

Preschool Application 2026-2027

1. Complete student information

Student's last name _____ First name _____ M F

Parent/guardian full name (1) _____ Parent/guardian full name (2) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Parent (1) phone _____ Parent (2) phone _____ Child's birthday _____

Parent (1) email _____ Parent (2) email _____

2. Check method of payment and sign below

Choose monthly payment method:

- Credit card or
- Bank transfer (please attach voided check)

A valid credit card must be provided to complete the application process

Visa MasterCard American Express Card on file (returning students only)

Card number _____ Security code _____

Name on card _____ Expiration date _____

The Merage Jewish Community Center is authorized to charge my account.

Signature of authorization X _____

Payment due at signing:

- \$150 non-refundable application fee
- \$400 non-refundable deposit
- My check is attached or
- Please charge the account listed below.

*application fee reduced to \$75 per each additional sibling

The application fee and deposit are due at the time of application. Preschool tuition payments begin on the 4th business day in August 2026. You may choose to pay in monthly installments or in full. For existing Merage JCC members re-enrolling, your membership dues must be current. For new students, JCC membership dues must be current by August 1, 2026 or one month prior to starting with the school. Every family is required to be an up-to-date member of the Merage JCC. A \$400 deposit is due at the time of signing of this agreement. The deposit is only refundable upon the completion of the TK year. No deposit refunds will be given for withdrawal before completion of the TK school year.

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At the time of application you will need:

1. An Aronoff Preschool application, completed and signed
2. A signed Policies and Procedures form
3. A non-refundable \$150 application fee
4. A deposit of \$400
5. A tuition agreement for payment by check, credit card or bank funds transfer
6. Current Merage JCC membership or completed Membership application form
7. Confirmation that Merage JCC accounts are current and in good standing
8. Enrollment forms
9. Gesher form

Required enrollment forms checklist: Please note that you must have all of the below forms completed in full at time of application in order for your application to be accepted.

<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Rights (Lic613A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Record
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Treatment (Lic627)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Handbook verification
<input type="checkbox"/> Identification & Emergency form (Lic700)	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency card
<input type="checkbox"/> Physician's Report/TB Risk Factor (Lic701)	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization of charges
<input type="checkbox"/> Health History (Lic702)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Information form
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Rights (Lic995)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen form

Merge JCC membership

Merge JCC membership is an integral part of your child's experience. Your membership Agreement must be submitted at time of the application to the preschool. Membership must be activated on August 1, 2026 or one month prior to your child's start date and must be kept current and in good standing throughout your enrollment. Membership is based on a 12-month agreement and is automatically renewed and payable unless written notice of cancellation is received.

Gesher Fund

By checking this box, you agree to a contribution towards the Gesher Fund. See attached form for more information.
Contribution per child (circle one): \$75, \$118, \$180 Other \$_____

Refunds

The first billing of the 2026-2027 school year occurs the 4th business day in August 2026. Notification of withdrawal after July 1, 2026 will result in billing for the first month tuition. No refunds, credits, or make-up days are allowed for absences or vacations.

After application materials have been submitted, withdrawal from preschool requires 30 days advance written notice. Withdrawals that occur on or after March 1, 2027 will be obligated to pay tuition for the remainder of the year. _____ initial

Application fee and deposit

The application fee is \$150 and non-refundable. A \$400 deposit is due for new students at the time of signing of this agreement. The \$400 deposit is only refundable upon the completion of TK year. No deposit refunds will be given for withdrawal before completion of the TK school year. _____ initial

Wait lists

An application form must be filled out and application fee (\$150) paid before you are placed on the wait list. If a space becomes available you will be notified by phone and given two business days to respond and register for the program before the space is offered to the next person on the wait list. If you decline a space in the program you will be moved to the end of the wait list.

