

# Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

## Aquin Early Childhood Program

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**Although I am currently interested in the EC program, what else does Aquin offer as I look ahead for my child's education?**

Aquin Catholic Elementary School is a PreK-8 program.

**How old must my child be to sign up for the programs?**

**3YO**-3 by September 15 of 2021

**4YO**- 4 by September 15 of 2021

**Kindergarten**- 5 by September 15 of 2021

**How many days a week does the 3 YO preschool program meet? What are the hours?**

3 yo preschool meets 2 days a week from 8am to 3pm. Either Monday/Wednesdays or Tuesday/Thursdays.

**How many days a week does the 4 YO preschool program meet? What are the hours?**

Parents have two options:

Monday-Wednesday 8:00-3:00

Monday-Thursday 8:00-3:00

**Is there a cost to the 3 YO preschool program?**

If your child attends daycare opposite days of preschool the cost of preschool is included in your hourly rate. If you only attend preschool the charge is \$290 per month.

**Is there a cost to the 4 YO preschool program?**

The Monday-Wednesday program is funded by the StateWide Voluntary Preschool Grant so there is NO tuition cost, however, the additional Thursday costs \$105.56 per month.

**What is the tuition cost for the Kindergarten through 8th grade program?**

Tuition for the K-8 program is \$1,975 for the 2020-2021 school year

**What are my options for Aquin's Little Angels Daycare? How do I get information and sign up for it?**

Aquin Little Angels provides childcare/early education to infants and children up to age 10. Call Alex Stecklein at 852-7020 to schedule a tour and meeting in regards to our availability.

**What does a day look like for my child in a 3 YO preschool program?**

Upon arrival children have about 15 minutes of free play. 8:15am there is a morning gathering which includes sharing good news, fingerplays and the plan for the day. Children will then have time for individual work choices and small/large group lessons. Morning snack happens at about 9:45 and then group time at 10:15pm. Large motor/outside time is at 10:50-11:25 and then they come in for a short story and prepare for lunch at 11:40am. We allow for rest time for those who still like to nap and quiet activities for those who don't until 2pm. At 2:15pm we have an afternoon snack and enjoy books with partners or quiet reading and then are dismissed at 2:50 to home or to after school care.

**What does a day look like for my child in a 4 YO preschool program?**

Our day begins when school doors open at 8:00 and proceeds as follows:

Arrival

Table activities

Morning Meeting (Greeting , Schedule for the day & introduction of new topics & Jolly Phonic)

Restroom Break

Small groups & Snack (Handwriting without Tears,small group instruction & social emotional learning opportunities)

Free Choice (social emotional learning opportunities, free exploration of classroom study materials embedded within each center.)

Outdoor exploration

Restroom Break

Lunch

Large group activity ( Read it Again, Haggerty Phonics and weekly Letter share)

Free Choice (social emotional learning opportunities, free exploration of classroom study materials embedded within each center.)

Rest (quiet time for those children in need or quiet activities for those that do not)

Snack (social emotional learning opportunities)

Dismissal

Our day ends at 2:45 in order for our students to get to locations to meet parents, brothers and sisters or catch the bus without the congestion of the entire school dismissal.

\* We also attend Music, Physical Education and Library classes weekly. Schedules & times are adjusted for these activities.

### **What does a day look like for my child in the Kindergarten program?**

Students in kindergarten become more immersed in the curriculum. From reading to the sciences, the students learn so much. The following list are the content areas we cover and/or the textbook and/or resources that are used:

Reading- Wonder's and Jolly Phonics

Math- enVision

Handwriting

Science- We use the Foss Kits- hands on science

Social Studies

Religion- Loyola Press

PE, music, computer, library

### **What if I need help with tuition?**

K-8 Families can apply for Student Tuition Organization Assistance and Aquin local assistance. \*See Vicki Palmer for more information about this.

### **Is there a dress code for the preschool programs?**

There is no dress code for the preschool programs.

### **Is there a dress code for the kindergarten program?**

Yes, the K-8 grade students do have a dress code. Information about this can be found on our school web page [www.aquin.org](http://www.aquin.org) under Parents/Documents and Information

### **Is there a cap on the number of students allowed to enroll in the 3 YO? 4 YO? Kindergarten?**

3 yo - Because of the DHS ratio requirements we can have a maximum of 16 students in each class.

4 YO-Because we follow the Statewide voluntary preschool grant we can have a maximum of 20 students in each 4YO preschool classroom.

Kindergarten through 8th grade- We evaluate annually the number of students enrolled in our K-8th grade programs to determine class sizes and staffing.

**Are their paras in the classrooms?**

Each 4YO classroom has a para

There is 1 para in the 3 year old preschool classroom

**What are the transportation options for my child for the programs?**

3YO Family members provide transportation and if there is availability they can attend the before and after school program at Aquin Little Angels.

4YO and Kindergarten-Western Dubuque busing, drop off/pick up by family members or attend the Latchkey program at the Aquin's Little Angels Daycare

**If I still have questions, how do I get them answered?**

4YO and Kindergarten-Attend the February 9th Open House for the whole family from 11:00-noon at school with a reception to follow. New families can take a tour of Aquin by our awesome Aquin Ambassadors.

Aquin's Little Angels Daycare Open House on February 10th at 5:30 at the Daycare Center

**How do I sign my child up for the programs?**

3 YO registration and Aquin's Little Angels Daycare-Go to the Aquin web page at [www.aquin.org](http://www.aquin.org) Parents/Registration for the 3YO program \*\*Official registration materials will be available in May.

4YO and Kindergarten-Go to the Aquin web page at [www.aquin.org](http://www.aquin.org) Parents/Registration for the 4YO and Kindergarten programs \*\*Official registration materials will be available in July on our web page.

**Who do I contact about any of the programs?**

Aquin's Little Angels Daycare and 3 YO program - Alex Stecklein/Director at 563.852.7020 or [aquinlittleangels@aquin.org](mailto:aquinlittleangels@aquin.org) 563-852-7020

Aquin Catholic School- 4 YO program and K-8 program- Vicki Palmer/Principal at 563-852-3331 or [vpalmer@aquin.org](mailto:vpalmer@aquin.org)