

MUSEUM SCHOOL®

Fall/Spring 2021-2022

for children ages 3, 4, 5, or 6
by September 1, 2021

Open Registration
Begins March 8, 2021



A 72-year legacy of extraordinary learning!

For seventy-two years Museum School has introduced children to the wonders of the world around them. Founded in 1949, the program was first called the “Frisky and Blossom Club.” Today, Museum School continues to be a national model for informal science education.

The program’s intimate classroom surroundings foster a love for learning . . . from the wondrous science specimens and historical artifacts in the Museum’s large teaching collections to the early-childhood master teachers who brilliantly connect children’s imaginations to nature in their own backyard and times long ago. Young children are encouraged to discover and dream of one day becoming astronauts, engineers, historians, paleontologists and so much more through their encounters with real objects and real stories.

Museum School prides itself on its developmentally-appropriate, experiential, engaging learning environments. Everything that makes Museum School special are also the things that make it challenging, but not impossible, to adapt the Museum School classes to the requirements of the current COVID-19 early-childhood setting. We are always exploring ways to creatively focus on all of the unique learning opportunities that we are able to offer during this challenging time.

We are looking forward to continuing the Museum School legacy experienced by generations of children. We know that this will be another year of excellence at Museum School and we hope **your** child can join us!



Engaging Learning Experiences

Each week, Museum School class topics and activities for all ages change or build on each other, taking children on an exciting journey of investigation and discovery.

Three-year-old children become familiar with individual animals – what they look like, what they eat and the kind of homes they prefer. They soon learn the differences between mammals, reptiles, birds, insects and other animals.

Four-year-old children discover how individual animals with similar characteristics are grouped into families. Their curriculum includes additional topics such as simple machines, earth science, Native American cultures and early Texas settlers.

The curriculum for five- and six- year-old children introduces the concept of habitats and the interdependence of all living things. Caves, deserts, forests, prairies and space are just a few of the exciting topics that reinforce the idea that there are many types of environments, all with their own unique features.*

In addition to the traditional once-a-week classes, children who are age four, five and six have the option to enroll in an extended-day class which integrates STEM concepts with the traditional Museum School weekly curriculum.

** Please note that children may attend this class for two consecutive years at age 5 and 6. However, the curriculum remains the same; and children will benefit from repetition and will continue to learn new details the second year.*

What will Museum School operations look like this coming school year?

Many changes were made for the current Fall/Spring 2020-2021 program in order to have in-person Museum School classes and still meet the current health and safety standards in early childhood settings. Going forward, the leadership staff of the Museum and Museum School remains dedicated to implementing up-to-date health and safety standards for the welfare of the Museum School staff and children. Museum School follows CDC and Child Care Licensing directives and recommendations.

Before enrolling your child, click the link on the Museum School web page to open and read the Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Parent Handbook: Operational Policies and Notice Regarding COVID-19

This handbook is frequently adapted to include the latest COVID-19 protocols and procedures and Child Care Licensing directives and will likely be revised before the start of next school year.

It is crucial that parents/guardians familiarize themselves with and understand this Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Parent Handbook before making the final enrollment decision.

If you have any questions regarding anything in the handbook, please send an email to Museum School at museumschool@fwmsch.org.

The grid below shows the schedule for all available class days and times for the Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Museum School year. The school year is scheduled to begin with a “Meet the Teacher” Zoom orientation the week of August 30-September 3, 2021. The school year ends the week of May 24-27, 2022. *(These dates are approximate and will be adjusted for Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Stock Show Break, and Spring Break as needed in accordance with FWISD and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo schedule.)*

Age levels of classes are strictly observed, so please choose a class according to the age your child will be on September 1, 2021. Students enrolled in this current school year received priority placement in Fall/Spring 2021-2022 classes; therefore, some classes may be full or have limited availability. In the event your first class choice is full, we strongly encourage you to complete the enrollment form and add your child’s name to the waiting list.

All Museum School students must be consistently toilet-trained and independent.
The classrooms are not licensed or equipped for diaper changing.

The class fees listed below are a total for the school year and include tuition and the \$100 non-refundable registration fee. Payment information and options are listed on the following page.

| AGE on September 1, 2021 | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Age 3 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 |
| Age 4 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 |
| | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM One extended day a week* \$1,960 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM One extended day a week* \$1,960 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM One extended day a week* \$1,960 | ■ ■ ■ |
| Ages 5 & 6 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM One extended day a week* \$1,960 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM One extended day a week* \$1,960 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM One extended day a week* \$1,960 | 9:00 - 11:30 AM One morning a week \$1,030 |

Museum School Extended Day Classes

(Age 4 and Age 5/6)

This Extended Day Museum School class includes added engineering concepts through STEM activities that compliment and connect with the traditional Museum School natural science and history curriculum. The Extended Day class will also include the Stretch-N-Grow curriculum. This 30 minute/day activity will allow for students to experience structured health, fitness and motion activities, taught by a certified instructor.

