

Good Afternoon Families,

Please take note of the following information and dates for 2025. This message includes information about Summer Camp, GA Lottery Pre-K, Private Pre-K, Subsidy, and important dates.

Summer Camp 2025

This summer's Discovery Camp theme is Passport to Fun. Junior campers (ages 4,5) will slowly transition to participating in off-site field trips to the Children's Museum and Peachtree DeKalb Airport. However, we will bring other engaging field trips directly onsite to them.

Senior campers (ages 6-9) will participate in field trips off-site. They will visit Tellus Science Center, Georgia Aquarium, Tour the Atlanta Braves Stadium at Truist Park, and more exciting places.

Summer camp registration will begin on Monday, February 3 for in-house/actively enrolled families and on Monday, February 10 for all other eligible families. We will email the summer camp registration form to inhouse eligible families on Monday, February 3. The registration form is live on our website www.thecliftonschoool.org on Monday, February 10 for all other eligible families.

Your child is eligible for summer camp If they are transitioning to kindergarten (age 5 by September 1, 2024) – through age 9. Any age-eligible child whose parent is a benefits-eligible employee of Emory, CDC or CHOA or is a full-time Emory student is also able to enroll in summer camp, regardless of whether the family has ever had a child enrolled at either Clifton School location. More information on summer camp schedules and field trips will be sent before registration.

An Enrollment Intent Survey will be emailed to families on April 1, 2025. This survey is for families to inform us of any upcoming changes in their children's enrollment. The intent survey is to be completed by all infant-preschool families.

Subsidy: If you are receiving a subsidy, documents for renewal for the 2025/2026 school year are due by April 15, 2025. For more information on subsidy renewal and eligibility, visit our website: www.thecliftonschoool.org. If you have additional questions, please contact:

Safa Sirajud-Deen (ssirajud@thecliftonschoool.org) at the Clifton site or

Daniel Gunn (dgunn@thecliftonschoool.org) at the Clairmont site.

Georgia Lottery Pre-K

The Clifton School's 2025-26 Lottery Funded Georgia Pre-K program registration is February 3-28, 2025. The GA Pre-K Waiting List Information Form to enter your child in the lottery for enrollment will be emailed to age eligible in-house families on Monday, February 3. It will also be posted on our website www.thecliftonschool.org. Your child MUST be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025, to participate in the Georgia Pre-K program. A private lottery will take place on March 4, 2025. Families will be notified of acceptance on March 5, 2025. The GA Lottery Pre-K is funded by the state and open to the public. We reserve 26 (13 at each site) spaces for our in-house families and 14 (7 at each site) spaces for members of the community.

Private Pre-K

TCS also has a Private Pre-K for children who do not attend the GA Lottery Pre-K. The Private Pre-K program implements the same curriculum as the GA Lottery Pre-K program. The primary differences between private and lottery-funded Pre-K programs are state funding, daily schedule, and attendance policy. The GA Lottery Pre-K is required to have 6.5 instructional hours each day. Classroom activities are typically scheduled between 8 AM and 2:30 PM. Families pay a fee for before and aftercare. There is also a mandatory attendance requirement for the GA Lottery Pre-K program. Families who do not adhere to the attendance policy risk withdrawal from the program. The Private Pre-K program's instructional day spans from 7 AM to 6 PM, allowing a little more flexibility for daily activities, and there is not an attendance requirement.

Inclement Weather Policy

During inclement weather, our goal is to remain in operation to serve families to the best of our ability. We will be staffed by as many employees as possible, depending on the number of employees who can safely travel. However, there will be some instances when we follow the closure of the DeKalb County School System. If BOTH Emory University and the CDC close or announce a late opening or an early closing time, we will do so also. If the weather turns dangerous or icy during the day, we will request that families pick up their children as soon as possible so that everyone can travel home safely. This information will be relayed through our calling post, Brightwheel email listserv, our website and Facebook page, and broadcast on Channel 2 News when possible.

Important Dates:

February 3, 2025 GA Pre-K and summer camp applications released.

February 8, 2025 Parent's Night Out for Clifton and Clairmont families (children must be at least 1 year old). It's hosted at the Clairmont site from 5 to 9 PM. A sign-up sheet is at the front desk.

February 17, 2025 Inclement Weather Make-up Day

February 18, 2025 10 AM to 12 PM Open House for families with preschool children (2.5 to 5 years old) interested in enrolling in our preschool program.

February 19, 2025 Virtual Open House for families with infant and toddler children interested in enrolling in our infant and toddler program

March 22, 2025 Annual Art Auction at The Emory Conference Center Hotel hosted by TCS PTA.