



Kids of
Harmony
Preschool

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Parent Handbook
2025-2026

Statement of Purpose

Kids of Harmony Preschool offers an academically and musically enhanced program for students ages 2-5. Our preschool offers both half-day and full-day programs, providing a variety of options. The goal at **Kids of Harmony** is to nurture the lives of young children both spiritually and academically while promoting growth in character and education in a loving, safe, structured, challenging, goal-oriented, age-appropriate atmosphere. We desire to see young lives expanded and improved during these formative years, and to see them develop into persons of discipline and character. Our objectives are to provide character and social development through interaction and structure, as well as foster the whole child academically and musically through modeling, training, and accountability.

Our center is a newly expanded, child-friendly facility with a licensed capacity of 81 students. To be admitted as a student at Kids of Harmony Preschool, parents must submit an application, read the school policies and procedures, and provide the student's current immunization records. Final acceptance will be upon completion of an interview with the school administration. *Kids of Harmony Preschool does not discriminate based on race, color, national and ethnic origin in its admission procedures. Kids of Harmony Preschool reserves the right to decline acceptance of an applicant.*

The following will result in the discharge of the student from our preschool program:

1. Unresolved and continuous, uncontrollable discipline behavior in a student
2. Failure to make timely payments as listed in policies and procedures
3. Continual unexcused absences
4. Failure to comply with all policies and procedures, both student and parent

Hours of Operation:

Half Day Hours: 8:15 am - 11:45 am

Full Day Hours: 8:15 am - 3:15 pm

Before-care is available upon request from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

An additional fee of \$10 per day applies (permission required in advance).

Tuition Cost and Fees:

Please refer to the website for current pricing lists.

<https://kidsofharmony.com/cost.php>

Payment Plan 8 Months:

August 18th

September 18th

October 18th

November 18th

January 6th

February 6th

March 6th

April 6th

Yearly Payments Due: August 18th

Semester Payments Due: August 18th and January 6th

After-School Care Program: 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Enrollment in this program is required before the first day of school.

Permission must be given for the use of this program. This is not a day-by-day, upon-request program. Full program payment is due at the designated payment dates regardless of the number of days your child participates in the after-school daycare.

After-school care is limited to a total of 12 students; the program will not operate if fewer than eight students are enrolled.

Mission

Our mission at **Kids of Harmony** is to nurture the lives of young children, both spiritually and academically, while promoting growth in character and education in a loving, safe, structured, challenging, goal-oriented, and age-appropriate atmosphere. It is our desire to see young lives expanded and improved during these formative years, and to see them develop into persons of discipline and character.

Curriculum

We seek to provide instruction and development in the areas of music, reading, writing, mathematics, Bible, and other activities. It will share a uniqueness of giving children the opportunity to incorporate music into many, if not all of these core subjects. Along with the study of music, children will be encouraged to explore, create, and grow through activities such as art, gym and chapel times.

Faith

As a faith-based center, spiritual enrichment is recognized as a vital component of learning. We unashamedly teach, model, and develop the principles found in the Bible as an integral part of our program.

Music

We recognize the validity of music and its essential role in learning. We believe that music is one of the primary vehicles of learning, and that through music, children can explore and create in new and exciting ways. Through exploration comes discovery and learning.

Recent studies have shown that musical training physically develops the part of the left hemisphere of the brain known to be involved in processing language. Linking familiar songs to new information can help solidify knowledge in young minds. Recent studies also show that students who study music tend to be more successful on standardized tests, such as the SAT, and often achieve higher grades in high school.

Contact Info

Kids of Harmony Preschool
159 Granby Circle
Beaver, WV 25813

Phone: 304-207-0543

Email: info@kidsofharmony.com

Our Location

Kids of Harmony is conveniently located off Rte. 19 in Beaver, serving the greater Beckley area. Our classrooms are in the [School of Harmony](#) Complex (former Shady Spring Jr. High School).

Hours: 8 am-3:30 pm Mon-Fri

****Before Care (7:30-8:00 am) is available upon request for a charge of \$10 per half hour, starting from the time it is requested. ** ****

The After-Care Daycare program is available upon prior enrollment and operates from 3:30 to 6:00 daily. Additional tuition costs is required to be a part of this program.

