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Preschool Site within ALJ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Location

Q: What section of the high school will the preschoolers be located in? Will parents have direct access for drop-off and pick-up?

A: An isolated wing on the first floor in the vicinity of the Media Center. Yes re: drop-off and pick-up.

Q: Is every wing of the high school being utilized?

A: While every wing of ALJ is currently occupied, the physical space will allow us to relocate these high school classrooms with minimal disruption and no programs being eliminated.

Q: Will the high school and preschool students interact with each other?

A: At no time, unless preorganized, will the high school and preschool students have the opportunity to cross paths.

Times

Q: Will arrival and dismissal times be different from those of the high school?

A: Preschool: 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

High School: 7:50 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Q: Is it okay if a child needs to be picked up earlier than 3:15 p.m. on rare occasions only?

A: Yes, with prior notification to the school.

Q: What is the school calendar?

A: [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

Q: Will before/aftercare be offered and, if yes, what is the cost?

A: Yes

[Clark Schools Before and After Care](#) (current rates subject to change)

Security

Q: Will there be security personnel ensuring no one else has access to the preschool area?

A: Yes, in addition to the doors that will isolate this wing from the remainder of the building.

Q: How will security and fire drills, etc. be handled with these preschool classes?

A: Our preschool students across all of the sites will be participating in security and fire drills so that they are prepared in the case of an emergency situation. The students placed at ALJ will participate in the high school drills but, when relocation from their classrooms is necessary, be isolated from the high school students.

Q: Will the announcements or bells that are made/go off during the high school day also be made/go off in the preschool classrooms?

A: The high school Public Announcement (PA) system will be adjusted so that the preschool wing does not hear high school bells and non-security related announcements. A camera system will also be in place.

Q: How are security-related announcements made to parents?



A: Through the SchoolMessenger system that parents will be registered for.

Staff

Q: How many teachers will there be for each classroom?

A: Each classroom of 15 students will have one certificated teacher and one substitute-certificated teacher assistant (TA).

Q: Who will be the contact person during school hours?

A: There will be a security receptionist whom parents can email and/or call.

Q: Will there be a school nurse?

A: Both our high school nurse and district school nursing supervisor will provide the nursing services. The teachers and TAs will also be trained in CPR and first aid in addition to each classroom having a medical kit.

Q: Will there be an administrator?

A: Yes, there will be a preschool supervisor in addition to an instructional coach.

School Day

Q: What curriculum will be used?

A: [Tools of the Mind](#)

Q: Will we receive daily updates from the classroom teacher?

A: Such a platform as ClassDojo will be used to provide such updates.

Q: Where do the students eat lunch?

A: Students across all of the sites eat lunch in their classrooms.

Q: Will students have access to an outdoor play area?

A: Yes, the students will be able to access a secure courtyard that will have play equipment.

Q: Is there an indoor play space?

A: There will be indoor play spaces within each classroom.

Q: Are there easily accessible bathrooms? How easy will it be for a preschooler to use these bathrooms? Sink height, toilet height, etc.?

A: Yes, within line of sight to the classrooms. Sinks and toilets will be accessible for preschool-aged children.