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Hearing Speech and Deaf Center

**HSDC's *Reggio Emilia*-Inspired
Bilingual ASL and English Education Center:**

Rosen Family Preschool & ASL Infant-Toddler Room

Family Handbook 2023-2024

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Statement of Nondiscrimination: Rosen Preschool shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students, and is committed to nondiscrimination in all aspects of Rosen Preschool's activities and programs. Rosen Preschool prohibits discrimination on the basis of any of the following categories: sex (gender); race; creed; color; religion; ancestry; national origin; age; economic status; sexual orientation including gender expression or identity; pregnancy; marital status; physical appearance; the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability; honorably discharged veteran or military status; or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.

What Should I Bring on the First Day of School?

Backpack

A durable small backpack works best. **Label clearly with your child's name**, inside and out.

Forms

Please bring any outstanding enrollment forms and vaccination records, and be sure you have accepted all agreements in the parent portal:

<http://bit.ly/hsdcparentportal> We cannot admit children to school until these are completed.

Seasonally Appropriate Complete Change of Clothes in a Ziploc Bag

Include underwear and socks! *All clothing should be **labeled with your child's name** or initials.* It is very difficult to know which clothes belong to each child once they are separated from the child! Please label everything!

Comfort Item and Family Photo

ONE blanket or stuffed animal and a picture of the family and pet.

Water Bottle

A reusable spill-proof water bottle

Bottle Feeding/Formula

Bring one month's supply; we will let you know when more is needed. **Label clearly with your child's name.**

Baby Wipes/Diapers/Tissues

Bring one month's supply; we will let you know when more is needed. Label clearly with your child's name.

Lunchbox

This can be a reusable box or bag clearly labeled with your child's name. Let us know if your food needs refrigeration. Please do not send candy.

*Please **DO NOT bring** toys from home as they can break or be lost and are often hard to share. One comfort item is ok, as listed above.*

2023-2024 HSDC Onsite Education Calendar

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Last Update: August 15, 2023 See HSDC.org/ROSEN for most recent changes

calendar last updated: August 16, 2023 :: Please check our website for the most recent updates.

Calendar-at-a-Glance

HSDC
Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center

Events / Holidays	
Date	Description
8/21-8/29	No School - Staff Orientation
8/30	Family Hopes and Dreams Conferences/Back To School Open House 8am to 1pm
8/31	Family Hopes and Dreams Conferences/Back to School Open House 11am to 5pm
9/1	Family Hopes and Dreams Conferences
9/23	Holiday - Labor Day
9/5/2023	First Day of Fall Session: all classrooms open
10/13/2023	No School - State Inservice Day
11/10/2023	No School - Veterans Day Observed (Teacher Work Day)
11/20/2023	No School - Teacher Work Day/Reports Due
11/23/2023	-11/22 No School - Family Conferences
11/23/2023	Holiday - Thanksgiving
11/24/22	Holiday - Thanksgiving
12/18-1/01/23	Winter Break
1/1/2024	Holiday - New Years Day
1/15/2023	Holiday - ML King Day
2/19/23	MidWinter Break Begins
2/19/2023	Holiday - President's Day
2/21-12/24	MidWinter Break/Teacher Work Day
2/16/2024	Progress Reports Due
3/15/2024	No School - Teacher Work Day
4/08-4/12	No School - Spring Break/Teacher Work Days
5/6/2024	Half Day: Closing at 1pm for Teacher Meetings
5/27/2024	Holiday - Memorial Day
6/16/24	Progress Reports Due
6/19/24	Holiday - Juneteenth
6/21/24	Half Day: Graduation and Family Conferences
6/24-6/26	No School - Family Conferences
6/27-6/28	No School - Teacher Work Day
TSG Assessments Due dates	
24	Family Conferences
Progress Reports Due: 11/21, 2/24, 6/16	
HSDC Building Closed	
1/2 Day Schedule- Day ends at 1pm.	
26	School Closed for Students

Welcome

We welcome your family to HSDC's Reggio Emilia inspired Infant-Toddler room and ASL and English Bilingual Preschool! Thank you for allowing us to be partners in your child's education.

We developed this Family Handbook to answer your questions and ease your concerns. Please use it as a reference. If you have any further questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at rosenpreschool@hcdc.org.

About HSDC...

Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center (HSDC) is a resource hub redefining language and communication. Our multi-dimensional approach is driven by Deaf Culture and Sign Language and benefits the diverse community we share our lives with every day.

HSDC is a nonprofit organization serving the Puget Sound area. We foster accessible communities through communication, advocacy and education. We offer services for people who are Deaf, hard of hearing or have speech/language differences as well as their families and friends. We also offer trainings for organizations that wish to better serve Deaf and hard of hearing community members.

We offer a comprehensive array of programs that foster effective communication for individuals and families affected by hearing or speech differences. Our services include:

- [Assistance and Information for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)
- [Family support for households with Deaf and Hard of Hearing infants and toddlers](#)
- [Bilingual Early Childhood services with instruction in American Sign Language and English](#)
- [Interpreting for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)
- [Audiology and Hearing Aids](#)
- [Speech and Language Therapy](#)

Our facility is located in the Central District of Seattle on the corner of 19th Ave and E Madison St. We also have satellite offices in Bellingham and Tacoma. A map with directions to our preschool in Seattle is listed on the last page of this handbook.

HSDC commits to implementing anti-racist and anti-audist practices based on recommendations from the HSDC Equity Leadership Team. We understand the work for Racial & Social Justice is never done and there are always opportunities to

do more. It is our responsibility to do all we can to support BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and people who are Deaf, DeafBlind, hard of hearing, and have speech diversity.

View our eleven equity commitments here: <https://hsdc.org/about-us/equity-commitments/>

About Rosen Family Preschool

MISSION:

Brilliant children, engaged families, and inspired educators collaborate in a joyful, accessible, bilingual, multicultural learning community; we honor the hundred languages of children, illuminated by the power of American Sign Language and Deaf Culture.

VISION:

Inspiring our community to embrace multilingualism and honor competencies in our children.

What makes our program unique?

Key elements of the approach:

- ASL and English Bilingual model
- Reggio Emilia inspired philosophy
- Deaf-friendly, culturally appropriate, visually accessible setting
- Family Engagement and Virtual Home Visits
- Culturally competent education team including teachers, audiologists and speech-language pathologists work regularly with students to meet individual spoken language and listening goals as appropriate

What does learning look like at HSDC?

