

Our Curricula

In conjunction with PBS, and along with our social-emotional focus, our main curriculum is the *Second Step* social-emotional curriculum. Children who can self-regulate their emotions are better able to participate and benefit from learning. This program teaches children core social-emotional and self-regulation skills needed to prepare preschoolers for a successful transition to kindergarten and beyond.

Additionally, the academic curriculum we use is the *Get Set for School* program (written by *Learning Without Tears*). This curriculum recognizes that children learn best when they are able to move, manipulate objects, build, sing, draw, and participate in dramatic play. It uses hands-on, multisensory materials which entice children's learning and help children Get Set for School!



What is a PBS Classroom?

Positive Bright Start operates two Early Childhood Education Classrooms with curricula focused on social-emotional readiness as well as school readiness, which instills a love of life-long learning and fun!

Our fully inclusive, PBS-based classroom environments give children who have social-emotional or developmental needs the opportunity to learn by watching and imitating their peers, as well as teaching children who are typically developing the important life lessons of diversity, compassion, and acceptance.

Our classroom sizes are small and we accept ages 2.5 to 5 years. Positive Bright Start aims to maintain a ratio of 3 peer models to 1 specialized slot.



A Trauma-Informed Positive Behavior Support Model Preschool

**Social-Emotional Focus & Readiness
Open 7:30am-5:30pm Year-Round
Low Student-Teacher Ratios
2.5 - 5 Years**

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General Information

Our Classrooms

We have infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms.

Openings

We operate year-round, Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. At this time, we offer full time slots only.

Tuition

A one-time deposit of \$100 is due in order to secure a child's enrollment slot. The deposit will be applied to the last month's tuition if 30 days notice of the child's last day in care is given. Tuition is a fixed monthly rate, based on classroom, and is as follows:

- \$ 730 Preschool Rooms

We accept DCF assistance and other third party payments with approval. Some assistance may be available through the Positive Bright Start scholarship program or other agency scholarship funding sources (subject to availability of funds).

Assessments & Conferences

Assessments are administered throughout the year to determine children's academic and social-emotional needs and progress. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice a year.

What is Positive Behavior Support?

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is a classroom problem-solving approach based on humanistic values and research that utilizes assessment data to make decisions, preventative strategies to reduce the incidence of challenging behavior, and instructional strategies to teach the child replacement skills for problem behavior. It can be used to address behavioral issues ranging from aggression, tantrums and property destruction, to withdrawing or repetitive behaviors. In a PBS environment, children who have individualized needs are often able to reach developmental milestones ahead of schedule and are provided with the self-confidence they need to be successful in public school and beyond. Use of PBS reduces the need for more intrusive or aversive interventions and can lead to both school-wide as well as individualized change.

Our Philosophy

Positive Bright Start Preschool

strives to create an environment where children feel valued, accepted and respected, allowing children to gain self-esteem, confidence and learn new skills. Our goal is to cultivate respect, safety, teamwork, and the social skills necessary to engage each student's fullest potential by teaching not only academic skills, but also social/emotional and behavioral skills needed to succeed in school, home, and the community. **Positive Behavior Support (PBS)** is our foundation in doing so.



Positive Bright Start operates under the belief that *all* children have special needs and special strengths. In the appropriate learning environment, all children can learn from their peers as well as their teachers.

The **peer model slots** are held for children who would provide developmentally appropriate models for the children in the specialized slots.

Specialized slots are held for children receiving individualized early childhood services and have been identified as having a special need such as a developmental disability or mental health diagnosis or who have been identified as being developmentally at risk for difficulties in school through a screening process.



Positive Behavior Support Pyramid Model

Please contact Meg to schedule a tour and discuss enrollment at (785)842-9679 ext. 113