*Stretch-N-Grow instructors are licensed by Texas Health and Human Services and follow all CDC and Museum School COVID-19 protocols and procedures.

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Next page - Payment Schedule, Refund Policy and Scholarship Information

Class fees are a total for the full school-year and include a \$100 non-refundable registration fee plus tuition. The \$100 non-refundable fee is due at registration and will be invoiced separately from the tuition. Once a Fall/Spring 2021-2022 class registration is confirmed and set up in the ProCare® system, the \$100 registration fee will be invoiced. The tuition portion of the fee will be invoiced in three equal payments according to the schedule below.

Class fees may be paid with a credit card or ACH bank transfer and should be paid directly through your child's ProCare® account. Families enrolling more than one child will make individual payments for each child.

| MORNING CLASS 9:00 am - 11:30 am One Day a Week • Offered for ages 3, 4, and 5/6 2 1/2 hours • Total Fee: \$1,030 | | EXTENDED DAY CLASS 9:00 am - 2:00 pm One Day a Week • Offered for ages 4 and 5/6 5 hours • Total Fee: \$1,960 | |
|--|--|--|--|
| First Payment: Registration Fee \$100 non-refundable fee secures your child's place | The registration fee will be invoiced soon after the Admission Letter. The fee due date will be listed on the invoice. | First Payment: Registration Fee \$100 non-refundable fee secures your child's place | The registration fee will be invoiced soon after the Admission Letter. The fee due date will be listed on the invoice. |
| Tuition Payment 1 \$310 | The first payment will be invoiced with a due date of July 23, 2021. | Tuition Payment 1 \$620 | The first payment will be invoiced with a due date of July 23, 2021. |
| Tuition Payment 2 \$310 | The second payment will be invoiced with a due date of September 3, 2021. | Tuition Payment 2 \$620 | The second payment will be invoiced with a due date of September 3, 2021. |
| Tuition Payment 3 \$310 | The final payment will be invoiced with a due date of November 19, 2021. | Tuition Payment 3 \$620 | The final payment will be invoiced with a due date of November 19, 2021. |

Refunds and Make-Up Days

The full Refund and Withdrawal policy is outlined in detail on Page 7 of the Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Parent Handbook: Operational Policies.

July 23, 2021

The deadline to withdraw from the first half of the school year, before the first tuition payment is due.

November 19, 2021

The deadline to withdraw from the second half of the school year, before the final tuition payment is due.

Withdrawal notification must be sent in writing, by email to museumschool@fwmschool.org and dated by the July 23 or November 19 deadlines above.

Scholarships

The Museum School Scholarship Program offers economic assistance to families in order that their children may experience an educational and exciting Museum School class. Funding for the scholarship program is made possible by generous contributions from individuals whose goal is to help all children gain the life-long benefits Museum School has to offer.

A limited number of scholarships (based on financial need using the income guidelines of the WIC program) are allotted on a first-come basis.

A scholarship approval does not guarantee placement in a class. If your child is approved for a scholarship and all of your class choices are full, the registration fee will be not be charged and your child will be added to the wait list.

If you will be applying for a scholarship for Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Museum School, the Scholarship Application instructions are linked to the Enrollment Request Form. Scholarship applications should be submitted at the same time as your child's enrollment request.

Please refer to Page 7 of the Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Parent Handbook for further specific refund policies for special circumstances.

Before making a final enrollment decision, it is crucial that parents/guardians read and familiarize themselves with Museum School policies which have been adapted to include specific COVID-19 protocols and procedures. Click the link on the Museum School web page to open and read the [Museum School Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Parent Handbook: Operational Policies and Notice Regarding COVID-19](#)

STEP 1 - Enrollment

The [Museum School Enrollment Request Form](#) is the first form to submit. Once the completed enrollment form is submitted online, you will receive a notice that your child's form was received.

Click this link to open the
Fall/Spring 2021-2022 Museum School
Enrollment Request Form

STEP 2 - Admission Letter

Once the completed enrollment form is submitted online, within thirty days, you will receive a confirmation (or wait list) email and an [Admission Letter](#) to the preferred email address listed on the enrollment form.