Children and adults work to form lasting, trusting and secure relationships. Relationship-building gives teachers and students the opportunity to learn together, developing social-emotional skills.

- Teachers engage in an ongoing process of researching each student to provide opportunities and provocations built out of children's interests.
- Teachers set the stage for authentic student engagement valuing play, curiosity, and wonder as students are empowered to be protagonists of their own stories.
- Students have opportunities to work individually, in small groups, as a whole group, and with a variety of staff members. Students participate as their abilities and interests dictate.
- Children and adults work together to take good care of our intentionally-designed materials and learning environment.

In our classrooms:

- We communicate in a way that is accessible to all.
- We make everyone feel welcome, seen and known.
- We keep everyone's bodies, feelings and belongings safe.

- Learning opportunities, provocations and engagements are thoughtfully designed to spark interest, participation and growth.
- Through play, we learn and make meaning together by exploring, collaborating and questioning.

Language Learning

Our program consists of three classrooms: an Infant-Toddler classroom, a bilingual ASL-English classroom, and an ASL Immersion classroom. Both ASL and English learning are fostered in all classrooms, with a focus on ASL immersion and full accessibility at all times.

The **Infant-Toddler classroom** is for hearing and deaf children aged 0-3 looking for a language-rich environment in which they can learn in collaboration with Deaf teachers, fluent language models, and Parent-Infant-Program specialists to design personalized care and foster a community among parents, teachers, and children aged 0-3.

Our **Bilingual DHH ASL and English classroom** provides a strong foundation in language skills for deaf children. We know that early accessible language—spoken or signed—is a predictor of positive language outcomes. These set the stage for developing world knowledge and healthy social-emotional skills. Current research shows that cognitive functions are enhanced in the bilingual brain.

Our **ASL Immersion Classroom** provides a supportive play-based dual-language environment for children who use ASL. We prioritize enrollment for children with Deaf family members and for those whose families are dedicated to ASL, Deaf Culture and Bilingual Deaf Education.

Interpretation in the ASL Immersion classroom:

In 2020, we piloted the role of an ASL - English Interpreter in the ASL Immersion classroom. This role is not a teacher position, and they are not responsible for the learning going on in the classroom. The intention of including a Sign Language Interpreter to the class is to prioritize access for the Deaf teachers. Whether that is including them in children's spoken conversations or helping resolve a conflict between students, the goal is to reduce potential language barriers between the teacher and student at times where it is clear that the child is not understanding their environment and needs extra support in a spoken language.

Rosen Preschool Language Learning Philosophy & Language Policy

In our Bilingual American Sign Language and English preschool we prioritize the establishment of a solid foundation in ASL as a fully accessible first language for every child, nurturing Deaf/deaf children's critical early access to communication and connection.

We use ASL to leverage second language development in written English and promote listening skills and spoken English as accessible and desired by individual families.

By teaching ASL and English as distinct and separate entities, we maximize the quality of expression in each language. All classroom communication must be 100% accessible, either signed or interpreted into ASL.

¹ We use the term *Deaf/deaf* here to include children with any degree of hearing loss/*Deaf Gain*. *Deaf Gain* is the concept of benefits conferred on a person whose language and mode of expression is visually enhanced, enriching the diversity of human experience.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/deaf-gain/201411/introduction-deaf-gain>

Virtual Home Visits

Strong language models and inspired role models are fundamental to student success. Our highly qualified teachers collaborate with your family in the classroom and in the home. At a **Virtual Home Visit**, teachers and parents work in partnership to learn together and support the specific needs of your child and your family. Families will be invited to sign up for one virtual home visit per month with the classroom teachers. Meetings happen via videophone, Zoom or other video-chat programs. ASL interpreters can be requested. Teachers can arrange to have an interpreter at the virtual home visits upon request.

Family Events with the Parent Infant Program

Family events offer a chance for you to meet other students and families in the HSDC community. There, you'll learn about topics relevant to your child's educational and personal development as well as have the opportunity to study and practice ASL as it is relevant to you. From time to time we update our online resources which can be accessed here:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hsdcfamilyroom/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/hsdcfamilyroom>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HSDCFamilyRoom/>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/FamilyRoomYouTube>

Reggio Emilia

The Infant-Toddler room and Rosen Preschool rooms employ a **Reggio Emilia inspired approach to learning**.

Key Principles of the Reggio Emilia Approach:

- 1) Children are inherently capable and curious, driven to learn.
- 2) Children are collaborators and learn through relationships and interaction within their communities.

- 3) We value and nurture the many ways that children show their understanding and express their thoughts and creativity: the “Hundred Languages” of children.
- 4) The classroom environment is the third teacher.
- 5) Adults are mentors and guides.
- 6) Teachers use documentation of children’s thoughts and language to make their learning visible and inform curriculum development.
- 7) Families are essential partners in education.

Learn more at the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance www.reggioalliance.org:

ROSEN FAMILY PRESCHOOL GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1) We will communicate daily with families and highlight the value of their input because we believe families are crucial partners in their child’s learning.
- 2) We will provide emotional, mental, and physical support for ourselves and our communities because we know the health of our program is often a reflection of the health of our community.
- 3) We are driven to be change agents in the field of bilingual Deaf education in Seattle so we will commit to ongoing professional development because we believe in growth as professionals through collaboration and change.
- 4) We will reflect and honor the competencies and unique skills of each child because we believe a strengths-based image of the child fosters a learning environment where each child can thrive and belong.
- 5) We will represent and highlight the Deaf community and its members because we know that Deaf culture and the inclusion of the community is essential to identity development and acquisition of American Sign Language (ASL) for our students and families.
- 6) We will regularly curate high-quality documentation, seek out professional development and engage in consistent team communication because this engenders a growth mindset and fuels our pursuit of excellence.

Progress Monitoring

Each student in Rosen Family Preschool will be monitored for progress on an ongoing basis using a variety of assessment tools. You will receive triennial reports on your child’s present levels of development and frequent updates on the current focus of activities in the classroom. For children who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) through one of our partner school districts, we will work

together to develop specific goals and objectives for their progress over the school year based on their identified needs. If your child has an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), our Infant-Toddler classroom staff are able to work with your child's Parent-Infant-Program specialist to coordinate support.

