

Tuition (2008-2009)

Regular Day Tuition (8:30-2:45)

3 days: \$4,693

4 days: \$6,237

5 day: \$7,821

Early Drop Off

\$5/day

Extended Day (3:00-5:15)

\$22/day

Tuition is paid in 9 monthly installments. The tuition deposit serves as the 10th and final payment. Some financial aid is available.

Vouchers accepted.

Application Procedure

Children must be at least 2 years 9 months and not older than 5 as of September 1st of the school year for which the child is applying. ANS strives for diversity and balance in its students and families and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender or disability. Children may attend 3, 4 or 5 days (including either a Monday or Friday). The school is open September-June, following the Boston Public Schools calendar. ANS also runs an optional 6-week summer program. Families interested in applying for a spot at Ashmont Nursery School should submit an application (available on the web site) along with a non-refundable application fee of \$40. The application deadline is January 15th. In early February, parents or guardians must attend an information session to learn more about the school. An appointment is then made for the child to visit the school. Acceptance letters will be sent out in mid-March. Once accepted, a non-refundable tuition deposit equal to one month's tuition is due April 1st. This deposit will serve as the final tuition payment of the school year.



A unique **parent-run cooperative school** for children ages 2 years 9 months to 5 years.

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About Ashmont Nursery School

Ashmont Nursery School is a non-profit, non-sectarian, cooperative preschool. ANS is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The school is a parent-run cooperative dedicated to fostering exploration, play, and a lifelong love of learning. ANS has three certified teachers as well as a daily parent teacher. The ratio of students to teachers is no more than 6:1. The program provides an environment where children feel safe, secure, respected and recognized as individuals. In order to help facilitate self-directed learning, the nursery school is set up with a variety of materials and activities from which children can choose. The materials are stimulating, challenging and adaptable for children of varying developmental levels.

Family Involvement

ANS is a cooperative school. It believes that the relationship between a child and his or her parents is the single most important one. It therefore asks that parents assist the teachers in the classroom on a regularly scheduled basis and help in the administration of the school as well. The cooperative aspect of the school requires that each family be involved in many ways to ensure the success of ANS. Families are required to work in the classroom as a parent-teacher (approximately 1 day per month), serve on a committee (fundraising, admissions, facilities, hospitality, etc.), attend 3 general meetings, attend fall and spring parent conferences, participate in a maintenance work day preparing the school for the year, and assist with fundraising events (annual auction and yard sale). ANS also has an Executive Board of Directors, which oversees the operation of the nursery school to ensure that it runs efficiently, cooperatively and in a financially responsible manner.

A Child's Day at School

The ANS curriculum is centered on the children's interests, the seasons, nature and our world, in addition to the children's social, emotional, physical and intellectual development needs. ANS holds many field trips and special events throughout the year to celebrate the diversity of the community and offer children a deeper understanding of varying cultures and experiences. The goal is to foster each child's natural curiosity and love of learning. Following is a typical daily schedule.

FREE CHOICE TIME

Pretend/dramatic play, sand & water tables, blocks, nature area, reading, art, recycle area, writing, and puzzles

CIRCLE TIME

SMALL GROUP TIME

SNACK (healthy snack provided)

OUTDOOR PLAY

BOOKS & STORY TIME

LUNCH

REST TIME

FREE CHOICE TIME

Writing area, recycle area, small manipulatives, play dough

SNACK (healthy snack provided)

REGULAR DAY DISMISSAL

OPTIONAL EXTENDED DAY