About Us:

Dr. Rebekah Anderson-Rowe

Owner/Director

School/Degree Information:

- National University – Doctorate in Education 2025 – *Early Childhood Education*
- Marshall University - Master of Arts in Teaching 2006 - *Music Education PK-Adult*
- Appalachian Bible College - Bachelor of Arts 2004 - *Bible/Music*

Work Experience:

- Preschool Director: 15 years
- Private violin/piano Instructor: 18 years
- School of Harmony Music Instructor (violin/piano): 7 years
- In-home child caregiver: 3 years

ABC's of Preschool

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Policies and Procedures

A is for...

Arrival time is from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Please have your child here NO later than 9:15 a.m. Before-care is available from 7:30 a.m. for an additional fee of \$10 per day. If your child arrives before 8:00 a.m. on any day, they will be charged the before-care fee of \$10.

Attendance is VERY IMPORTANT! For preschool children to develop an appropriate understanding of the preschool structure and expectations, it is beneficial for them to attend regularly. Your child's progress, both academically and socially, is significantly influenced by participation.

Absences are an understood part of preschool. If your child is sick, please call to inform us of their absence and the reason for it. This is for the safety of your child as well as the other preschool students. If a student must leave early for a doctor's appointment, please let us know in the morning, and we will have your child ready for you when you arrive. Never send another person to pick up your child without informing your child's teacher. If you are aware of an upcoming absence, please let us know in advance. **Absences, unless due to death, will NOT be made up; please do not send your child on another day other than your regularly assigned days without permission.** Please remember that absences DO NOT result in a refund of payment. Preschool tuition is based on year-long

enrollment (a reserved space), not on attendance. To maintain a reserved space, tuition must be paid during the absence of a child due to illness, holidays, vacation, or for any other reason.

Reporting child **Abuse**...we are required by law to report any suspected incidents of possible child abuse or neglect. Child Protective Services can question your child at any time without your consent.

If your child is involved in an **Accident** at school that requires first aid, the parent/guardian will be notified, and an accident report will be filled out and sent home.

B is for...

Behavior Management Plan: The goal of discipline is to assist and guide children in developing self-control. Teachers will discipline consistently, based on an understanding of the varying developmental levels of students. Simple and understandable rules will be established to define expectations and limitations clearly. Discipline will be constructive, incorporating methods such as diversion, separating the child from the situation, encouragement, and reinforcement for appropriate behavior and effort. Corporal punishment is prohibited!!!

Birthdays are a special time at Kids of Harmony. Each child may bring in a special treat for his/her birthday. Please make arrangements with the teacher before bringing in a snack.

Bounced Checks: If a check is returned for insufficient funds, a \$30 fee will be incurred as a result of the returned check. Additionally, upon the second returned check within a 6-month period, only cash will be accepted for the next three months.

C is for...

Communication is encouraged and expected at Kids of Harmony. A monthly newsletter will be sent home to inform parents of school activities, as well as a daily behavior chart to keep you updated on your child's behavior. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher, you may call and schedule an appointment or send an email to rebekah@kidsofharmony.com or info@kidsofharmony.com

We will keep your child's information **Confidential**.

Our **Calendar** year will begin on the 4th Thursday in August and continue through the last Friday in May. We will be closed on all major holidays, as well as scheduled teacher workdays.

We want to inform parents and guardians of **Choking** and strangulation hazards. These concerns involve “draw strings” and “chords” on clothes as well as furniture or toys. Please be careful not to have your child wear such clothes or be around items that could cause any potential for choking or strangulation. At school, we take prudent precautions to prevent students from coming into contact with cords or strings that could cause harm.

To **Contact** Kids of Harmony for any questions or concerns during school hours, please call 304-207-0543. After hours, calls will be forwarded to a messaging service for Kids of Harmony. Alternatively, you can email us at info@kidsofharmony.com.

Please be sure to download our **Remind App** to your cell phones. This is one way for you to stay directly connected to our preschool and teachers through text and announcements.

