



"Transitions"

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our signature program... *"Transitions"*. This specialized program is part of our AMBS Early Childhood offerings, and is open to eligible students four or five years of age. Typically eligible students are those children, four years of age, who have attended an academic day care or pre school program for two or more years, and/or five year old children whose academic growth would benefit from the "gift" of an added year of academically appropriate readiness activities. Our use of 'differentiated instruction' and the limited enrollment in the class allows us to offer this specialized program for children who are either four or five years of age by the beginning of the program. Final determination on admission is at the discretion of the principal following an interview with the student and parents.

General Profile of a Student who would be a "good fit" for our *signature* AMBS Early Childhood *"Transitions"* program...

an AMBS *"Transitions"* student is a child who is ready for a full day program and would benefit from a program that emphasizes a specialized year of study in the following areas:

- q Physical, Motor, and Perceptual Development
- q Cognitive development: Paradoxes of the pre-school mind, with special emphasis in the following developmental areas: representation, imitation, memory, play, and complex thinking
- q Language Acquisition / Development
- q Social and emotional development, with special emphasis on social identity, self-regulation, assertive/pro-social rather than aggressive behavior, and other pertinent factors affecting early development.

General Requirements for acceptance into the program are as follows:

1. A minimum of two years of some "schooling" experience...whether it be in nursery school, home-schooling, a pre-K three or pre-K four program and/or Kindergarten
2. A family interview with the AMBS Principal
3. Previous assessments that might have been received from earlier school experiences
4. A willingness on the part of the family to work as a partner in the "Transitions" program
5. Enrollment will be limited to the first 15-18 families whose applications are received (with preference given to current families and then admission follows published policy. All candidates must meet the necessary eligibility requirements
6. Tuition and fees are separate from all other programs
7. Days and times are the same as the regular school program/calendar
8. Uniforms are required
9. Classes are held in the Transitions room in the main school building
10. Program includes all specials; lunch and recess take place with Kindergarten

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