



TK/KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2024-2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in our child care services at the Cipriani, Redwood Shores, and Nesbit School sites. We also serve Kindergarten children who attend Central School 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 onsite 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 2024-2025?

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 a 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 onsite locations and the option for five-day or three-day per schedules
 - Session One: 7:00 AM – School Begins, TK/Kindergarten are walked to classroom
 - Session Two: School Dismissal – 3:00 PM, TK/Kindergarten are picked up from their classroom
 - Session Three: School Dismissal – 6:15 PM, TK/Kindergarten are picked up from their classroom
- **Barrett Location:** We offer before school care for Central School families at the Barrett Community Center. We open at 7:00 AM and transport your child to Central School before school begins. We pick up your child after Kindergarten dismissal at Central School and transport them to the Barrett Community Center. We only offer a five day a week schedule at this site, from school dismissal until 6:15 PM. We will not offer care for TK students. You can choose before school care or after school only or a combination of the two.

What are the costs?

2024-2025 rates and enrollment forms for each schedule and site will be posted on our website when available, www.footstepschildcare.org. Please look at the current tuition 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 have tuition assistance for families who qualify and cannot afford the full tuition.

What if I only need child care occasionally?

Depending 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, Kindergarten east during the school day. Both TK and Kindergarteners have lunch in our program on Wednesdays. You may send a lunch or order lunch through BRSSD. The school lunch program continues to be at no cost to families. On Wednesdays you may order cheese pizza with whole wheat crust through Footsteps. We provide daily afternoon snacks for those who stay after 3:00 PM.

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 a minimum of three full days or five days for part-day enrollment until 3:00 PM. We close our programs on 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. You can enroll your child on a weekly basis. We are offering two camps serving children entering TK, one at Cipriani that will serve only children entering TK and Kindergarten and Camp Footsteps at Nesbit serving children entering TK-3rd grades. For children entering Kindergarten we also offer Language Camps at our Redwood Shores location and Swim Camp at Cipriani. Our summer camps will be posted on our website by the end of January.

What are your admissions policies?

We are non-discriminatory in admission, on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or+ physical ability in determining which children to serve, welcomes the enrollment of children with disabilities; understands the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) to make equal access and reasonable accommodations; implements those accommodations; and refrains from religious instruction or worship. We want every child and their family to feel welcome and for your child to have the best opportunities for growth and development. During enrollment and orientation, we partner with the family to identify needs a child or the family may have, offer resources and support through community agencies, and we conduct follow-up with a family to ensure needs are being met. For families with children with exceptional needs it is important to meet prior to admission Footsteps Child Care to determine if the program is the best environment for the child and their family, generally with the Site Director and either the Deputy Director or Program Director and they will continue to meet regularly about the child's progress and discuss how best to support the child and family. Footsteps Child Care does acknowledge that our program may not be the best fit for a family.

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.

Thank you for your interest, we hope we can provide care for your family. If you have questions, please contact our Administrative Office, 650.610.0715, or email me, karen.haas-foletta@footstepscildcare.org.



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