Instructions will be given at the open house on how to set this up on your phones.

D is for...

Discipline is the training and guidance of a child to make right and appropriate choices. Therefore, we consider it a tremendous responsibility to train and discipline your child. A discipline system will be in place to encourage good behavior and discourage bad behavior. Each child will be responsible for their behavior and will receive consequences for inappropriate behavior. Consequences may include limited free time and/or recess. Our teachers will strive to be consistent and fair in all situations. Parents will be notified if a problem arises that cannot be handled at school. Corporal punishment is prohibited!!

Dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. for half-day students and 3:15 p.m. for full-day students. Please be on time to pick up your child. If you will be late picking up your child, please call and let us know. **If you are more than fifteen minutes late, a fee of \$20.00 per 15 minutes will be charged.** Continual tardiness in picking up your student will result in a fine and will not be tolerated. ***Reminder: NO one may pick up your child who is not on the list provided on your enrollment form.***

The **Dress Code** for our students is *modest play* clothes. Because we will be learning through play and hands on experience, it is important that your child be dressed in a comfortable, seasonally appropriate manner. Appropriate shoes for playing inside and outside are also important. Please NO flip-flops or shoes without backs. Modest clothing means: NO belly shirts, short shorts or skirts, clothing with inappropriate characters or messages. Kids of Harmony staff reserves the right to determine inappropriate dress.

E is for...

Emergency Contact Info must be filled out thoroughly on student application. If any of your information changes such as email address, residence, or home or work phone number, please inform us so that we can locate you quickly if an emergency occurs.

Evacuation: Kids of Harmony Preschool has written policies and procedures for dealing with emergencies and natural disasters. Evacuation plans are posted in the preschool. In the unlikely event that it is needed, the children may be evacuated from the preschool classrooms to another location in the School of Harmony complex or to noted evacuation locations. We will notify you of your child's location.

You may **Email** our teachers with questions or concerns. Our teachers will try to respond in a timely manner. However, if your question or concern is urgent, please call the school.

F is for...

Family involvement is important to us at Kids of Harmony! It is our goal to work alongside you in the training and educating of your child. There will be opportunities for family involvement and participation throughout the school year.

Fire drills will be held on a regular basis throughout the year. All students will participate and will be expected to walk quickly and quietly to their designated exit. We will practice and become familiar with procedures before our first scheduled drill.

Forms such as Fire Inspection, Liability Insurance Coverage, Health Inspection, and Business License for Kids of Harmony Preschool are available for parents to see upon request only.

G is for...

Grievance/Complaint Procedure for Parents/Caregiver is as follows:

- *Grievance should be raised directly and confidentially with the Director of the center.
- *The grievance will be dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity.
- *If the problem is not resolved then the matter must be addressed in writing to the Preschool Governing Board
- *The Governing Board will follow up in writing.
- *If the above steps are unable to resolve the matter the state Licensing representative will become involved.

All matters will be treated confidentially.

Guests from Appalachian Bible College will be invited into our classroom on a regular basis to observe and participate in our classroom. These guests are students in the elementary education program that are training to become teachers. Other guests may be invited into our classroom throughout the year. But only with permission from the Director.

There may be NO **Gum** at school, at any time!

H is for...

Hands-on Learning experiences will be provided for your child. There are times when seatwork is required and necessary, but for the most part, our classroom will be an active learning environment.

“Harmony Notes” is our monthly newsletter that will be sent home at the beginning of each month. Make sure you take time to read the newsletter as it will be the tool to keep you as the parent informed about all the exciting things taking place at school as well as a great reminder for any upcoming events!

Kids of Harmony will observe the following **Holidays**...

- *September 1st – Labor Day Observed
- *October 24th -27th – Fall Break
- *November 11th –Veterans Day Observed
- *November 24th – 28th – Thanksgiving Break
- *December 19th – January 2nd – Christmas Break
- *January 19th – MLK Day
- *February 16th – Presidents' Day
- *March 30th – April 6th – Easter/Spring Break
- *May 12th – Election Day

I is for...

