



PRESCHOOL

In preschool, education is viewed as a holistic experience that lays the groundwork for each student's future development. Our approach centers on **Learning Centers**, which facilitate personalized and meaningful learning across all developmental domains. These centers cater to diverse learning styles and encourage project-based learning, integrating seamlessly with our comprehensive curriculum.

Through this method, students participate in learner-centered education with tailored instruction that supports both gifted students and those with additional needs. We nurture multiple intelligences and equip students with essential skills vital to their growth. Embedded within our practices are the philosophy and principles of the **International Baccalaureate**, equipping our students to become globally aware citizens ready to tackle contemporary challenges.

The **Literacy Curriculum**, which is robust in primary education, commences in preschool, placing children's literature at the core of our English instruction. This approach lays a sturdy foundation for linguistic and cultural development from an early age.

Our Staff

At all preschool levels, children are supervised by a teacher and an assistant. Our staff is highly qualified to work with children, providing a caring and responsible environment that ensures the physical and emotional well-being of your children.

Support

We have a Comprehensive Support Department staffed with professionals in Psychology and Educational Psychology. Their main objective is to support children, teaching staff, and parents, while also maintaining contact with external professionals to follow up on their work.

Kids' Gym

A specialized space for the youngest children, designed for a variety of activities in a safe environment tailored to their developmental needs.

Our Schedule

Monday to Thursday:

- Nursery, Toddlers, Prekindergarten, and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Preparatory: 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Friday:

- ALL levels: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

***Gates open at 7:00 a.m. for drop-off.**

CURRICULUM

Nursery and Toddlers

- **Cognitive Development:** Language Arts, Math
- **Motor Skills Development:** Fine and Gross Motor Skills, Sensory Exploration
- **Social and Emotional Development:** Basic Skills, Executive Functions, Language Development

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Preparatory

- **Cognitive Development:** Language Arts, Math, Science
- **Motor Skills Development:** Fine and Gross Motor Skills
- **Social and Emotional Development:** Basic Skills, Executive Functions, Values, Language Development

Strong Areas: Offered for Preparatory level and conducted outside regular hours at no additional cost.

- **Schedule:** 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Options:** Basketball, Soccer, and Athletics.

Clubs: Conducted outside regular hours, with an additional cost and a minimum and maximum number of students.

- **Schedule:**
 - 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Prekindergarten and Kindergarten)
 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Preparatory)
- **Options for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten:** Karate, Soccer, Basketball, and Robotics.

Happy Program

Kindergarten and Preparatory students have a program that promotes emotional intelligence and comprehensive child development. Students participate in short sessions of 5-10 minutes, four days a week, and one 40-minute session where they systematically cultivate happiness through the development of emotional habits.

After School Service (For Preschool and Elementary)

We offer an extended schedule program that provides a safe environment for students to engage in learning activities, games, and recreation, fostering their skills. It includes time for lunch, nap (if necessary), and free play, tailored to the children's ages. The service can be contracted sporadically or regularly. Available schedules from Monday to Friday within the academic calendar:

From 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

From 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

From 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

From 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Mary School

Heart-Mind-Spirit

Preschool Curriculum:

	Nursery (Prematernal)	Toddlers (Maternal)	Pre kinder	Kinder	Preparatory (Preparatoria)
English Program	25	25	23	21	32
Technology	1	1	1	1	2
Music	1	1	1	1	1
Physical Education	2	2	3	3	3
Library	X	X	X	1	1
Religion and Values	X	X	1	1	1
Happy	X	X	X	1	1

Preschool Admission Requirements

Minimum age requirements

- a. Nursery 1 year old
- b. Toddlers 2 years old
- c. Pre-K 3 years old
- d. Kinder 4 years old
- e. Preparatory 5 years old

1. **Minimum age** requirement must be met by February 15th:
2. **Kindergarten and Preparatory** applicants require an admission exam scheduled by appointment.
3. Parents are required to attend an interview conducted by the **Student Wellbeing and Educational Support Department**, accompanied by their children.
4. Nationals must provide a photocopy of the birth certificate with ID number, while foreigners must provide a photocopy of their passport.
5. Submit photocopies of up-to-date vaccination records.
6. Provide one recent passport-sized photograph.
7. Present recent hearing and vision test results.
8. Submit reports from previous educational institutions.
9. Sign the Educational Service Contract.
10. Complete the Admission Form and Personal Data Permissions.