ABC University Daycare Society

2026 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does the deposit work?

In order to secure placement, we require a non-refundable deposit of $650.00 (the wait-list fee will be put toward the security deposit) payable through our payment platform Brightwheel. These funds will be refunded towards tuition when 7 months' full-time attendance has lapsed (6-month minimum new family policy plus one full month's notice of departure). After completion of an Open House, an admissions interview, or tour, we require the security deposit to be paid within 48 hours.

What are your hours of operation?

We are open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Our doors open promptly at 7:30 a.m. We do not accommodate earlier drop off or late pickups.

What is your class size and how many teachers do you have?

Our program is licensed for 25 children; however, our class size is limited to a maximum of 22 children with 4 full time educators and one part time educator.

What is your program's educational philosophy?

We are a play-based program that utilises components from several pedagogies, such as Montessori, Reggio Emilia, and the Renzulli method. Our program is inquiry-based and follows an emergent curriculum.

Do you close for holidays?

We are closed for all statutory holidays. Additionally, the program closes for two weeks at the end of December and two weeks in the Summer (usually July) for well-deserved staff holidays. Tuition is still required during the two-week closures. We understand that this may be an inconvenience, and we truly appreciate your continued support in ensuring that we can maintain our programs, staff, and resources.

Do you provide a meal service?

Children are required to bring their lunch each day. Since its inception in 1967, our program has had a low-sugar policy; we ask that whole foods rather than processed food items be included in your child's lunch. The program provides a substantial morning snack; and we ask families to provide a weekly contribution of fruit and/or vegetables for afternoon snacks.

What are your fees?

From June 2026 the monthly fees will be $1539 per month for 3 years and above, and $1552 for 30month-35month olds per month. Our program has opted into the Parent Fee Reduction Initiative which reduces fees considerably. We are fully licensed and can assist families interested in applying for the Affordable Child Care Benefit who meet the eligible requirements.

Are there any additional expenses?

Each year, our parent body chooses whether to add extracurricular programs at an additional fee. For the 2026/27 school year, families have opted to offer Yoga,Music and Movement, Drama, Sportball, Soccer(Pedalheads), and Nature School. These classes occur during the school day, generally in the late morning. In 2025/26 these classes cost families an additional $125 per month. We do anticipate

that there will be an increase as the instructors have indicated that there will be an annual increase for the upcoming school year. We hope to have this information by June 2027.

Is ABC University Daycare part of the $10 A Day ChildCareBC Program?

At ABC University Daycare, we deeply value providing high-quality care and education, including a robust range of extracurricular programs that enhance our children's development. While the $10-a-day daycare program offers increased affordability for families, it presents significant challenges for providers like us. The capped fees may not cover our operational costs, including staff salaries, facility upkeep, and the specialized resources required for our unique programming. Additionally, we maintain higher-than-mandated staff-to-child ratios to ensure personalized attention and care, a standard we believe is crucial to fostering a safe and enriching environment. Joining this program would limit our ability to maintain these standards and the extracurricular activities that families appreciate and that align with our educational values. Compliance with the program's regulations would also require administrative adjustments and potential sacrifices in how we operate, which could detract from the tailored and enriched learning experience we currently offer. For these reasons, we believe not participating allows us to uphold the current quality and scope of care that our families expect and deserve.

Do you accept children still in diapers?

Yes, children still in pull-ups are accepted, but they must be actively trying to toilet train. While complete training is not required prior to enrollment, families must demonstrate consistency at home and maintain regular daily washroom routines. To support this transition, parents must dress their child in easy-access clothing (no overalls or belts) and supply refastenable pull-ups until the child goes a full month without an incident at the center.

What kind of policies do you have regarding COVID-19?

Comprehensive pandemic policies are in place and will remain so. Our educators have had at least two doses plus two boosters and will continue to abide by public health recommendations.

What is your vaccine policy?

Children must be fully vaccinated per the schedule set by Vancouver Coastal Health. This policy extends to the yearly flu vaccine. Although the COVID-19 vaccine is not mandatory, this policy could change.

If you have additional questions, we can answer please contact us at admin@abcdaycarevancouver.com