



Maimonides Early Education
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For the past 30 years, Maimonides Academy of Western Connecticut has been providing excellence in Judaic and secular education to children in Fairfield, Westchester, and Putnam Counties. As an educational icon in the local Jewish community, Maimonides is known for serving the Jewish Family at all stages of development.

Our Mission

Maimonides mission is to provide excellent, age appropriate, Judaic and secular education to children and foster individual and social development. We do this by creating an environment that instills self-esteem and a lifelong love of learning in each child, along with the morals and ethics that are consistent with Jewish heritage.

Our goal is to encourage academic accomplishment in all key skill areas and to enhance self-esteem through positive learning experiences. Our children appreciate the spiritual richness, profundity and warmth of the Jewish heritage, culture and language within the unique context of the American experience.

Our Community

In addition, we are a community-minded school where students learn about what has united our people throughout history: the universality and uniqueness of our prayers, the beauty of our rituals, and the greatness of our prophets and philosophers.

Maimonides involves families in a variety of school events to build community between what the children do at school and at home.

Thank you for considering our MEE program for your child.

Naava Koblenz
Director
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Educational Programs and Schedules

Early Explorations

Parents and their one and two-years old share in free play, movement, songs, finger plays, story time, and Jewish projects, all in a warm social environment. The goal of this program is to provide a warm, encouraging, and stimulating environment for the children while allowing parents to meet and socialize simultaneously.

Meets Wednesdays: 10:00-11:30

Drop-off Twos

This program provides a first experience for young toddlers and their parents to experience healthy separation in a controlled environment. Because the twos program is nested in a Jewish school, Jewish Values are integrated into the daily experience.

For the 2-year old, we focus on emotional growth such as promoting independence, coping with separation, and supporting the development of a positive self-esteem. In addition to providing activities that help with their developing socialization and fine motor skills, we teach pre-literacy skills, math, art, science, and music.

Program goals:

- To provide children with a nurturing, learning environment that promotes a developing sense of independence as well as growth in the cognitive, emotional, social, and physical spheres.
- To assist children and families with achieving healthy separation.
- To help children to develop language skills, self-help skills, and appropriate socialization and pre-literacy skills.
- To help children learn how to follow directions and to listen.
- To promote and encourage a love of learning through the daily schedule.
- To provide a safe environment for children to explore their senses.

Meets Mondays - Fridays: 8:30-11:30; 8:30-1:00; 8:30-3:15

A minimum of 3 days required

Nursery (3-year olds)

The primary goals of our program are to help develop within the three-year-old child, age appropriate socialization, independence, and self-esteem, and to set the academic base for future growth in literacy, math, and science. The small size of the class allows for a substantial amount of one-on-one learning. Our Nursery teachers help achieve this each day by promoting the following activities:

Program goals:

- Free play - use of various materials such as easels, table and floor toys, crafts, and more.
- Square time - songs, stories, and movement.
- Library, Music, Art, gymnastics, and outside or gym play.
- Exposure to Jewish heritage - includes welcoming Shabbat each Friday and learning the Hebrew language through the introduction of songs and everyday words and phrases.
- Pre-literacy

Meets Mondays - Fridays: 8:30-11:30; 8:30-1:00; 8:30-3:15; or 8:30-6:00

Students can sign up for 4 or 5-day option. Friday class only till 3:15

Pre-Kindergarten (4-year olds)

The Pre-Kindergartener's day is filled with dozens of activities, toys, games, and peer interaction. Like in Nursery, the Pre-K program prepares the children for future academic success. Early literacy, math skills, science facts, and Hebrew are woven into the structure of the day. Some of these include:

Program goals

- Manipulative toys such as Legos, stacking toys, puzzles, shape and color games.
- Learning responsibility and developing positive self-esteem - each week your child is responsible for a different "job" in the classroom. These jobs consist of flag holder, prayer leader, block manager, cup person, door holder, and line leader.
- Square Time - songs, weather, calendar, movement.
- Building upon the base of literacy, math, and science, which began in Nursery.
- Continues Hebrew language exposure, art, music, gymnastics.

Mondays - Fridays: 8:30-11:30; 8:30-1:00; 8:30-3:15; or 8:30-6:00

Friday class only till 3:15

Kindergarten (5-year olds)

Kindergarten is unique in that it builds the basic foundation for formalized learning. Having an understanding of the child's maturity level, the teacher develops habits, skills and attitudes necessary for the child to know himself and the world. It is a time to stimulate one's curiosity and define the child's social, emotional and physical needs. The child's aesthetic and creative needs are nurtured daily. Language and mathematical readiness skills are emphasized in all activities throughout the year. With this, a total readiness is developed so that learning will come easily and naturally in future years.

