



Early Childhood Education (Beginner – Pre-Kindergarten) ONLINE/AT-HOME Program Option (2020/2021 School Year)

Introducing Our Early Childhood Education Online/At-Home Program Option for the Upcoming School Year

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students safely back to our school campus for the upcoming school year. However, we recognize that, in the midst of the current environment, some of our parents may be reluctant to send their littlest ones back to school (or to school for the first time).

Therefore, we are proud to announce our Online/At-Home Early Childhood Education (ECE) alternative for our Beginner – Pre-Kindergarten students. This program will combine robust, online instruction with correlated offline activities to keep these students engaged and on-track to progress in their educational and social-emotional development. The ***ECE Online/At-Home Program*** for next school year builds on the best of our Beginner – Pre-K distance learning experience from this past school year and amplifies that with new features and enrichment. Our ***ECE Online/At-Home Program*** goals are to:

- (1) Create a virtual/at-home experience that replicates the Chesterbrook Academy on-campus experience as much as possible.
- (2) Incorporate connections to the on-campus community to ensure that the Online/At-Home Program is an extension of our school's core offerings and culture.

Program Description

Curriculum

Our ***ECE Online/At-Home Program*** is built around easy-to-follow, weekly learning plans. The program content will include a combination of real-time, online interactions with teachers and other students, plus pre-recorded sessions for flexible at-home consumption, and guided at-home offline activities.

- Mirroring our on-campus curriculum, the ***ECE Online/At-Home Program*** has been designed to progressively develop specific skills appropriate to the age/program level of the child and will focus on “scaffolded” core skill development in Mathematics, Language & Literacy, Social Studies & Science, Social Emotional Learning, Creative Expression, Wellness, Digital Interaction and Citizens of the World.
- The scope and sequence of the program will be 100% aligned (week-by-week) with our on-campus program, such that if you choose to bring your child back to our in-person/on-campus school, the transition will be seamless.



Program Components

<p>Daily Program Elements (see Sample Daily Schedule below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least twice-daily <i>real-time, online</i> class sessions (morning and afternoon) with your child’s lead ECE Online/At-Home Program teacher. These sessions will feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daily interactive “Circle Time” with embedded SEL and Spanish ○ Daily engagement in mathematics, language and literacy, science and social studies, and creative expression • Daily recommended offline activities for play and development, aligned with literacy.
<p>Other Key Program Components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly, pre-prepared, learning activity kits (turn-key, curriculum-based activities “in-a-box”) • Weekly “one-on-one” parent check-ins with your child’s lead teacher • Monthly “one-on-one” parent sessions with campus leadership
<p>Additional Enrichment and Connections to Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly live or pre-recorded staff -hosted storytimes • Quarterly virtual field trips with on-campus students • At least quarterly virtual events with on-campus students (e.g. dress-up/theme days, puppet shows, music events, etc.) • Monthly campus newsletters
<p>Additional Online Program Family Connections and Parent Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly, outdoor learning meet-up events for Online Program families (physically distanced) • Virtual “parent coffees” for Online Program families with campus leadership (schedule to be determined) • Parent education webinar events and workshops, featuring guest lecturers and experts (schedule to be determined)

We are very pleased to be able to offer this robust alternative for our Beginner – Pre-K families to meet their educational needs in the environment in which they are most comfortable. The **ECE Online/At-Home Program** is available for five-day, full-time students and will be priced at the same tuition rate as our on-campus programs. The opt-in deadline for the **ECE Online/At-Home Program**, in lieu of the on-campus program, is **Friday, July 31**. We will continue to provide more details about the program as we get closer to the start of school, but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions in the interim.

Sample Daily Schedule

Duration and Frequency	Time	Learning Focus
15 min. daily	9:15 - 9:30 am	Morning Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily greeting and classroom connection Self-help and autonomy skills
25 min. daily	9:30 - 9:55 am	Circle Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and literacy development Fine motor development Calendar concepts mathematics concepts Embedded conversational Spanish, Student Voice and leadership <p>Focusing on social emotional learning, language development, vocabulary, comprehension, and phonological awareness, to support early reading and more.</p>
25 min. daily	9:55 -10:15 am	Snack and Open Play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social-skills development (teacher facilitated)
20 min. daily	10:15 - 10:35 am	Creative Expression Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music and musicians, art and artists and Dramatic Play
25 min. daily	10:35 - 11:00 am	Foundational Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early math concepts and skills development
60 min. daily	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Independent Time (offline) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended activities for play and development
120 min. daily	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Rest/Nap and Lunch (offline)
25 min. daily	2:00 - 2:25 pm	Small Group Instruction (Group A)
25 min. daily	2:00 - 2:25 pm	Additional Language & Literacy Practice (Group B)
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20 min. daily	2:50 - 3:10 pm	Social Studies & Science (rotation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Social studies, science and engineering explorations, as well as Citizens of the World
10 min. daily	3:10 - 3:20 pm	Storytime and Daily Goodbye