Priority applications

Please note that if you apply for a program where applications exceed the number of available positions, we will give priority as follows:

First priority:	Children currently enrolled
Second priority:	Children who have siblings in the program
Third priority:	Children of Merge JCC members who are on the wait list
Fourth priority:	Children of non-Merge JCC members who are on the wait list

Financial assistance

If you are interested in applying for financial assistance, contact Veronica Campos at 949.435.3400, x 327 or veronicac@jccoc.org. Apply for financial aid early. Financial assistance is not automatically renewed. Families need to apply each program year.

Class size and placement

In order to guarantee the individual attention our children need and to maintain the quality of the Aronoff Preschool, class sizes are limited. Class size limits will be strictly observed. Preschool administrators will place each child in the class that best serves the child's developmental needs. Staff will use the child's date of birth, gender, the child information form, formal evaluations, informal observations, and parent conferences to determine the most appropriate placement for each child. The final decision will be made by the Director of the ECLC and the administrative team. Parents will be notified of class assignments by August 20, 2026.

For families who select our three-day program, we do our best to accommodate your choice of days. However, you may only be able to enroll if space is available. If space is not available, you will be informed which days are available before confirming your registration.

Holiday closures and professional development

Our 2026-2027 school year calendar is included with these application materials. Please review it carefully as our closure dates and times are listed on this calendar. Closures are listed as full-day and early closures. In addition to these closures, some programs are offered during our holiday and interim periods. Please review the calendar closely to ensure you are selecting a program that best meets your needs. _____ initial

JCamps

To further serve our working parents, we offer JCamps during holidays when our school is generally closed, including a variety of Jewish holidays, winter and spring breaks. JCamps are not factored into annual school tuition (except for the Infant Toddler Center) and are offered at an additional cost. _____ initial

Immunizations

All students enrolling into our school are required by California law (SB277) to have all immunizations up to date. The only exceptions are medical exemptions signed by your doctor. _____ initial

X _____
Parent/guardian signature

Date

X _____
Director signature

Date

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Preschool Tuition 2026-2027

Child's name: _____

Child's birthdate: _____

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Early Drop Off

10-month program: Aug. 2026 - June 2027

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 days per week	circle 2: M Tu W Th F	\$ 1,348
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 2,019
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 2,521



10-month program: Aug. 2026 - June 2027
For children born between
Sept. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025

Morning program: 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 days per week	circle 2: M Tu W Th F	\$ 9,170
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 13,449
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 16,270

Plus Day Program: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 days per week	circle 2: M Tu W Th F	\$ 10,379
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 14,999
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 19,526

Full Day Program: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 days per week	circle 2: M Tu W Th F	\$ 12,485
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 20,124
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 26,709



10-month program: Aug. 2026 - June 2027
For children born between
Sept. 1, 2023 – Aug. 31, 2024

Morning Program: 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 13,046
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 16,128

Plus Day Program: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 14,550
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 18,939

Full Day Program: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 19,118
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 25,374



10-month program: Aug. 2026 - June 2027
For children born between
Sept. 1, 2022 – Aug. 31, 2023

Morning Program: 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 12,655
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 15,645

Plus Day Program: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 14,113
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 18,372

Full Day Program: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 18,163
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 24,105

Transition Plans

The teachers work with parents to develop a transition plan for children entering our **Alef program**. Transition periods allow time for children to build trust and feel safe in their environment. _____ initial

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Child's name: _____

Child's birthday: _____

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Early Drop Off

10-month program: Aug. 2026 - June 2027

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 days per week	circle 2: M Tu W Th F	\$ 1,348
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 2,019
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 2,521

Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

10-month program: Aug. 2026 – June 2027

For children born between July 1, 2021 – Aug. 31, 2022

Child must be toilet proficient

Plus Day Program: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 21,477
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Full Day Program: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 25,208
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Child's name: _____

Child's birthdate: _____

Language Academy

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Early Drop Off

10-month program: Aug. 2026 - June 2027

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 days per week	circle 2: M Tu W Th F	\$ 1,348
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 2,019
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 2,521

Language TK

10-month program Aug. 2026 – June 2027

For children born between July 1, 2021 – Aug. 31, 2022

Child must be toilet proficient

Plus Day Program: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 21,477
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Full Day Program: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 25,208
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Language immersion programs

