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## Statement of Purpose

North Metro Child Development Center is an integral part of the ministry of the church, serving the community, as well as the congregation. The school is here to assist in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to families in our community by providing a Christian based preschool education with age appropriate lessons that help children develop the social and learning skills necessary to be successful at home, at Church, and at school. We do this by augmenting standard education lesson plans with the teaching of God's word through Bible stories, scripture memorization, children-involved "hands on" ministry, evangelistic singing programs, and through the loving mentorship of Christian teachers

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## Student Behavior Rules

As we strive to teach our students Christ-like behavior, we know that discipline is needed to mold a student's character. It is a process that requires time and patience, with the ultimate goal of having a child's own good choices being his or her own reward.

Rules help children know what's expected of them. We have color-coded rules in place that will be explained in detail to the children. Consequences of good/bad choices will also be explained to the children and parents.

There will be regular communication regarding your child's choices and behavior. A signed parental contract will be required and is attached to the registration form.

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## Transition Class Activities

- Dads and Donuts
  - Fire Truck on Campus
  - Costume Parade
  - Pumpkin Patch
  - Pajamas and Pancakes
  - MoonPies and MoonWalks
  - Thanksgiving Feast
  - Field Trips
  - Monthly spirit day & Activity
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## CDC Specials and Stay & Play

The CDC/CK will hold extra-curricular classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. These classes will be open to all the four year old and older classes. In addition, we anticipate outside companies to provide ballet, play ball, and Karate Classes for three year olds and older.

Periodically throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to stay and play for an extended hour for just \$3.

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## Dates and Fees

The Open House will be Thursday, August 29. The transition class will begin Wednesday, September 4.

The registration fee is \$225 and the monthly tuition fee is \$225. Days are Monday-Friday and the hours are 9:00-1:00

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# Transition/Young 5's Class



Child Development Center  
North Metro First Baptist Church

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# 2019-2020 School Year

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## Class Description

Our transitional or young 5's class is for those children who are eligible for kindergarten but may not be ready academically, socially or emotionally for the kindergarten curriculum. The children in this class will continue practicing their fine motor skills, letter recognition, letter sounds, numbers and basic math skills.

While the transitional class will review what was taught in the four-year-old class, new crafts and concepts will also be used. Our goal is to prepare the child with confidence and self-esteem for kindergarten, whether it is public or private.

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## Curriculum

In the transitional class, the curriculum used is Saxon Reading/Phonics and Math. The phonics is an intense, systematic program. It presents information in small, easily understandable bits and reviews each day.

New learning gradually builds upon old learning and regular practice reinforces both. Math is taught in large groups with hand on experience, discussion and exploration. Skills are reinforced during morning work.

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## Spanish

We will informally introduce Spanish as a foreign language. Concepts such as colors, numbers, greetings, and basic vocabulary will be taught.

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## Bible/Chapel

Each week we focus on a specific Bible story, Bible character, or book of the Bible. We want your child to become familiar with the Bible and its truths. Every Wednesday, we attend chapel in the Fellowship Hall where we see animated video Bible stories. They will learn Bible facts, books of the New Testament, and the Ten Commandments.

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## Music & Movement

Research studies show that Music and Movement play an important, developing role in your child's life. In our music class, the children will learn to appreciate the art of music through a variety of activities, such as playing rhythm instruments, coordination exercises, listening games, and singing.

The children perform two musical programs that we invite the parents to attend. The children will also sing for our Ladies Bible Study during the fall and spring.

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## Computer Technology

Children will learn the basics of a computer along with the functions and proper care. By playing a variety of age-appropriate games, different computing skills will be learned.

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## Daily Schedule

8:50-9:05 Carpool	10:20-10:40 Math
9:05-9:35 Morning Work	10:45-11:00 Centers/Unit
9:35-9:50 Calendar	11:00-11:30 Lunch
9:50-10:00 Restroom Break	11:40-12:00 Recess
10:00-10:15 Phonics	12:10-12:40 Small Group
	12:50-1:05 Carpool

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## Quotes from Past Parents

*As parents of children who just barely made the cut-off point for kindergarten and who were very shy/introverted, we decided to put them in NMCDC transition class to give them one more school year to mature, gain some stronger social skills, etc. We could not be more pleased with the outcome. In addition to the social growth and confidence gained, they were extremely well prepared for kindergarten academically. Both are now among the oldest in their grade and were touted (and still are) by different teachers as being extremely well-adjusted and well-prepared for the challenges of kindergarten. We undoubtedly attribute this to the transition class and teachers at NMCDC.*

*My wife and I were both a young 17 when we went off to college. We agree that there was absolutely no advantage to being that young all the way through school....zero. We did, however, have plenty of examples of awkward, uncomfortable situations being nearly a year younger than most of our friends and classmates at various stages. Doesn't seem like that big of a deal but developmentally it really is at certain stages along the way. For those concerned about "boredom" or the "academic challenge" of the transition class, don't worry. Our kids were challenged in the transition classes academically and other ways. Again, they were wonderfully prepared for kindergarten and have thrived since day one of kindergarten.*

*Wayne and Susan Viar*

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*I'm a big believer in the transitional class at North Metro CDC. Two of my children went through the program and have benefitted greatly. I chose to give my children an extra year which I believe prepared them and gave them academic and social readiness. The transitional class at North Metro helped prepare them academically because the class taught many of the same fundamental concepts as in kindergarten and allowed them to begin kindergarten with confidence and a solid foundation. There is also a huge advantage socially in the child being one of the older ones in the class rather than the youngest going into any grade. This extra year of development and maturity helps with focus and understanding in the learning environment as well as in social situations. I have seen this advantage firsthand as my children have gotten older and are better able to handle not only academics, but social and peer issues with more maturity. I can not say enough positive things about the transitional class and its benefits, it was a great experience and a true blessing for my children!*

*Beth Courtney*

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