Mondays - Fridays: 8:30-3:15 or 8:30-6:00



Application

Date of Application: _____ Start Date: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Hebrew Name: _____ Sex: M _____ F _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Home E-mail: _____
Social Security Number: _____ Synagogue/Temple Affiliation: _____

PROGRAMS

Drop-off Twos

Morning: 8:30 - 11:30
Plus: 8:30 - 1:00
Enrichment: 8:30 - 3:15
M T W Th F

A minimum of 3 days required

Early Explorations

Kindergarten

Nursery*

Morning: 8:30 - 11:30
Plus: 8:30 - 1:00
Enrichment: 8:30 - 3:15
Extended•: 8:30 - 6:00
M T W Th F

A minimum of 4 days required

•Fridays till 3:15

Pre-Kindergarten*

Morning: 8:30 - 11:30
Plus: 8:30 - 1:00
Enrichment: 8:30 - 3:15
Extended•: 8:30 - 6:00

•Fridays till 3:15

**Combined, Partial and Full-Day options are available for Nursery and Pre-K. Please contact office for more details.*

PREVIOUS SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED

Year: _____
School: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Mother's Name: _____
Occupation: _____ Employer: _____
Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Father's Name: _____
Occupation: _____ Employer: _____
Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Parents are Married Divorced* Separated*

*With whom does the child live? Do you prefer duplicate mailings? Which parent should be billed?
Mother Father Both Yes No Mother Father

SIBLINGS

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Application must be accompanied by a deposit of \$300 per student and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Only applications with deposits will be considered. Deposits are NON REFUNDABLE
2. Applications with deposits are processed in the order they are received.
3. Application does not guarantee admission to Maimonides Early Childhood School.

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

MAIMONIDES EARLY EDUCATION
46 PEACEABLE ST. RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877
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A Newcomers Perspective on MEE

When moving your entire family to a new town and technically starting over, you are faced with numerous obstacles. But for most families, making sure your children have a smooth transition is a top priority above everything else. Below is our story.

In May of 2011 we decided to buy a house in Ridgefield, which many say is **the** quintessential perfect town. I immediately started exploring schools, and to my dismay I didn't find any Jewish nursery schools. Coming from Westchester both of my son's attended Jewish day schools and we loved having them experience our religion as a part of their daily routine. My real-estate agent told us about MEE in Danbury and mentioned that she thought that it would be moving to Ridgefield in September. Perfect I thought! My agent also put me in touch with her friend whose children had and currently attend MEE. About a quarter of the way into the conversation with her friend, I knew that the school would be a perfect fit. She spoke highly of the teachers and how they create a warm and caring environment for the children while making learning fun.

Next on the list was to speak with Naava (the director) and Taila (teacher). It was crystal clear that the driving forces behind this school have a true passion for sharing the gift of education in a warm and loving environment. It didn't matter to me that the school was practically starting over, or that the class size might be small. I felt that a school with dedicated visionaries who truly love what they do will surely succeed.

So without having the opportunity to visit the school or meet the teachers, I made my decision to send Jake to MEE. To my delight, Jake couldn't be happier! The class size is perfect and the children are wonderful. Naava the director had shared with me her hopes and dreams for this new school and she had made some promises to the families, some that I was skeptical they would meet on time. She said there would be a playground built this year and sure enough you can see that adorable playground today (it took our last school three years to build a new playground). She also discussed the new space on the second floor and how construction was to be completed in less than a few weeks (we all know how long construction takes, if they say 3 weeks they mean 7). On the first day of school I entered the building for the first time and discovered that the Temple itself is an incredibly gorgeous structure. Then I walked up to the second floor for the nursery school, and true to her word, the space is beautiful, warm and welcoming....and it was completed on time.

So needless to say we took a chance on sending Jake to a school that I had never seen or personally met the teachers or other families. But the gamble paid off and our son Jake is thriving at MEE. The families have been very supportive and the teachers simply wonderful. I'm thankful that Jake will have the opportunity to learn more about his religion, meet new friends and be taught by some of the most loving teachers I know. But most of all, I sleep well at night knowing that Jake wants to go to school each day and that his transition was an easy one.

-Amy Margulies

Tuition and Fees

All fees are included in the listing. Discounts available for families with multiple students.

PROGRAMS

Early Explorations

Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 \$560.00

Drop-off Twos

Options:		3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
Morning	8:30 - 11:30	\$4,525	\$5,685	\$6,830
Plus	8:30 - 1:00	\$5,440	\$6,840	\$8,100
Enrichment	8:30 - 3:15	\$6,355	\$7,990	\$9,375

A minimum of 3 days required

Nursery (3 year olds)

Options:		4 Days*	5 Days
Morning	8:30 - 11:30	\$6,850	\$8,000
Plus	8:30 - 1:00	\$8,235	\$9,735
Enrichment	8:30 - 3:15	\$9,735	\$11,800
Extended•	8:30 - 6:00 •Fridays till 3:15	\$10,975	\$13,300

**(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays)*

Pre-Kindergarten (4 year olds)

Options:		5 Days
Morning	8:30 - 11:30	\$8,585
Plus	8:30 - 1:00	\$10,200
Enrichment	8:30 - 3:15	\$12,400
Extended•	8:30 - 6:00 •Fridays till 3:15	\$14,000

Kindergarten (5 year olds)

Options:		5 Days
	8:30 - 3:15	\$12,400
	8:30 - 6:00 •Fridays till 3:15	\$14,000

PAYMENT PLANS

Option A: 8 Installments

Twenty-five (25%) percent of tuition with returned contract and balance paid in eight equal installments beginning in August, 2012 through March, 2013.

Option B: 3 Installments

Twenty-five (25%) percent of tuition with returned contract. Balance paid in three equal installments on September 30, 2012, November 30, 2012 and February 28, 2013.

Additional Enrollment Information

- Nursery and Pre-K children should be toilet trained by the beginning of the school year.
- Students must be the appropriate age for their class by December 31st of the school year.
- Enrichment programs include a variety of fun and developmentally appropriate activities such as gym, art, dance, as well as other programs.
- Stay & Play is available on a casual basis to increase your child's regularly scheduled day to stay from 1:00 to 3:15 or until 6:00 for an hourly fee of \$ 14.00 per hour per child.