10-month program: Aug. 2026 – June 2027

For children born between Sept. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2023

Please indicate choice of language immersion:

- Spanish immersion Mandarin immersion
- Italian immersion

Morning Program: 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$ 13,046
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$ 16,128

Plus Day Program: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$14,550
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$18,939

Full Day Program: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days per week	circle 3: M Tu W Th F	\$19,118
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 days per week	Monday - Friday	\$25,374



4. Carefully read and sign application agreement

- The Aronoff Preschool has provided a calendar showing dates of closures and early dismissals. Preschool programs will observe closures in accordance with the attached 2026-2027 school year calendar. Tuition is calculated per an average month; therefore, tuition installments are NOT reduced or pro-rated further due to scheduled closures or emergency closures. In addition, there is NO reduction of fees for vacation and no make up days for illness or vacation. _____ initial
- The Aronoff Preschool requires that all children who are enrolled in the early childhood program are up to date with their immunizations for all illnesses prescribed by the Department of Health. Families must provide documentation of their child's immunization status before they may attend school and must update the preschool office when their child receives immunizations during the school year.
- In order for children to participate in the preschool program, they must meet all health standards according to the State of California and the Aronoff Preschool. If your child has a communicable disease or is not able to fully participate in the school day due to illness, your child will not be allowed to attend school for the duration of the illness and until 24 hours symptom free have passed. _____ initial
- The decision to send a child home or not permit a child to attend school will be made by the administration at the Aronoff Preschool.
- A debit or credit card on file is required for all families. Even if you choose to pay your tuition in full or monthly, the card on file may be used for miscellaneous fees (as described in the remaining items on this page). Declined debit/credit card/EFT payments may be assessed a \$25 fee.
- State law requires a legible signature by an authorized adult to release children at the beginning and at the end of each day of attendance. You will be assessed a charge of \$20 per incident for neglecting to sign in or out. This fee will automatically be charged to your debit/credit card.
- The Aronoff Preschool closes at 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Morning and Plus Day programs begin at 9 am and end promptly at 12:45 pm or 3:30 pm. The early drop-off or late pick-up charge before or after these times is \$25 for up to the first 15 min and \$5 a minute thereafter.
- If you need to change your child's schedule, you must submit a Schedule Change Request form 30 days in advance. Payment arrangements for an increase in your child's schedule must be made at the time the change is approved. All schedule changes will be assessed a \$75 processing fee per change. Schedule changes are granted if space is available.
- In order to apply for preschool programs, payment must accompany this form. Enrollment is not guaranteed. You will be notified if the Merage JCC is unable to place your child. In such case, all fees will be refunded, except for the \$150 application fee.
- The first billing of the 2026-2027 school year occurs the 4th business day in August 2026. Notification of withdrawal after July 1, 2026 will result in billing for the first month's tuition. _____ initial
- After application materials have been submitted, withdrawal from the preschool requires 30 days advance written notice. The month in which the child leaves the school must be fully paid.
- Withdrawals that occur on or after March 1, 2027 will be obligated to pay tuition for the remainder of the year.
- No refunds, credits, or make up days are allowed for absences or vacations.
- Merage JCC membership is an integral part of your child's preschool experience. Your Membership Agreement must be submitted at time of application to the Aronoff Preschool. Membership will be activated August 1, 2026 or one month prior to your child's start date and must be kept current and in good standing throughout your enrollment. Membership is based on a 12-month agreement and is automatically renewed and payable unless written notice of cancellation is received.
- We make every effort to work with all children and families enrolled in our program. Circumstances may occur that bring the school to the conclusion that it cannot meet or provide for the needs of the child and/or family. In this case the school reserves the right to ask you to seek a more appropriate alternative if it is determined by the school, in its sole discretion, that it is in the best interest of the child and the school.
- All disputes that may arise out of this relationship, including but not limited to whether based on tort, contract, statute, equitable law or otherwise, shall be submitted to binding arbitration.
- Other charges: \$150 non-refundable application fee is paid for each school year. A \$400 deposit is due at the time of signing of this agreement. The deposit is only refundable upon the completion of the TK year. No deposit refunds will be given for withdrawal before completion of TK school year.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the policies of the Merage Jewish Community Center and keep my Merage JCC account current and in good standing. I also agree to the terms and conditions as indicated above.