Our school uses the **Ages and Stages Questionnaire** as a screening tool for all students not currently served by an IEP or IFSP. Families are asked to participate in completing this questionnaire for their child. (Learn more here: <https://agesandstages.com/>)

Our school uses the **Teaching Strategies Gold** assessment tool. This authentic, ongoing, observation-based assessment system is grounded in 38 research-based objectives for development and learning which align with Washington State's early learning standards. Teachers use a variety of online tools to gather and organize meaningful data quickly. At home visits and conferences, families can review the findings with teachers throughout the year, and can access the data through a parent portal.

We use the standardized **Visual Communication and Sign Language (VCSL) Checklist for Signing Children** as a reference to assess student's ASL learning. This tool was developed at Gallaudet University to meet the need for a comprehensive checklist of visual language development so that learning goals can be set, gaps in learning identified, and appropriate materials developed. We are working toward becoming formally certified with this tool.

Your feedback and insight into your own child's strengths, challenges, and experiences are invaluable to us. We have set aside a specific time during the year (see school calendar) for parent/caregiver-teacher conferences and have incorporated regular virtual home visits into our preschool program in order to discuss these very issues, but feel free to share updates with us at any time. Your direct contact is the preschool teachers; however, if ever you find you need to address concerns on a higher level, you are welcome to contact the Director.

Parent/Caregiver Participation

Infant-Toddler and Preschool years are more than just a learning experience for the child; it's a place for the whole family to learn and build community. With our uniquely integrated approach, we offer virtual home visits and invite families to join us for events at HSDC. With your permission, teachers will meet regularly with family to extend the classroom into your home in order to further support your child's growth. We hope all family members will be able to participate.

We greatly value your input and support! We hope to establish a supportive **Parent Association** to organize community events, discuss topics related to our preschool and community and to find ways to collaborate with and support our education team.

And of course, we're always thankful for parent volunteers! Opportunities will be announced throughout the year.

Staff

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- Classroom Interpreter: Marieke

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- General Aide:

Takeshi Matsumoto (tmatsumoto@hsrc.org)

Ongoing Professional Development

Professional development for our staff is an ongoing process. All staff is required to complete the following trainings on a regular basis:

- First Aid
- Infant/Child CPR
- Bloodborne Pathogen
- HIPAA
- Anti-Harassment

Our staff also participates in field-specific trainings and conferences throughout the year.

Policies & Procedures

Enrollment & Admission

Rosen Family Preschool and the ASL Infant-Toddler Classroom comprise three classrooms: one designated for students aged 0-3, and two classrooms designated for students aged 3-5. (Based on enrollment numbers, the two preschool classes may be combined.)

Our program is open to infants and toddlers aged 0-3 as well as preschoolers aged 3-5, who incorporate both American Sign Language (ASL) and English into their daily lives. Each enrolled student as well as his/her family is able to access all of our education areas and resources free of charge. Parents are welcome to schedule visits to our classroom during our hours of operation. We also encourage you to take advantage of our Family Resource Library!

School District Placement /IFSP/IEP

If your child has or is eligible for an IFSP, Rosen Family Preschool teachers are available to work with Early Education/Early Intervention teams and families and provide on-site services along with a family resource center. Children aged 0-3 can have access to this classroom from 8A-5P Mondays-Fridays through the school year

If your child is determined eligible for Part B/special education services through your home school district and your child's IEP team has agreed that the best placement is Rosen Family Preschool, the child may begin preschool the day they turn 3 years old. Children aged 3-5 can have access to this classroom from 9A-3P Mondays-Fridays through the school year

Private Placement

Our classroom has a limited number of seats, and school district placement must take priority. However, we do welcome children who embody our Bilingual ASL and English approach but who do not qualify for educational placement in Rosen Preschool through their school district. Open seats are available for private

placement, while taking into consideration projections for school district enrollment later in the school year.

Private placement admission is determined on a case-by-case basis. Some of the factors involved in that determination are:

- Family commitment to our bilingual philosophy
- ASL abilities strong enough at enrollment to follow class instruction and engage socially
- Potty training
- Level of independence

Once all seats in the class are full, a wait list for private placement students is implemented.

Fees, Tuition & Tuition Assistance

Those students enrolled under school district placement are entitled to free, appropriate public education (FAPE) in Rosen Family Preschool. No tuition rate will be assigned to them.

Those students who are enrolled under private placement will be responsible for tuition. Rates will be evaluated once a year. Parents will be informed in spring if there will be a tuition increase the following school year.

Additional fees may be charged for field trips or special activities to all students who participate.

Tuition and Fees: July 1, 2022

Population	Term	Monthly General Rate	Monthly Second Child or Staff Rate
Infants (1-11 months)	Full Year	\$2,760.00	\$1,380.00
Toddlers (12 – 36 months)	Full Year	\$2,300.00	\$1,150.00
Preschoolers	Sept - June	\$2,200.00	\$1,100.00
School District IEP Rate (Paid by School Districts)	n/a	\$6,700 - \$8,000	n/a

Program Funding Sources

RFP Funding Sources	Details
School District Funding	School district contracts fund individual students with IEP Placement at RFP.
Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) Funding	Families living in Seattle with children turning 3 or 4 by August 31 can apply for sliding-scale subsidies from SPP.
Grant Funding	Various short-term grants support our program to build capacity.
Child Care Subsidies (families apply for these)	Working Connections Child Care: https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc Child Care Resources: https://www.childcare.org/stories/story.aspx?id=191 Child Care Aware: https://childcareawarewa.org/families/
Private Pay Tuition	Families pay tuition out-of-pocket when they do not qualify through an IEP or SPP.
Scholarships	Rosen Family Preschool has some funding set aside specifically for tuition. Apply here: http://bit.ly/rfp-ta

Tuition Assistance

Our program is dedicated to serving “mission-appropriate” families. A mission-appropriate family is one who demonstrates “goodness of fit” by sharing our values and partnering with us to pursue our mission and vision. We are dedicated to removing barriers to access caused by inequity and ingrained cultural biases. To this end, we seek creative approaches to ensuring accessibility.

Families who are not able to afford full private pay tuition can apply for subsidies to cover some or all tuition. Families who do not qualify for subsidies may request tuition assistance from HSDC. Qualification is determined by both goodness of fit with our program and financial need. Funding is limited.

Goodness of fit is determined by an application that screens for these qualifications:

- child is deaf or hard of hearing
- family member is deaf or hard of hearing
- family is dedicated to ASL, Deaf Culture and Bilingual Deaf Education

Financial need is determined using our application process.