Illness is an unfortunate part of preschool! However, it is VERY IMPORTANT to keep your child home from school when they are sick. Below are some rules that we ask you to follow when your child is ill:

Please keep your child home if they have...

- Fever greater than 100 degrees
- Diarrhea
- Persistent Sore Throat
- Difficult rapid breathing
- Nasal secretion that is thick, yellow, or green. Cloudy or colored nasal secretions may be an indication of allergies. Please check with your doctor to rule out infection.
- Cough accompanied by fever, chills, and the coughing up of green or yellow mucus.
- Vomiting
- Severe pain or discomfort, lethargic behavior and/or increased crying.
- Eye drainage of any type should be checked by a doctor to rule out an infection.
- Unusual rashes should be treated by a doctor to rule out infection.

**Once your child is symptom-free for 24 hours or has seen a physician and has a note, he may return to school. Make-up days are not granted for illness.*

If your child or anyone in your child's immediate family or close contact, tests positive for COVID, strep, hand-foot-and-mouth, the student must stay out of school for 5 days.

Immunizations must be up to date! Students will not be allowed to begin school without an immunization record on file.

J is for...

Jackets will be needed during the cooler months for outdoor play. Students will go outside daily, weather permitting.

K is for...

A **Kind, Kid-friendly** environment! Kids of Harmony will promote and expect acts of kindness throughout the school day. Teasing, disrespecting, bullying and interrupting learning will not be permitted.

L is for...

Laying a Foundation of character and Christ-like behavior as well as the desire for lifelong learning. Kids of Harmony unashamedly will teach, model, and develop the principles found in the Bible and will do so in all areas of the school day as well as in daily life. Kids of Harmony is a Faith-based center where spiritual enrichment is recognized as an essential part of learning. It is therefore an integral part of our program.

Large Motor Skills Activities: This includes group cooperative games, creative movement experiences, and activities using small equipment such as balls, hoops, and parachutes. This environment offers a rich resource for encouraging children's growth and development.

Lunch: For students attending preschool all day, YOU MUST PROVIDE a daily packed lunch for your student. Lunches must include one item from the four main food groups (fruit/vegetables/dairy/meat). Kids of Harmony will offer lunch each day for a small fee which must be paid in advance of the lunch order. Lunch Menu order forms are available if needed.

M is for...

We will not be administering **Medication.** If your child needs medicine, please give it to them before or after school hours. If necessary, YOU the parent/guardian may come during school hours to administer medicine to YOUR child. This includes prescription and non-prescription medication.

Medical Treatment....in the event of a medical emergency, first aid or necessary medical treatment will be provided and administered. If a parent objects to their child receiving medical treatment, this information will be kept confidential in the child's file and will be respected. In the case of a life-threatening emergency, Kids of Harmony reserves the right to administer and/or seek immediate medical assistance.

Music and Movement: We will enjoy a variety of songs, records, musical games, creative movement, and rhythmic activities. Music experiences are provided that help develop rhythm, memory, visual and language skills, and the joy of music.

N is for...

Remember to read our Newsletter each month! This will keep you informed of what things your child is learning, as well as any necessary announcements or reminders teachers have for your student.

O is for...

Organization is an essential skill that can be taught at a young age. Our classrooms will be kept in a neat, organized fashion, and the kids will be taught and expected to demonstrate the same organizational techniques.

P is for...

There will be four main Parties throughout the year: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter. We will have other celebrations throughout the year, such as the 100th Day of School and an end-of-year celebration. Parents will be given information on ways they can participate in these party days if the opportunity is available.

Payments are due based on the payment plan you selected on your application. Any payment made after the tuition due date will incur **a late fee of \$20 per day**. Tuition is broken down into eight-month increments. You are paying per month, not just for your child's attendance. If your child misses school for any reason, no refund will be given for the days missed. Checks may be made payable to Kids of Harmony. If payments are not paid as they are due, the student may not be allowed to attend until the unpaid tuition is paid.

Your child **MUST** be Potty-Trained to attend Kids of Harmony preschool, unless they are in the 2-year-old program.

If your child is not potty trained, they may be placed in the 2-year-old class until complete potty training is achieved.