X

Parent/guardian signature

Date

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Merage Jewish Community Center of Orange County

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Irvine, CA 92603

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Gesher Parent Committee: We're Here to Help!

Welcome to our ECLC community and the new 2026-2027 school-year. As this year begins, we would like to reach out and help every member feel welcomed, appreciated, and ultimately part of the Eric and Sheila Samson Family Early Childhood Learning Center.

The Aronoff Preschool Gesher Committee takes time to gather parent volunteers and welcomes any family participation. Throughout the year, we encounter occasions to provide appreciation and/or assistance to members of our preschool community.

Your contribution will be applied to the following preschool programs:

- Teacher Chanukah and end-of-year gifts
- Community lifecycle events (i.e. birth of a child or loss of a loved one)
- Parent's Night Out events
- Teacher Appreciation

Experience has taught us that being able to collect for these occasions all at once eliminates repetitive requests throughout the year. We ask each family to kindly contribute at least a \$75.00 per enrolled student. In the past, the majority of families have generously donated at least \$100 per child, on average.

Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to an exciting year!

(Please return the portion below and return it with payment information to the ECLC front desk.)

Gesher Parent Committee Contribution Form

Child name: _____

Room name: _____

Contribution per child (circle one) \$75 \$118 \$180 Other \$ _____

Charge my total contribution of \$ _____ to my: Visa MC Amex

Name on card: _____

Date: _____

Account number: _____

Authorized signature: _____

Expiration: _____

Note there is a \$25 fee for returned checks.

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2026-2027 School Year

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

ECLC CLOSED

Aug. 17-21 - Fall Professional Dev.
Oct. 12 - Early close 1 p.m.
Nov. 13 - Student conferences
Jan. 18 - Winter Professional Dev.
Feb. 15 - Early close at 1 p.m.
Mar. 1 - Spring Professional Dev.
April 5 - Early close at 1 p.m.
May 28 - Student conferences
Jun. 7-11 - Summer Professional Dev.

EARLY CLOSE DAYS

Aug. 14 - Close 1 p.m. Last Day of Camp
Nov. 25 - Close 3:30 p.m. Thanksgiving
Dec. 24 - Close 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
Apr. 21 - Close 1 p.m. Passover
Jun. 3 - Close at 1 p.m. Last Day of School

ECLC CLOSED - JCamp

Nov. 23-25 Apr. 19-30
Dec. 21-24 Jun. 14-30

***pre-registration required**

OBSEVED HOLIDAYS

ECLC CLOSED

Labor Day ----- Sep. 7
Yom Kippur ----- Sep. 21
Thanksgiving Break ----- Nov. 26-27
Christmas Day ----- Dec. 25
Winter Break ----- Dec. 28-31
New Year's Day ----- Jan. 1
MLK Day ----- Jan. 18
Memorial Day ----- May 31

OTHER EVENTS

July 6 - Camp Yeladim session 2 begins
July 27 - Camp Yeladim session 3 begins
Aug. 6 - New Family Social
Aug. 21 - Classroom Meet & Greets 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Aug. 24 - First day of School
Sep. 16 - PJ's & Popsicles (5 - 7 p.m.)
Sep. 27 - ITC, Alef, Bet Playdate 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sep. 27 - Gimel, TK, Language Playdate 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 - All School Havdalah
Nov. 13 - Student Conferences

Full closure

JCamp days

Early close

First/Last Day

Camp Yeladim

*updated 2/2026

JULY 2026

AUGUST 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026

OCTOBER 2026

NOVEMBER 2026

Su M Tu W Th F Sa

MARCH 2027

APRIL 2027

MAY 2027

JUNE 2027

Su M Tu W Th F Sa

Su M Tu W Th F Sa