Tuition Assistance for Employees: Staff tuition is reduced by 50%. Families who are not able to afford staff rate tuition can apply for subsidies to cover some or all tuition. Staff families who do not qualify for subsidies may request tuition assistance from HSDC. Qualification is determined by both goodness of fit with our program and financial need.

Final decisions about offering tuition reduction will be at the discretion of the Education Directors and the Co-Executive Directors.

Please complete our application for tuition assistance here: <http://bit.ly/rfp-ta>

2023-2024 Schedule

The Infant and Toddler room is in session Monday through Friday from 8:00pm to 5:00pm, year-round, with scheduled breaks between sessions. Rosen Preschool is in session Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm, September through June. Virtual Home visits are scheduled between teachers and families.

Extended Care

We are **no longer providing** Extended Care for our Preschool students as of June, 2023. Families are encouraged to call Child Care Aware's Family Center, 1-800-446-1114. They are open Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and can assist you to arrange care alternatives. <https://childcareawarewa.org/families/#whotocall>.

Daily Schedule - Infant and Toddler Room

Note: The schedule is subject to change at any time, and is geared to permit long periods of self-directed student exploration in teacher-curated environments.

Time	Activity
8:00-8:15	Arrival, Check-in with parents, Welcoming ritual, family style breakfast/snack time, self-directed play, bottle-feeding as needed
9:30	Welcoming ritual, family style breakfast/snack time
10:00	Story-time, self-directed play, guided learning, and/or projects in learning areas indoors and outside
10:45	Bathroom, Wash Hands, Clean up
11:00 to 12:15	Lunch for non-bottle-fed infants, staggered as morning sleepers awake
11:30 to 2:00	Naptime for older infants and most toddlers, with an individualized wake up time.

12:15 to 4:00	Self-directed play and/or neighborhood walk
2:00 to 3:00	Snack time for older infants and toddlers
4:00 to 5:00	Closing ritual, Late snack as needed, Pack up, Check-in with parents, Home

Daily Schedule - Preschool

Note: The schedule is subject to change at any time, and is geared to permit long periods of self-directed student exploration in teacher-curated environments.

Time	Activity
9:00	Bus/Bathroom
9:20	Big Body Play: Gross motor and sensory activities to come together and kick off the day
10:00	Circle Time (Large Group)
10:10	Exploration: Student directed play , snack , small groups, center choices (Small Group)
11:00	ASL Story Time (Large Group)
11:20	Cleanup
11:30	Outside Exploration
12:15	Lunch/Bathroom
1:00	Walk to the Neighborhood Park
2:00	Storytime/Quiet Time
2:40	Closing Circle
3:00	Bus

Parent – Teacher Communication

We have an online tool for enrollment and administrative communication with families. This system is called Jackrabbit Care and it works via our parent portal, here: <http://bit.ly/hsdcparentportal> When you applied for enrollment, you were given access to this tool. You can reset your password if you have forgotten it.

Daily and weekly, our teachers update you about school activities, upcoming events, at-home carry-over activities, and much more via our communication app, **Storypark** (<https://storypark.com/>). From their website: “**Communication tools** that are easy to use and a dedicated **Family App** enable effective two-way communication and sharing of essential updates, messages, photos and **children’s routines** and

[learning.](#)” Our staff recommends accessing Storypark through the browser on a phone or computer. Please let us help you if you experience any barriers.

We know that your time is limited and appreciate your commitment to reading our communications. Often, there is a very important date or information that teachers expect you to know. At your request, we can provide printed communication instead of emails.

Please use Storypark’s “conversation” feature to communicate with your classroom teachers. We request that you do NOT use texting with the teachers to preserve their privacy and boundaries.

Attendance

Regular attendance shapes your child’s learning experience. All preschool students are encouraged to attend school daily and arrive on time. Tuition will not be discounted if your child misses school for any reason. If your child is on an IEP and therefore receiving preschool services through school district contracting, we document absences for your school district. **If your child is ill or must miss school for any other reason, please send a message via email or Storypark so we know not to expect your child.**

If a student will be removed from school prior to regular dismissal time, the parent or guardian should inform the Rosen Preschool staff in advance. Students will be released only to people listed in our system. Photo identification will be required.

Sign-in

Parents must sign their students in and out on a daily basis when they are not taking bus transportation. We use the Jackrabbit website to monitor attendance. Please use your pin number to sign your child in and out. You may request that classroom staff does this on your behalf. If your child is bussed to preschool, we will mark them present. Sign-in data is used in the event of evacuation and to report to our partners. In an emergency, it allows us to account for all students.

Illness

When your child is ill, it is best that they be kept home so that other children and staff are not exposed. Our license requires that students be kept home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Diarrhea (three or more watery stools or one bloody stool within twenty-four hours)
- Vomiting (two or more times within twenty-four hours)
- Open or oozing sores, unless properly covered with cloths or with bandages
- For suspected communicable skin infection such as impetigo, pinkeye, and scabies: The child may return twenty-four hours after starting antibiotic treatment
- Lice or nits

- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and who also have one or more of the following:
 - Earache
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Rash, or
 - Fatigue that prevents participation in regular activities.

Children and staff who have a reportable disease may not be in attendance at the child care center unless approved by the local health authority.

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases/health-care-providers/disease-reporting.aspx>:

If a student becomes ill during the day, parents or guardians will be notified immediately to pick up the student as soon as possible.



KEEP ME HOME IF...

I have a temperature of 100.4°F or higher



- I'm younger than 2 months; OR
- I'm older than 2 months **AND have other illness symptoms** (rash, sore throat, earache, headache, vomit, diarrhea) or are **just not feeling well**

I'm vomiting



2 or more times in 24 hours

I have diarrhea



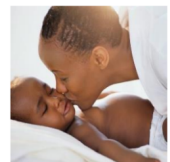
- 2 loose/watery stools more than normal for child in 24 hours; OR
- Any blood or mucus in stool

I have a rash, sores, lice, ringworm, or scabies



- Body rash (not related to allergic reaction, diapering, or heat)
- Oozing open sores or wounds
- Mouth sores with drooling
- Untreated head lice, ringworm, or scabies

I'm not feeling well



- Unusually tired
- Low activity level
- Lack of appetite
- Cranky/fussy
- Crying more than normal
- Unable to keep up with program activities

Please note: As of 2022, American Academy of Pediatrics defines fever as a temperature of 100.4°F or higher.

