

Methodist Day School

2026-2027 Registration

January 2026

Dear Parents,

We are so excited for the Methodist Day School 2026 registration! We are looking forward to planning and preparing for the Day School's 54th year of ministry. Thank you for entrusting us with these precious years of your child's development.

We know, and research proves, that the Early Childhood years (ages 0-8 years old) are the brain developing years. Experiences wire the brain and repetition strengthens the wiring.

Our Early Childhood Program develops the whole child, by meeting their social-emotional needs, cognitive growth and nurturing their spiritual well-being. We know that children learn best through hands-on, developmentally appropriate play, sensory experiences (both indoors and out), and project-based learning.

We are so proud of all that MDS has to offer. We strive for excellence in education, care, and community.

Registration details are available on the reverse side of this page, as well as on our website:

www.methodistdayschool.org. Please reach out if you have any questions or need clarification on any of the following procedures.

Thank you for your continued support of our beloved ministry, the Methodist Day School. We look forward to another wonderful year at MDS!

Sarah McCoy
Director

Stephanie Gabino
Assistant Director



Registration Procedures for the Methodist Day School

2026-2027 School Year

Families will be accommodated on a first come, first served, basis following this schedule:

Registration-Phase 1

Currently enrolled students and siblings only.

Pre-Registration: Registration packets will be accepted back in the registration envelopes attached on backpacks or dropped at the front desk through January 30.

- We will have room to welcome back all current CDO and Preschool students next year.
- MDS Kindergarten is an application process. (See the MDS Kinder Application Page.)
- Current Extended Care students may register now and expect enrollment. New Extended Care students will be put on the 26-27 waiting list and will be contacted when an enrollment spot opens.
- Registration Fees will not be charged until Wednesday, February 5.

OR

You may register **in-person** by stopping by the front desk any day after drop-off.

Registration-Phase 2

Registration opens for Alumni Families and current Church Members

Monday, February 2

8:30 am–10:30 am at the MDS Front Desk

Alumni families: are those who have previously had children in the program at any time in the past and/or have been enrolled themselves in the Day School.

Church members: must be the student's parent or legal guardian.

Registration-Phase 3

Open Registration Begins

Tuesday, February 3

8:30 am–10:30 am at the MDS Front Desk

Registration is open to the public on this date. New families are encouraged to come in for a tour prior.

What is needed to Register?

1. Filled out registration forms for every child.
2. Fill out acceptance for payment form if paying through current ProCare account. See TOTAL Registration Fees below.
3. Cash, check, credit card (2.7% processing fee), if not using ProCare.

Tuition & Registration fees 2026-2027

| Class | Registration Fee (per child) | Monthly Tuition | TOTAL at Registration |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Kindergarten (M-F) | \$350 | \$700 | \$1,050 |
| Preschool (T/W/Th) | \$350 | \$410 | \$760 |
| Preschool Enrichment (M/F) | \$350 | \$285 | \$635 |
| Preschool (M-F) | \$350 | \$675 | \$1,025 |
| CDO (T/W/Th) | \$350 | \$410 | \$760 |
| CDO (M/F) | \$350 | \$285 | \$635 |
| CDO 5 days | \$350 | \$675 | \$1,025 |
| Crib (T/W/Th) | \$350 | \$425 | \$775 |
| Crib (M/F) | \$350 | \$300 | \$650 |
| Crib 5 days | \$350 | \$705 | \$1,055 |

Tuition Details:

- All fees are approved by the FUMCMC Finance Committee.
- Tuition is determined by calculating the daily rate by the number of school days in a 9-month period.
- School closings/holidays are pre-calculated in the tuition rates.
- Tuition is payable by the month, semester, or year.
- Tuition is due on or before the first school day of each month.
- Tuition is payable through your ProCare account. We also accept check or credit card.
- Registration fee and May 2027 tuition will be paid at the time of registration.

Annual Donations:

To deter additional costs, families will have the opportunity to provide consumable donations at the start of school such as tissue, paper towels, baby wipes, batteries, etc. Be on the lookout for more information at the start of school! 😊

Waiting List Details:

The Day School's waiting list policy considers many factors when determining who will move from a waiting list to enrolled into a classroom spot.

