

Dear Parents,

Thank you for considering Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool for the 2008-2009 school year. Following is some information about our admissions process.

All prospective parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session to learn more about our school and the benefits and responsibilities of belonging to a cooperative preschool. Parent Information Sessions will be held at the school on:

Saturday, January 26, 9am-noon

Thursday, January 31, 6:30-9:30PM

Saturday, February 2, 9am-noon

Applications for new families are due (postmarked) on February 6, 2008, along with a \$75 application fee. We may meet with individual families to give us a chance to get to know families better and to give families another opportunity to learn about our school. We will notify families of admissions decisions by late March. Enrollment commitments and fees will be due (postmarked) on April 11.

In the past, we have had a young 2's class, an older 2's class, and mixed classes of 3 and 4 year olds. This year we are considering having separate classes for 3 and 4 year olds, depending on the number of applications we receive for each age group. Therefore, while the application asks for information about 3 and 4 year olds separately, we may have separate or mixed classes for those age groups.

In making admissions decisions, we strive for an ethnically, culturally, and economically diverse community that is united in its commitment to parent involvement in our children's learning, growth, and development. We attempt to build a community that takes advantage of the wide range of strengths, experiences, and backgrounds that families can bring to our school, and that also reflects the wider community surrounding our school -- all with the goal of creating an interesting and stimulating environment for our children.

We are excited that you are interested in learning more about OCP and becoming part of our community. If you have any questions, please contact us at: admissions@oakhurstcoop.com.

Cooperatively yours,
Kate Curtis and Sarah Curry
Membership Committee Co-Chairs



September 2008–May 2009 OCP Application

For OCP use only
 Accepted: Y N
 Days: M T W Th F
 Class: C W S O
 Enrollment Fee: Y N
 IS: _____

Child's Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Nickname _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Gender (please circle): M F _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Parent/Guardian 1:

Parent/Guardian 2:

Name _____ Name _____

Employer/Occupation _____ Employer/Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____ E-mail _____

Child lives with (Both Parents, Parent 1, Parent 2, Other – describe) _____

Child's legal guardian is (Both Parents, Parent 1, Parent 2, Other – describe) _____

Child's previous school experience (describe any) _____

Siblings and ages _____

My child meets the age requirement for the following class (please check):	Young 2 year olds (Must be 24 months by September 1, 2008)	
	Older 2 year olds (Must be 30 months by September 1, 2008)	
	3 year olds (Must be 36 months by September 1, 2008)	
	4 and 5 year olds (Must be 48 months by September 1, 2008)	

Scheduling:

2 and 3 year olds		Choice #1	Choice #2	Choice #3	Not an Option
How many days of the week do you want your child to attend? (please check): <i>(The number of days that each class is offered will depend on the total enrollment for that class.)</i>	2 Days				
	3 Days				
	5 Days				

Scheduling Continued:

4 and 5 year olds		Choice #1	Choice #2	Choice #3	Choice #4	Not an Option
How many days of the week do you want your child to attend? (please check): <i>(The number of days that each class is offered will depend on the total enrollment for that class.)</i>	2 Days					
	3 Days					
	4 Days					
	5 Days					

Are there any days of the week on which your child **cannot** attend? We will try to honor all requests, but in some cases it may not be possible to do so. _____

The following questions will allow us to get to know you and your family. Please be thoughtful in your answers and use additional pages as necessary.

1. What influenced you most in deciding to apply to Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool? Please be as specific as possible.

2. What volunteer, community and pro-bono work do you feel strongly about and/or participate in on a regular basis?

3. Are there unique aspects about your family (skills, cultural background, training, etc.) that you would like to share with OCP?

4. At OCP we value nature and therefore incorporate nature into our curriculum whenever possible. How would you like the ways in which your family enjoys and values nature to be incorporated into your child's experience at OCP?

5. Preschool children learn best through play, naturalistic discovery and exploration. Research shows that such child-driven learning fosters imagination and creativity in addition to knowledge acquisition. As such, we do not emphasize direct instruction and rote learning as part of our curriculum. How does this philosophy line up with your expectations of OCP and your family's values with respect to your child's development and education?

6. Since the parents in a co-op run the co-op through their committee work, you will be required to serve on one of the following committees. (See our website for committee descriptions.) Please check which areas interest you the most. Please explain why. Do you have any skills/experience in any of these areas that would be useful to OCP?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications and Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Co-op Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership and Enrollment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | |

7. How did you learn about Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool? Please be as specific as possible to help OCP with future advertising efforts.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend (name) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (name) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood (name) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

8. Does this child have any special considerations (emotional, intellectual, physical, or medical including speech and language development)? Please explain: _____

Which Information Session did you/will you be attending? 1/26/08 1/31/08 2/2/08 other _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I, _____, desire to enroll my child, _____, in Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool. I understand that if accepted, I will be responsible for paying tuition for my child for the days s/he is enrolled. I also acknowledge that once I enroll my child, I will be required to fulfill all the obligations of my family membership in this cooperative preschool, which include, but are not limited to: parent teacher days, committee service, workdays and other volunteer opportunities. In addition, if my child is enrolled, all parents and/or guardians will be required to obtain a criminal background check. I have read this agreement and understand the obligations of my child's enrollment and my family's membership in Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

A \$75 non-refundable application fee must accompany this form. Please make checks payable to Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool and mail to P.O. Box 2583, Decatur, GA 30031-2583.

Please contact Sarah Curry or Kate Curtis, Membership Co-Chairs, at admissions@oakhurstcoop.com with any questions or concerns.