Site Director will meet with the parent or guardian before enrollment to determine if the program is the best environment for the child. Upon enrollment, staff and parents will continue to meet regularly to monitor the child’s progress and discuss how best to support the child. It is sometimes necessary to redirect children and their families, especially if we do not have facilities or staff to work with the child’s needs. In these cases, the Site Director and the child’s parent or guardian will decide if the center can properly meet the needs of the child.

Are your programs licensed and what is your adult to child ratios?

Our child to adult ratio is approximately 10:1 or less, which far exceeds licensing requirements of 14:1; and our staff meets all requirements of the Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing. Our Footsteps@Cipriani Site license # is 410518969, our Footsteps@Nesbit Site License # is 414001160, and our Footsteps@Shores Site license # is 414002640. Footsteps@Barrett is a registered California Spanish Heritage School and is therefore exempt from licensure; our adult to child ratio is approximately 10:1.

Thank you for your interest in our programs. We hope we can provide care for your family. If you have other questions, please contact our Administrative Office. My email is karen.haas-foletta@footstepscildcare.org.



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