- The order of children on a class waiting list does not necessarily guarantee classroom placement.
- Church membership, having a sibling who is a current student, current enrollment in the program, or being an alumni family of the school are examples of factors considered in prioritizing who will move to a classroom spot.
- A waiting list for a particular class will not be started until the class is full.
- The waiting list is good only for the current school year and does not transfer into another year.

Methodist Day School Program Guide 2026-2027

Kindergarten: (Monday-Friday 8:50am-2pm)

We know that Kindergarten is a huge steppingstone and a major leap in cognitive and social-emotional growth. Our Kindergarten uses developmentally appropriate practices, follows Texas TEKS and guidelines, and develops a strong phonemic base using Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum. We offer a low student to teacher ratio to meet the individual needs of the learner during this critical year.

Students are enriched with outclasses like Spanish, Music, Art and Chapel. They also have the benefit of completing the learning cycle (whole group, small group and independent practice) with two teachers in the classroom and centers that are developed with intention. Centers provide independent practice time, where students have the freedom to create in Creation Station, Block Center, explore and investigate the Science Center, read independently in the Classroom Library, practice building words in Word Work and creative writing in the Writing Center.

Preschool 3's and 4's: (Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-2pm)

Our preschool program is developed to meet 3- and 4-year-olds right where they are. Our teaching staff understand the needs of students at this stage of development. Students are introduced to the structure and routines of school in a loving and creative environment.

We pride ourselves on a major component of our program we call Open Door. Open Door is a time where classes are intentionally set with a wide variety of activities to develop Fine-Motor, Sensory exportation, Dramatic Play, Cooking, Art, and STEM. This time of the day is a time for students to try new skills and interact with new friends.

At MDS we also know the benefits of outdoor learning. Our students enjoy the benefits of playing outdoors in the morning and afternoon.

Preschool 4's learning expands as they integrate two additional curriculums. Handwriting Without Tears Writing Program is a part of their daily writing practice and Heggerty Phonemic Awareness builds their phonetic knowledge to establish a strong base for reading.

Preschool Enrichment: (Monday/Friday, 9am-2pm)

Our Preschool Enrichment program is a companion to our T/W/Th Preschool Program. Preschool Enrichment is held on Monday and Fridays only. This program allows students to explore a more science and social studies-driven curriculum in a hands-on, sensory-rich way!

Children's Day Out: (Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm)

Our Children's Day Out program meets the needs of children ages 6 months-2 years old. This program uses developmentally appropriate practices and focuses on social-emotional skills. Their day begins with hands-on, sensory play and process art, then progresses to snack time and outside play. Their days end with lunch and naptime so they are rested for pickup!

Extended Day: Our Extended Day runs M-F morning 8am-8:55am, M-Th afternoon 2-4pm. For more information, see our Extended Day Registration form.

MDS Registration Check List

Students' Name(s): _____

1. Please circle which days your child(ren) will attend:

- Monday/Friday (M/F)
- Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday (T/W/Th)
- Monday-Friday (M-F)

2. Circle your Extended Day preference:

- AM (8am-9am)- Mon & Fri
- AM (8am-9am)- Tue, Wed, Thu
- AM (8am-9am)- Mon to Fri
- PM (2pm-4pm)-Monday only
- PM (2pm-4pm)- Tue, Wed, Thu
- PM (2pm-4pm)- Mon to Thu

3. Circle payment method:

- ProCare (see below)
- credit card (additional 2.7% charge)
- Check/Money Order

3. Fill out a Registration Form (Application Form for Kinder) for each child

ProCare Payment Agreement

I give the Methodist Day School permission to process our 2026-2027 Registration Fees through ProCare. Your payment will be processed on or after February 2nd.

Account Holder's Full Name

Account Holder's Signature

Date

\$

Amount Processed (TOTAL at Registration column on Fee's Page of this packet.)

MDS Kindergarten

Application Process

We are excited for your interest in our MDS Kindergarten Program! We encourage you to join us for our MDS Kinder Talk on Wednesday, January 21 after drop-off, or to schedule a Kinder Tour.

Step 1: Submit Kinder Application Form, Registration Checklist Form, Registration Fees, or ProCare payment document. **Payment will not be processed until the application is approved.**

Step 2: An evaluation will take place at MDS, during school hours. This evaluation will assess the social, emotional and academic needs of your child. The outcome will determine if **MDS Kinder can successfully meet the needs of your child.** 😊

Step 3: Once the application process is complete, you will receive notification of a decision and how to proceed with enrollment and payment.