COVID-19 is not the only illness in the community. Child care and early learning programs are required to follow Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 110-300-0205 and send children and staff home when they are sick.

Programs are allowed to have sickness policies that are more cautious than WAC requirements. For example, a program may require children be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to care, or they may choose to exclude for COVID-19 symptoms and require a negative test before a child can return. **Please follow your child care program's sickness policy.**

Nobody likes to get sick. Keeping your child home when they are sick helps teachers, children, and other families from getting their germs.

Other things you can do to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands
- Stay up to date on your vaccinations, including COVID-19 and flu
- Consider wearing masks when you are in a crowded public setting

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Medications

Rosen Family Preschool can disburse prescription medication to children if required by your healthcare professional and accompanied by the required paperwork.

A medication form (available here:

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/15-968.pdf>) must be completed indicating time, dosage, and duration of medication. We will not disburse medication without written consent. It must specify dosage, the start & end date.

Medication must be in the original container with the physician's instructions for administration on the label. Medication will be placed in a locked box in the classroom or in the school's refrigerator (if needed).

Do not leave medication in lunch boxes, backpacks or anywhere that may be accessible to children. We are only allowed to administer certain groups of non-prescription medications. Parents must provide all medication and completed medication forms.

- Antihistamines (Benadryl, Sudafed)
- Non-aspirin pain relievers and fever reducers (Tylenol, Datril, Liquiprin)
- Cough Medicine (Robitussin, Triaminic)
- Decongestants (Dimetapp, Pediacare, Robitussin)
- Diaper Ointments (A&D, Desitin)

ALL MEDICINE must be in the original container labeled with the CHILD'S first and last name with clear instructions for use. Medication must indicate dosage by age. It is suggested that parents request the pharmacist to prepare two containers when the prescription is filled (one for home and one for child care).

OR

Send the container with the pharmacist's or manufacturer's label to childcare and keep a supply in a self-labeled container at home. Physician's sample medications can only be given if accompanied by written directions from the health care provider for administration including:

- Child's first and last names
- Dose, duration and method of administration
- Date the prescription was filled

For medications that are to be given for more than a one-month duration (e.g. for asthma, epilepsy and other long-term conditions), the parent authorization form will be signed monthly or when prescription is changed. These policies also apply to homeopathic medicines. Parents must sign all medication authorization forms (both prescription and non-prescription) for medication to be administered by staff. Parents must pick-up unused medication from the storage container. If not picked-up, it will be properly disposed of.

Medical Emergencies & Incidents

We do everything we can to maintain a safe and healthy environment. However, accidents can occur. We have an incident report form that we will fill out any time first aid is provided for a child. In addition, if there is child-to-child contact that results in an injury, both children will receive incident reports. A copy of the report will be sent home on the day of the incident for you to sign and return. The original will be kept in your child's file.

In the event of a serious and/or life-threatening emergency, staff will call 911. Parents will be notified immediately. They will be instructed as to the course of action taken. A staff member will remain with the child until a parent or an authorized emergency contact person can assume responsibility. In case of a medical emergency, children will be transported either by private car or ambulance to the nearest hospital.

In the event of an illness or injury that is not life threatening, first aid will be given by attending staff. Parents will be notified and we will follow parent instructions as to the best course of action in order to provide medical care.

Meals & Snacks

HSDC participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/child-nutrition/child-and-adult-care-food-program>) We receive federal USDA funding to bring down the cost of providing food for our students. Families are not charged for meals and snacks.

EVERY family, regardless of their ability to pay, is entitled to food and snacks that we will provide. Our food and snacks come from FareStart. (www.farestart.org)

Families can choose Regular, Vegetarian or Allergen-Free (Allergen Free contains none of the top 9 allergens as defined by the FDA (Wheat, Milk, Egg, Tree Nuts, Peanuts, Fish, Shellfish, Soy, Sesame).

FareStart's School Meals menu is free of nuts, pork, and shellfish. Please note that pork, shellfish, and other allergens may be processed in the facilities where FareStart ingredients are manufactured.

You can see the up-to-date menus from FareStart here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1Q-92qZkKo2SZuJToWAPnBoczN8LJ79sM>

Families are invited to **donate snacks**, as able, to our **"Snack Bank"** pantry. These items are used to supplement Fare Start meals. Parents can opt in to a rotating donation schedule so that every month, a different family is assigned a date to drop off snacks for the pantry. Families who do not sign up for the snack rotation are

welcome to donate items from the list whenever they are able. This is optional for families.

Snack Bank Suggested Shopping List -

These are the monthly snacks we would appreciate:

Milk – one gallon, twice a month (per classroom)
Loaf of Whole Wheat Bread twice a month (per classroom)
Nut Butter and Jelly (no sugar added)
Crackers – 2 Boxes (Examples: Whole Wheat Bunnies, Annie's Cheddar Bunnies, Trader Joe's Rocket Crackers)
Pita Chips Or Pretzels – 1 or 2 bags
Unsweetened Apple Sauce – 1 Jar
Fruit/Veggies Ready To Eat (Berries, Grapes, Clementines, Carrots...)
Raisins, Craisins or Dried Fruit – 1 large box
Seaweed Snacks – 1 to 2 dozen packages

You may add to the list, but please do NOT send these foods/ingredients to school:

Dyes or Artificial Colors
Artificial Flavors
High Sugar Content
Fruit Roll Up
Jell-O
Kool Aid
Juice
Candy
Yogurt Tubes

CLASSROOM ALLERGIES:

Oranges
Mustard
Peanuts

If families prefer, they may provide lunch and snacks for their children. Please see our Box Lunch requirements below. We ask that you provide food that meets nutritional standards. Soda pop and junk food will be returned home. We encourage families to provide lunches according to the Healthy Eating guidelines (<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/NutritionandPhysicalActivity/HealthyEating>).

A small refrigerator is provided for each classroom for storage of lunch foods that must remain cold. Please advise your child's teacher in the morning if your child has food that must be refrigerated.

Box Lunch Requirements

If you choose to send a lunch box, please make sure that you adhere to the following requirements, mandated by licensing and Rosen Family Preschool.

