



## 2026-2027 Preschool Enrollment Information

Dear Redeemer Preschool Families,

We are blessed to have all our students and families as partners of Redeemer Lutheran School. For 70 years, God has sustained us and provided for our needs as He has grown this school in Austin, Texas to what it is today. As we look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year under the continuing leadership of Angela Schiller as Head of School, know that we cherish establishing and growing relationships with all of you who will walk in the doors of Redeemer again in August.

Enrollment time is upon us. Redeemer School leadership is committed to operating our school in a financially sound manner while providing an outstanding overall academic experience. We are blessed to be closely connected to Redeemer Lutheran Church, where members help support us not only financially, but also spiritually. There are many who volunteer, pray for, and support the ministry of Redeemer School, as we follow Jesus together.

Annual tuition increases occur each year. Our expenses continue to rise, and our desire to raise teacher salaries are the two largest pieces in the tuition equation. On average, our full-time teachers have been at Redeemer 8 years and our classroom assistants 6 years. The average for teachers' salary is \$35,748 and for classroom assistants' pay rate is \$18.08/hour.

The amount Redeemer charges for tuition does not fully cover our expenses, so we run our annual campaign (Redeemer FUNd Week, Dodgeball Tournament, and Gala) to help provide funding for the difference. Any amount that is still needed is assumed by the church. We are blessed to be part of a congregation that does not expect us to contribute to the expense of the most recent building project. Tuition increases help retain our excellent staff and recruit new teachers. The increases will also allow us to continue offering high-quality specials classes in our preschool such as music, Spanish, and library.

Tuition for the 2026-2027 school year is reflected in the table below. These new rates include a \$500 base tuition increase (\$50/month). An annual enrollment fee of \$325/student will be assessed in February 2026.

| *Before School<br>Care 7:00-8:00 is<br>included in tuition | Half Day<br>Tuition<br>8:00 – 12:00 | Base Tuition<br>8:00 - 3:00 | Express After<br>School Care<br>Pick up by 4:30 | Full After<br>School Care<br>Pick up by 6:00 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Todds</b><br>12 months by 9/1/26                        | \$9,400                             | <b>\$13,300</b>             | + \$1,250                                       | + \$2,500                                    |
| <b>2s</b><br>2 yrs old by 9/1/26                           |                                     | <b>\$12,800</b>             | + \$1,200                                       | + \$2,400                                    |
| <b>3s</b><br>3 yrs old by 9/1/26                           |                                     | <b>\$12,300</b>             | + \$1,150                                       | + \$2,300                                    |
| <b>4s</b><br>4 yrs old by 9/1/26                           |                                     | <b>\$11,800</b>             | + \$1,100                                       | + \$2,200                                    |



## Continuous Enrollment Process

Redeemer Lutheran School uses CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT.

### What does continuous enrollment mean?

Once a student is enrolled, they automatically remain enrolled through completion of the 4-year-old class, thus eliminating the need to submit new paperwork each year. (This excludes certain documentation that must be updated annually per Texas Child Care Licensing.)

### How does it work?

Families will be reminded to update their information (address, email, approved pickup, emergency info, medical info) in FACTS SIS (Student Information Systems) Family Portal during the month of January. Unless we hear from you in writing by **Friday, January 30**, we will assume your student is returning for the following school year, and your family's FACTS financial account will be charged the annual \$325 enrollment fee to draft in February.

### What if I know my child will NOT be attending Redeemer the following year?

You must notify the Preschool office in writing by **Friday, January 30**, if your child will not be reenrolling. We will take the necessary steps to ensure your FACTS account is not charged the enrollment fee, and your child will be marked as withdrawn for the upcoming school year.

*If you do not notify the Preschool office by the January 30 deadline, you will be responsible for the full, non-refundable \$325 enrollment fee.*

### What dates do we need to know for continuous enrollment?

- Ongoing in January: Update information in FACTS SIS Family Portal
- January 30: Deadline to withdraw for upcoming school year
- February 9: Enrollment fee will draft from FACTS accounts

If you have any questions about the 2026-2027 enrollment process, please reach out to Preschool Director April Mudie-Masters at [april.mudie-masters@redeemer.net](mailto:april.mudie-masters@redeemer.net) or Enrollment & Financial Assistant Heidi Ramsey at [heidi.ramsey@redeemer.net](mailto:heidi.ramsey@redeemer.net).

## TEFA

Families are encouraged to apply for and utilize **Texas Education Freedom Account** (TEFA) funds as applicable. Eligibility and participation are determined by the Texas Comptroller. More information can be found on their website: <https://educationfreedom.texas.gov/> and an informational session will be held at Redeemer Church on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 10:30am.