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1. What is the BCSC Little Bulldog Academy?

The BCSC Little Bulldog Academy is a community pre-kindergarten program available to any child who is four years old by August 1, 2024. No early entrance requests will be accepted into this program. All students must be toilet-trained by the start of the 2024-2025 school year to be eligible to attend preschool. The program will be at Batesville Primary School.

2. What does the Little Bulldog Academy offer?

The program is a full-day program, 174 days a year, following the BCSC school calendar (new school calendar for 2024-2025). The full-day program will follow the Batesville primary school's schedule beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. You can pick up your student in front of BPS at 3:00 p.m.

3. Why should I choose the BCSC Little Bulldog Academy?

The BCSC Little Bulldog Academy offers a variety of unique opportunities and experiences, which will prepare your child for success at school. The Little Bulldog teachers will work closely with Batesville Primary School kindergarten teachers to ensure children are ready to excel in Kindergarten.

4. What is the class size at the Little Bulldog Academy?

Class sizes may range from ten to twenty students. The adult-to-student ratio for this program is planned to be close to 1:10 (two classrooms; two teachers and one instructional aide split between both classrooms). Each class will have approximately 12-15 students with a classroom teacher. There will also be one instructional aide split between both classes.

5. At what age can my child begin attending the BCSC Little Bulldog Academy?

Children must be 4 years old by August 1, 2024. <u>All students must be toilet-trained by the start</u> of the 2024-2025 school year to be eligible to attend preschool.

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6. What is the cost for my child to attend Little Bulldog Academy? What are meal prices?

Tuition and fees have been set according to fair and comparable pricing:

- \$30 per day with a \$100 registration fee. The registration fee will be applied to your first full payment. The \$100 registration fee is non-refundable for families choosing not to attend after registering for the program.
- The current cost for breakfast is \$1.70 and the cost for lunch is \$2.20 (2023-2024 Prices; these prices may increase)

7. Could my child qualify for free/reduced lunches?

Yes

8. Vacations/Absences

Once enrolled in the BCSC Little Bulldog Academy, the tuition amount is due regardless of the number of days the child actually attends.

9. What if my child has allergies or becomes ill?

Children in the Little Bulldog Academy will utilize the BPS clinic from 8:00-3:00 if they become ill. A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) staffs the clinic. The Little Bulldog Academy and the BPS cafeteria will be sensitive to all allergies and take necessary precautions, including developing a Health Care Plan as needed.

10. Medications

Prescription and non-prescription medication CANNOT be administered or dispensed without written permission from the child's legal guardian. Medications must be brought to the School Clinic and kept there in the original container bearing the child's name.

11. What security is provided at the BCSC Little Bulldog Academy?

All Batesville Primary School doors are shut and locked throughout the day. Parents will need to enter the building through the front doors so they can be "buzzed" in.

BCSC employs two Resource Officers for the district. Batesville Primary School also has a camera security system installed throughout the school building to enhance the protection of our students and staff.

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12. What happens if the schools close due to snow?

The Little Bulldog Academy will be closed if BCSC Schools are not in session due to inclement weather. The Little Bulldog Academy will begin at 10:00 a.m. on a two-hour delay schedule.

13. How will I know how my child is doing in class?

Parents can expect a progress report at the end of each quarter to provide an update on their child's progress toward the curriculum goals. Parent/teacher conferences may be held once per year. If there are any concerns regarding your child's participation, his/her teacher will contact you to discuss these. Should you have any questions, you are more than welcome to call or email your child's teacher.

14. Can I withdraw my child from the Little Bulldog Academy once he/she is enrolled?

The \$100 registration fee is non-refundable for families choosing not to attend after registering for the program. If you choose to withdraw your child from the Little Bulldog Academy, you must give two weeks notice. You are still responsible for the tuition fees during that time. Once we receive notification of your intention to withdraw, your child's "spot" will be given to another child on the waiting list.

15. Is bus transportation available for my preschool student?

Bus transportation is **not** offered to Little Bulldog Academy children.

16. What methods of payments can be made for tuition?

BCSC prefers parents make online payments via E-Funds using credit or debit cards, but do accept personal check, money order, or cashier's check.

17. What snacks are permitted to be brought in and how often?

Snacks can be brought in by each student daily. (Optional) There is a \$0.45 charge for milk and \$0.35 for snacks.

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18. Will my child celebrate his/her birthday at school?

The Little Bulldog Academy will recognize your child's birthday with a special recognition in class. However, parents may not bring birthday treats from home or send invitations to private parties.

19. Is there a naptime during the day?

Students are required to have quiet time even if they do not sleep. There will not be alternative options provided in order to respect the needs of students. Families that cannot adhere to this expectation should not register for the program. Families will not be permitted to sign out their child early to miss nap/rest. If this becomes a problem, families may be asked to exit the program.

20. What is the application process?

Following the completion of online registration, all families will be required to bring a deposit of \$100 to Batesville Primary School along with an official birth certificate, immunization records, and any necessary custodial paperwork. Additional registration forms will need to be completed at Batesville Primary School.