1. Provide your child with a lunch box labeled with their name.
2. Provide a nutritious lunch and provide variety.
3. Please do NOT include candy, chips or soda. We maintain a peanut/tree-nut-free facility when students with allergies are enrolled.
4. Make sure all items in the lunch box are ready to eat: Foods to be kept warm in a thermos, fruit and vegetables cut up appropriately, and cut to the appropriate size for the age of the child.
5. Lunch boxes need to be cleaned and sanitized at home daily.

Food Allergies

Names of children and their specific food allergies will be posted in the food service area of each classroom for staff to read. Parents are responsible for notifying us of any food allergies their child may have. We need a completed and signed Individual Care Plan for Child in Child Care form completed by the child's physician:

https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/forms?field_number_value=15-970 This is required of us according to the USDA guidelines.

Parents are also responsible for providing substitutions. For example, if a child is allergic to milk products, the parent would need to bring a non-dairy beverage to substitute when milk is served and when the menu lists an entree which contains milk products. You will be responsible to pack a substitute item. We will be mindful of offering foods which are safe for all children.

Our Approach to Discipline

Our program uses Dr. Jane Nelson's *Positive Discipline* approach, emphasizing respect for each child; developmentally appropriate expectations of children's behavior; and the use of natural and logical consequences.

(<https://www.positivediscipline.com/>) We also integrate Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline tools, based on the same brain research and philosophical approach to loving discipline. (www.consciousdiscipline.com)

Discipline concerns are handled by staff in a way that encourages children to solve problems and develop a sense of inner self-control. Tools and strategies for self-regulation are explicitly taught, practiced, and reinforced. Children are given authentic choices and the opportunity to be an active part of decision-making in their environment, thus fostering a sense of personal responsibility. Teachers help children understand the reasons for rules and limits and to feel good about the choices they make. The expectations regarding behavior and participation are clear and consistent. The structure of the day addresses the children's need to move between being expansive and creative, yet not chaotic, and the need to be quiet, contained and focused.

Corporal punishment is antithetical to this approach and is never employed.

Our staff will use a variety of strategies for positive discipline and guidance in the classroom, including the following:

- Plan ahead in order to anticipate problems.
- Limit expectations to what is realistic for the developmental level of each child (and make these expectations clear to children). E.g. understand that young children are not ready to share yet; model and encourage sharing, but do not insist on it.
- Create a “yes, and” environment: rather than telling children what they cannot do, give them choices of the things they can do.
- Talk about children’s positive behavior: “Daniel was happy that you gave him the truck when you were finished with it.”
- Set a few simple, clear rules, focused around health and well-being, safety, respect for property, and respect for others.
- State rules positively rather than negatively: “Please walk” instead of “Don’t run.” Offer reasons for rules: “I know you really want to paint, but it is not safe to run inside the classroom. I don’t want you to slip and fall. Please use your walking feet when you are inside.”
- Model behaviors that we wish children to use, e.g. always being courteous and attentive.
- Give children clear, simple directions and positive reminders.
- Pay close attention to children in order to prevent and/or intervene in challenging behaviors. (Especially important with children who are likely to escalate, hit or bite.)
- Redirect children from unacceptable to acceptable behavior: “I am going to help you stop kicking. We’ll find something else for you to do.”
- Share our own feelings about certain behaviors: “I get worried when you climb on the bookshelf.”
- Help children deal with frustration and anger through words or pretend play.
- Focus on the child’s behavior, not on the child’s value as a person.
- Help children understand the consequences of their actions, and use problem-solving skills to develop solutions.
- Encourage children’s growing sense of independence and acknowledge when children show self-control.
- Help children refrain from dwelling on mistakes, so they can learn to move on, fostering a growth mindset.

Time away from an activity can allow a child the chance to cool off and regain control; however, this strategy is used only rarely, for very objectionable, out-of-control or repeated antisocial behavior.

The following **unacceptable discipline methods** are prohibited by staff at all times, under any circumstances:

- Corporal punishment, including hitting, spanking, swatting, beating, shaking, pinching, squeezing and other measures intended to induce physical pain or fear
- Threatened or actual withdrawal of food, rest, or use of the bathroom
- Use of food as reward
- Abusive or profane language
- Any form of public or private humiliation, including threats of physical punishment or emotional abuse, including shaming, humiliating, rejecting, terrorizing, or isolating a child
- Punishment for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet
- Bribes, false threats or false choices
- Retaliating or doing to the child what s/he did to someone else
- Labeling a child as “bad” or otherwise implying that she/hey/they are a problem, rather than the behavior itself.

Physical restraint of a child would only be used in an extreme situation where a child is in danger of seriously hurting him/herself or others and then only by a staff member trained in the appropriate use of the basket hold. Any time a restraint was required, the parent/guardian would receive written documentation.

If a child exhibits a consistent challenging behavior, efforts will be made to understand why the behavior is happening. Our staff meets as needed with a mental health specialist. Staff and parent conferences are held to talk about ways to change behaviors, if necessary. It is important that staff and parents use a consistent approach to the problem both at the center and at home. If the child does not show improvement, we may refer the child and parents to a qualified professional for further evaluation.

All children will be supervised at all times.

Mandatory Reporting

The staff of Rosen Family Preschool are required by law to report any instance where there is reason to suspect the occurrence of physical, sexual, or emotional child abuse, child neglect or exploitation to the police or Child Protective Services. Notification of the parents is solely dependent upon the recommendation of the police or Child Protective Services.

Religion and Holidays

Rosen Preschool does not prescribe to any specific religious or holiday practices. Customs and beliefs may be taught in class as a way of teaching children about all cultures and respect for all. Families are encouraged to share activities, food, songs, and stories from their cultures.

Closure Policy in Severe Weather

HSDC and Rosen Preschool follow Seattle Public Schools’ weather closure policy. If Seattle schools are closed, then HSDC will be closed and Rosen Preschool will be

canceled. If Seattle Public Schools has a two-hour delay, Rosen Preschool will start on time. Information for the Seattle Public Schools can be found at <https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=29300406>.

Of course, your family's safety is our first priority. If Rosen Preschool is open, but you believe it is unsafe to transport your child to school, please stay home. Contact Rosen Preschool staff to inform them not to expect your child in class.

Transportation & Field Trips

Parents are responsible for transporting children to and from school during hours of operation. Those receiving services or attending through a school district may be provided with bus transportation from that school district. Parents are responsible for making all bus arrangements and notifying Rosen Preschool of all bus pick up and drop off procedures in writing. We do not transport children to or from school.

