

WHAT'S INVOLVED in a COOP PRESCHOOL?

A cooperative preschool allows you, as a parent, to be intimately involved with your child's education. Seeing you participating in the classroom allows your child to see how much you value his or her education. A cooperative preschool is a good transition, for both parents and children, between staying at home and formal schooling. It also provides an opportunity to meet like-minded parents. Many of our parents form lasting friendships and support networks. It is a tight-knit, nurturing community. Parents also often exchange childcare during class participation.

Classroom Participation As a co-op parent, your main responsibility will be **classroom participation**. Most parents will be scheduled approximately twice a month (STAY and PLAY adults attend each class with their child). Parents will have input about their participation dates. Parent participation is one of the great benefits of belonging to a co-op as it allows parents to be involved first-hand in the preschool education of their children.

Job/Committee Assignments As a member of a co-op preschool, you will be assigned a job necessary to the operation of the school. You will be given the opportunity to express your preference from the list of available jobs. Assignments are based on your interest, skills, and time availability.

Health Requirements Each child in the Koala (3/4) and Panda (4/5) classes must have a physical exam form (including immunization records) completed by a physician prior to the first day of school. Each child in the STAY and PLAY class must provide proof of updated immunization records. In addition, participating parents in all classes (Koala, Panda and STAY and PLAY) must provide a proof of a negative TB test each year. The school will provide information about how to obtain a TB skin test.

Classroom Participation Training (CPT) New participating parents in the Koala and Panda classes attend an orientation workshop sponsored by the Indianapolis Council of Preschool Cooperatives. It is designed to teach new members about the co-op philosophy and prepare them for their role as teacher's assistant in the classroom. STAY and PLAY parents are welcome to attend, as well (CPT training is required only once every five years).

Special Events and Fundraising EPC holds several special events throughout the school year. Each of these events is an opportunity to get together with one another and share in a fun, social event outside of school. Each member family is asked to help out at one special event each year. EPC holds a few fundraising events during the school year, including our annual Edgewood 500 Festival. Money generated from these events provides the school with funds to support our entire budget for the school year. Each family is asked to help participate in these events in some capacity (making phone calls, committee chair, passing out info, etc.).

Financial Commitment FEE/TUITION	STAY and PLAY	KOALA	PANDA
Yearly Enrollment Fee*	\$125 (\$75 is non-refundable)	\$165 (\$75 is non-refundable)	\$165 (\$75 is non-refundable)
CPT Fee	N/A	\$20.00/person attending	\$20.00/person attending
Tuition	\$100/ten-week session (once/week) \$180/ten-week session (twice/week, if offered)	\$80.00/month (Sept. thru May) \$40.00 in May**	\$95.00/month (Sept. thru May) \$55.00 in May**
*The Enrollment Fee helps to cover insurance, field trip, administrative and maintenance costs, etc. for each child. **For the Koala and Panda classes, it also includes \$40 of May tuition.			
2nd Child/Sibling Discounts are available for families with more than 1 child in the coop. Please ask about discounts!			



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