STEP 3 - Tuition Payment

All fee and tuition payments are invoiced through the ProCare© and sent by email. [Detailed information about payment amounts and options is located on the previous Payments page.](#)

STEP 4 - Student Paperwork

In keeping with the guidelines of the Child Care Licensing Division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, [Museum School requires specific paperwork to be submitted by August 1, 2021.](#)

In June, you will receive an email from Museum School (to the preferred email on record) with a link to the

[Museum School Medical Documentation Form](#)

where you will complete and upload all of the required student paperwork and medical documentation. Children may not attend Museum School until all required paperwork is on file. (See Page 7 of the Parent Handbook.)

Wait Lists and Class Changes

Available openings for closed classes are filled from the waiting list as cancellations occur. A registration may not transfer to another child, nor may a child switch class places with another child.

Class changes are made on a first-come basis. If the class into which you would like to switch does not have an opening, you may add your child's name to the waiting list.

Museum School admits students of any race, nationality or ethnic origin.

Summer 2021
Museum School
Registration Dates
to be announced
on the website
soon!



Museum School Student Paperwork

Museum School is licensed by the TDFPS (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services) and follows all standards and requirements regarding student records. **The Museum School Medical Documentation Form will have places to upload the required forms below which must be submitted by August 1, 2021.**

● **Current Immunization Record**

A current Immunization Record is required for all students. It must be signed and dated by a medical professional and should include the medical professional's address and phone number. Conversely, a signed, dated and notarized affidavit exempting the child from Texas immunization requirements will be accepted. Information about immunization requirements can be found at www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize.

● **Statement of Health Acknowledgment and Current Vision and Hearing Screening Results**

(A link to this document is on the Museum School Medical Documentation form.)

A Statement of Health is required for all students, regardless of age. It must state that your child has been seen in the past 12 months and is healthy to participate in the Museum School programs.

Current Vision and Hearing Screening Results are also required for all students who will be age 4 by September 1, 2021. Conversely, a signed, dated and notarized affidavit exempting the child from the Vision and Hearing screening requirements will be accepted.

Sometimes, the Statement of Health and Current Vision and Hearing Results are included with a child's immunization record, which is acceptable. However, if you need a copy of the Museum School's Statement of Health and Current Vision and Hearing Screening Results, you make access a copy through a link in the Museum School Medical Documentation form to take to your medical professional. Both of these forms must be signed and dated by a medical professional and should include the medical professional's address and phone number.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR CHILD'S COMPLETE MEDICAL PORTAL.

● **FARE Allergy Form (If applicable)**

(A link to this document is on the Museum School Medical Documentation form.)

This form is required to be on file if your child will bring an EPI Pen and/or Benadryl. It must be completed and signed by a parent and the physician.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the age and toileting policies of Museum School?

The age deadline for the Fall/Spring 2020-2021 Museum School program is September 1, 2021. Age levels of classes are strictly observed, and children will be placed in classes accordingly.

All three-, four-, five- and six-year-old children must be toilet-trained and toilet-independent to be eligible for enrollment. The classrooms are not licensed or equipped for diaper changing; therefore, pull-ups and diapers are not permitted. If you are in doubt about your child's toilet-training and independence, it is a good idea not to enroll him or her for this school year and wait until next year.

What is the class size of Museum School?

Current Child Care Licensing, CDC, state and local health officials, and government directives and recommendations for class sizes varies by type of school and size of classroom. Due to the COVID-19 health situation, Museum School classes have been limited to 10 children with two lead teachers with equal responsibilities in each classroom.

Are all staff certified teachers?

The current staff has education, experience or degrees in early childhood, elementary and special education.

Is Museum School licensed?

Museum School is licensed by the TDFPS (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services) and follows all standards and requirements regarding student records.

Does my child need to wear a mask at Museum School?

All Museum School staff are required to wear a mask at all times in the Museum School building and outside when interacting with other staff, families and children. All students are **required** to wear a mask in the building and classroom according to CDC Considerations for Wearing Masks. *If a child is not able to wear a mask due to a medical exemption for health, sensory, behavioral or cognitive reasons, a letter - written on the physician's office letterhead - must be submitted stating the medical exemption, signed and dated by the child's physician.*

What are the specific health and safety procedures that will be conducted each time my child comes to class?

It is the top priority of Museum School to implement increased health and safety standards for the health of the Museum School staff and children. Museum School follows CDC and Child Care Licensing directives and recommendations.

The full scope of these COVID-19 Health and Safety Procedures (temperature screenings; masks; cleaning and disinfecting practices; student drop-off/pick-up; social distancing; etc.) are listed in detail in the Spring 2021 Parent Handbook: Operational Policies and Notice Regarding COVID-19. ***It is critical that all parents/guardians familiarize themselves this handbook. If you not already done so, please click on the link at the top of the previous page to read through and familiarize yourself with the Parent Handbook.***