We frequently walk to different areas in the neighborhood and have attached a blanket "neighborhood walk" permission slip for you to complete and return. For other field trips, Rosen Preschool staff will send home a *Field Trip Authorization Form* outlining details. Depending on our study, we may take field trips to the local fire department, a pizza parlor, or a nearby park. Parents will be informed about field trips in advance and are welcome to join the class.

Parking

There is a loading zone, as well as 2-hour street parking in front of the center. Please remember that these spaces are for pick up or drop off only. Parking on the HSDC side of the street is 2-hour only.

Animal and Pet Policy

Caring for and interacting with pets can be a special part of our preschool curriculum. It gives the teachers an opportunity to talk about life cycle issues including death. Children learn to care respectfully for creatures and are given the opportunity to nurture other living beings. Families will be informed when there is a plan to bring animals or pets into the classroom.

Classroom pets and visiting animals need to be in good health.

Pets and/or visiting animals must have documentation from a veterinarian or an animal shelter to show that the animals are fully immunized (if the animal should be so protected).

Teaching staff supervise all interactions between children and animals and instruct children on safe behavior when in close proximity to animals. Staff makes sure that any child who is allergic to a type of animal is not exposed to that animal.

Reptiles are not allowed as classroom pets because of the risk of salmonella infection.

Both Parents and Teachers commit to frequent and transparent communication especially regarding allergies. All allergies will be in consideration when making decisions about visitors, large and small. Please inform your teacher if you have a concern about your child's allergies.

What to Wear

Students should wear comfortable clothing that can get messy. We will include a variety of activities daily in which students will likely get water, washable paint, or other things on their clothing. An extra change of clothes must be kept in your student's cubby at all times "just in case" and replaced *as soon as possible* if used. We go out to play every day, rain or shine. Please pack a rain jacket, boots and a hat. **Please label all clothing.** Shoes should be appropriate for outdoor running and walking.

Children's Cubbies

Students each have a cubby located near the entry area of our classroom. Students should practice independently hanging their backpacks and coats in their cubbies at the beginning of each day. They should also leave any other personal belongings in their cubby during the school day.

Backpacks

Please make sure to send your child to school with a backpack (or any bag) every day, labeled with their name. This will ensure a quick and safe transition and ensure that all materials make it home! Please check your child's backpack daily for any projects or notes home from the teachers.

Diapers and Diapering

We accept children before they are potty-trained but hope to work with parents to meet that goal during the school year. If a child is still in diapers, parents are responsible for providing diapers that will be kept in their child's cubby. A note will be sent home when the supply is getting low. Only our staff will change students' diapers.

Photo Release

In school, photos are routinely taken for use in documentation and may occasionally serve a dual purpose for marketing and training. A photo release statement is included in the parent portal.

Please indicate agreement with our photo release policy in the parent portal. It states:

I give HSDC or its legal representative the absolute right and permission to include our family's name in articles about us, and to copyright and/or publish photographic portraits, pictures, or videotape of us and to use our photos in conjunction with a fictitious name for art, health, education, marketing, or any other

lawful purpose. I waive my right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the use to which it may be applied. I release, discharge and agree to hold harmless HSDC or its legal representatives from any liability by virtue of any blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of said pictures or any processing tending towards the completion of the product.

I understand that I may opt out of this release by sending a letter or email to ece@hsrc.org stating my preference.

Emergency Procedures

Necessary and immediate steps will be taken in the event of an emergency, and we will call the emergency contact person you indicated in your registration. It is critical that you keep the school updated with current emergency numbers. Update your account or inform the education office immediately of any changes.

If an emergency situation arises that compromises local communication lines, the school's out-of-area contact is Washington State's Center for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Youth: (360) 418-4292. We will also post our emergency information to local radio station KPLU 88.5 FM as soon as possible.

Infant and Toddler Room Exit Path:

PRIMARY PLAN

Infants and Toddlers will be placed in rescue cribs and moved through the South exit of the Infant-Toddler Room, the Education Department office, and the non-HSDC lobby. From the west (non-HSDC hall) door, take a right and out the door to Madison St. Walk west up Madison and cross to Mt. Zion Church parking lot. Teachers are responsible for the group crossing safely together.

Rosen Preschool Exit Path:

PRIMARY PLAN

From the west (non-HSDC hall) door, take a right and out the door to Madison St. Walk east down Madison and cross to Mt. Zion Church parking lot. Teachers are responsible for the group crossing safely together.

SECONDARY PLAN

Take a left, walk down the main hall, then take a right at the corner. Walk through the HSDC lobby to the emergency stairs exit. Take the stairs down to the courtyard away from the building and cross to Mt. Zion Church parking lot.

EXTENDED EVACUATION FROM PRESCHOOL

If the cause of an emergency evacuation prevents people from reentering the building and parents are unable to pick their student(s) up immediately, the students and staff will relocate to the basement of the Madison Non-Profit Center (MNC) Building, located behind HSDC at 1620 18th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122. Every effort will be made to keep families updated and in constant communication.

FIRE:

If there is a fire, Rosen Preschool staff and students will follow the Rosen Preschool Exit Path. We will wait in the parking lot of the Mt. Zion Baptist church until the building has been inspected and deemed safe.

EARTHQUAKE:

Upon the first indication of an earthquake, teachers will direct students to duck, cover and hold. When the shaking stops, Rosen Preschool staff and students will follow the Rosen Preschool Exit Path. We will wait in the parking lot of the Mt. Zion Baptist church until the building has been inspected and deemed safe.

- Duck, cover and hold:
 - If inside:
 - Drop to the floor
 - Get under the desk and remain facing away from windows
 - If outside:
 - Move away from buildings and other collapsible objects
 - Drop to your knees on the ground
 - Bend over at the waist bringing your head between your knees
 - Cover your head with arms and hands

ACT OF VIOLENCE OR OTHER THREAT:

The Rosen Preschool staff will turn off the lights and the students will be directed to duck, cover and hold. All doors will be locked and door windows will be covered. The staff and students will remain in the Rosen Preschool classroom on lockdown until the building has been inspected and deemed safe.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE:

This action is used after a decision is made that being indoors would provide a greater level of protection to students and staff than being outdoors. If any event occurs that requires this, students and staff will stay in Rosen Preschool. Rosen Preschool staff will take precautions to make the room a safe shelter-in-place. Rosen Preschool staff and students will remain here until conditions become safe.