Q is for...

Please feel free to ask **Questions!** You can address any questions via email, appointments, or phone calls during school hours.

R is for...

Reading is very important! Your child will have daily opportunities to explore books and will be read to daily. Reading to children enhances their ability to comprehend spoken and written words. We encourage you to read to your child as often as possible.

Rest Time will be enforced for one hour each afternoon. Rest mats with fitted sheets will be provided for each student. If your child would like to bring a stuffed animal or pillow to KEEP at school for rest time, please feel free to do so.

S is for...

Security and **Safety** are of utmost importance to us at Kids of Harmony! Therefore, only those listed on your application will be permitted to pick-up your child. NO uninvited guests will be permitted to enter the classroom at any time!

Show and Tell will take place as announced by your teacher! Your child may bring in ONE item to show to their friends.

It is required by state law that all parents/guardians sign their child in and out each day. For your convenience, a **sign-in/out sheet, pen, and a clock are located by the door.** **This** gives us a written record of the child's attendance, hours, and the person

who brought/picked up the child each day. You must include the FULL name of the child and the person signing them in or out.

A nutritious **Snack** will be provided daily around 10 a.m. If there are any foods your child is allergic to or cannot have, please make sure to note them on the application form.

Kids of Harmony will follow Raleigh County Schools for **Snow Days**. If school is closed in Raleigh County due to weather, we will also close. A 2-hour delay will result in school starting at 10:30 am for FULL-day preschool students. Half-day students will NOT have preschool on 2-hour delay days! There are NO makeup days for snow days unless approved by the director!

Daily **Supplies** will be provided for your child. We kindly request that you refrain from sending any additional supplies to school, such as markers and tape. If you would like to donate supplies to the classroom throughout the school year, we would greatly appreciate it!

T is for...

Bringing **Toys** to school is discouraged because they distract the children from learning. If a toy is accidentally lost or broken, feelings could be hurt. Students may bring a favorite book to read during story time. However, the teacher may use her discretion on whether the book is appropriate for story time. The book should be clearly labeled with your child's name.

Tardiness is highly discouraged! Occasional tardiness is understandable. However, we ask that you work hard to have your child here on time each day! Tardiness causes interruption that affects the whole class.

Tuition:

Tuition is a YEARLY fee, but with select options to pay for that. Please do not assume that because your child misses certain days or holidays, their tuition rate will be adjusted. We charge PER YEAR, but you may choose to pay in eight-month increments, by semester, or per year.

Half Day Hours: 8:15 am – 11:45 am

Full Day Hours: 8:15 am – 3:15 pm

Please refer to the website for current pricing lists.

<https://kidsofharmony.com/cost.php>

Tuition is for the entire school year and may be paid as follows:

- In full by August 18th
- ½ payment by August 18th and remaining ½ Jan.6th
- Eight monthly payments—**August-May**
 - August 18th
 - September 18th
 - October 18th
 - November 18th
 - January 6th
 - February 6th
 - March 6th
 - April 6th

U is for...

Your child is important to us, as are the policies and procedures that are in place. We will, however, be **Understanding** of unexpected, uncontrollable situations that may arise.

V is for...

We will occasionally have special **Visitors** visit our classroom. You will be informed of the visitor and their purpose in our classroom before they come.

W is for...

Our preschool has a **Website** which can be accessed at <http://www.kidsofharmony.com>. Check in regularly for updates on information about our preschool and special events. With permission, your child's picture may be posted on our school website!

A child who wishes to **Withdraw** from Kids of Harmony during the school year must give notice as much advance as possible. Tuition for the month immediately following the withdrawal will still be required. You will not receive a refund of any tuition money you have previously paid.

X is for...

Please send in an **eXtra** outfit for your child in the event of a special need.

Because your child is **eXtra** special and unique, they will have an opportunity to be "student of the week" and share about themselves with the class!

Y is for...

Please remember that **You** are your child's first and most important teacher. No one can influence your child's life in the way that you can!

Z is for...

Z is for **Zoom!** Sit back and watch your child's skills take off! You will be amazed at the changes this year.