FLU:

If any Rosen Preschool staff or student shows signs and symptoms of a pandemic flu, such as the H1N1 flu or COVID, and needs to be quarantined until further notice,

one preschool classroom will convert into the quarantine area, and the other healthy students will leave the classroom and move to a different classroom.

EMERGENCY DRILLS:

During the school year, we prepare staff and students for emergencies by incorporating drills into the schedule. Each year we will conduct nine fire drills (monthly), two earthquake drills, one lockdown drill and one shelter-in-place drill.

If there is ever a situation in which we need to evacuate the Rosen Preschool classroom, staff will bring our *Emergency Information* notebook with us. If we are unable to be contacted in the HSDC building, we will contact you according to the information provided on the *Annual Enrollment & Emergency Contact Form*. If we are in the building during an emergency situation, you can contact the HSDC main line: (206) 323-5770.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

What is the HIPAA law?

HIPAA or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on August 21, 1996. The HIPAA law is a multi-step approach that is geared to improve the health insurance system. One approach of the HIPAA regulations is to protect privacy. This is in Title IV which defines rules for protection of patient information. All healthcare providers, health organizations, and government health plans that use, store, maintain, or transmit patient health care information are required to comply with the privacy regulations of the HIPAA law.

How does the HIPAA law affect me?

The complete HIPAA law is concentrated in simplifying the health care system and ensuring security for patients. Title IV is a safeguard ensuring the protection of privacy for your medical information. HSDC complies with HIPAA laws.

In Closing...

We are so grateful that you have entrusted us with your child. Thank you for partnering with us.

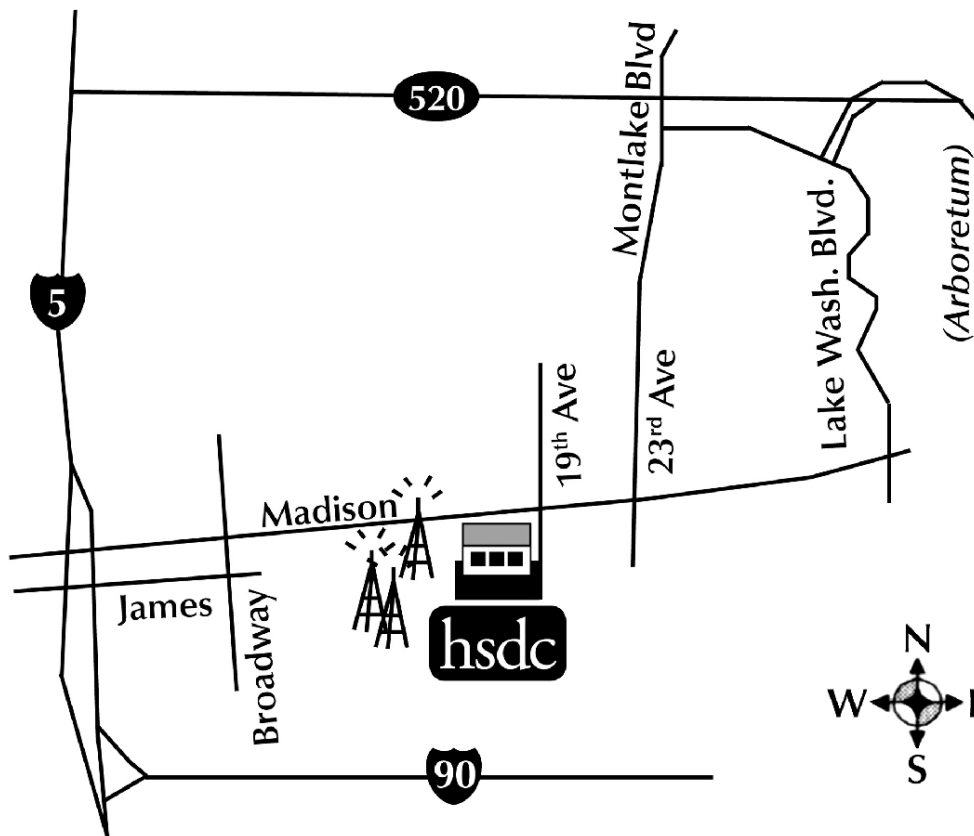
“Our task is to help children communicate with the world using all their potential, strengths and Languages and to overcome any obstacle presented by our culture.”

Loris Malaguzzi

POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

Please review the Agreements in the parent portal: <http://bit.ly/hsdcparentportal>. All families must review and accept the policies of our program in order to attend.

Map & Directions to Our Preschool



FROM THE NORTH

Heading south on I-5, take the James Street exit. Turn left onto James Street and go up the hill. Turn left onto Broadway at the top of the hill. Turn right onto Madison. Go east on Madison until you come to the corner of 19th and Madison; HSDC is on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH

Heading north on I-5, take the Madison Street exit. Continue on to the stop sign and turn right onto Madison. Stay on Madison, eastbound, past the hospitals and Seattle University, until you reach 19th Avenue. HSDC is on the right, at the corner of 19th and Madison.

FROM THE EAST (520)

Heading west on 520, take I-5 south; follow the "From the North" directions.

FROM THE EAST (I-90)

Heading west on I-90, exit as if you were going to I-5 heading north. The exit will have a sign for Madison Street. Follow the "From the South" directions.

HSDC is located on the corner of 19th Avenue & Madison

Street parking is available on 19th Avenue

The Hundred Languages

No way.
The hundred is there.
The child
is made of one hundred.
The child has
a hundred languages
a hundred hands
a hundred thoughts
a hundred ways of thinking
of playing, of speaking.
A hundred always a hundred
ways of listening
of marveling, of loving
a hundred joys
for singing and understanding
a hundred worlds
to discover
a hundred worlds
to invent
a hundred worlds
to dream.
The child has
a hundred languages
(and a hundred hundred
hundred more)
but they steal ninety-nine.
The school and the culture

separate the head from the
body.
They tell the child:
to think without hands
to do without head
to listen and not to speak
to understand without joy
to love and to marvel
only at Easter and at Christmas.
They tell the child:
to discover the world already
there
and of the hundred
they steal ninety-nine.
They tell the child:
that work and play
reality and fantasy
science and imagination
sky and earth
reason and dream
are things
that do not belong together.
And thus they tell the child
that the hundred is not there.

The child says:
No way. The hundred is there

-Loris Malaguzzi
(translated by Lella Gandini)
Founder of the Reggio Emilia Approach