



[Welcome to Summit Pathways 2022-2023!](#)

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Pathways is an arts and early childhood education program and Kindergarten for ages 3-6 at Summit Dance Co. in Redmond Ridge. With 7,000 square feet of space, we transform from dance studios to preschool classrooms, raised garden beds in the spring, an arts center and, of course, studio space for dance, musical theatre, outside science programs and more!

[Want more information and a tour?](#)

- Schedule a tour appointment by contacting us at info@summitdanceco.com.
- Open houses: Saturday February 5th 10am-1pm or Monday February 7th 1-2pm.

Due to the pandemic, we require masks, hand sanitizing, and respectful distancing. We follow the King County mandate of requiring proof of vaccination or negative test result within 72 hours, for anyone ages 12+.

We are delighted to offer various pathways to education, independence, and physical well-being. Pathways is a half day program (with optional after school classes) allowing children to explore, make discoveries, and manipulate materials at a more natural and relaxed pace. The curriculum fosters a child's natural curiosity to direct, extend, and enrich their preschool experience with learning, movement, and fun!

Our philosophy is that children learn best through active participation. The most important lessons require thinking and problem solving. It is the process of learning that is most important. This helps us organize the environment, select materials and plan daily activities for fun, interactive learning as well as socialization through friendship-building.

Our seasoned teachers are MERIT-certified, First aid and CPR certified, and experienced education professionals. Miss Tracey, our primary teacher, has an advanced degree in childhood education, while others hold degrees in dance, psychology and education. Training in STE(A)M, Montessori, Piaget and years of teaching preschool gives all of our teachers an opportunity to nurture and share a passion for learning with your child.

The ABCs and 123s of Our Program

Our commitment to providing the very best for you and your child consists of:

- A. The Best Curriculum for Supporting Your Child's Total Development
- B. The Best Enrichment You Can Provide Your Child
- C. The Best Personal Choice You Can Make for Your Child
 - 1. We incorporate current research as well as early childhood development experts, including Montessori and Piaget, in determining our curriculum. We provide your child with the very best educational opportunities in a fun, comfortable and praise-valued environment.
 - 2. Our curriculum is child-centered so your child will develop their individuality.
 - 3. We provide developmentally-appropriate activities as established by the [National Association for the Education of the Young Child \(NAEYC\)](#), which increase in complexity as your child develops so they will be continuously challenged.

Summit Pathways Curriculum & Schedule

Monday – Friday Summit Pathways Curriculum

Our schedule is designed to suit your needs – choose your path! Regardless of your child's age, you have a choice in the number of days you would like your child to attend: two, three, four or five days a week. Pre-K and Kindergarten students must attend 4-5 days a week, unless supplementing with another program.

You will bring your child to our main door promptly at 9:15am (or 8:45am if registered for an early drop-off class). Your teacher will open the door and greet you. You will bring your belongings in a bag and include a water bottle, a nutritious nut-free lunch (with name) and a snack if your child prefers one from home. One snack is provided each day following dietary restrictions.

8:45-9:15am	Early Arrival Option - Good Morning Kid Yoga (3 student minimum) This is a Summit Dance Co. - Extra SDC Tuition or \$20 Drop-in Please email within 24 hours if planning to attend drop-in.
9:15-9:25am	Welcome Activities
9:25-10:15am	Welcome Circle (Example: Spanish, Sign Language, Music or Unit Story), Snack
10:15-11:00am	Individualized Instruction or Small Group Instruction (Math, Language, Phonics, Writing or Drawing); Potty Break
11:00-11:30am	Free Choice Activities with Social Interactive Play (Problem Solving, Following Directions, Practical Life Experiences, Arts & Crafts and Self-Serve Snacks) Social Interactive Play (Role Playing, Language Development, Cooperation or Negotiation)

11:30am-12:00pm	Enrichment Classes (Drama, Science Discovery, Large Motor Development, Creative Movement, Music and Song)
11:45am-12:05pm	Lunch & Reading (Social Sharing or Lessons on Table Manners)
12:15-12:35pm	Exploration (Gym Sports, Gardening, Outside Play, Role Playing, Motor Development or Nature Appreciation)
12:35-12:45pm	Reading/Story and Dismissal
12:45-1:30pm	Late Pickup Option in SDC Class (3 student minimum) This is a Summit Dance Co. - Extra SDC Tuition or \$20 Drop-in Tap/Ballet, Hip Hop, Musical Theater, Tumbling, Storytime

This schedule is only a guideline for each day. We change based on the needs and interests of the children. There is always time set for individual needs, age/ability needs and all group activities.

We are passionate about inspiring children to reach their full potential through individual learning pathways in a fun and nurturing environment. We are committed to enriching children's lives, sparking their curiosity, developing self-confidence and inspiring a love of independent learning through problem solving. We work hand-in-hand with you to ensure your child gains an enthusiasm for reading, enjoys solving math problems, loves science, speaks and writes with confidence, enhances creativity, makes decisions independently, develops physical coordination, practices good study skills, gets along well with others, learns to work in a team and aspires to a lifetime of learning

Additional Kindergarten Curriculum

The kindergarten curriculum is a continuation of our preschool program. We believe children to be active learners and create lessons and activities that will support fun while learning. Because of our small class size, we create an individualized learning plan for each student. Our curriculum is based on the Washington state learning standards for K-8. Those enrolled in Kindergarten must be enrolled for 4 or 5 (recommended 5) days per week.

Kindergarten has themed units which integrate art, music and nature with academic skills. Activities are tailored for kindergarten learners with focuses on seven key areas of learning:

Literacy: A large part of the kindergarten curriculum, literacy includes daily read alouds, guided reading groups, phonics instruction, alphabet practice, handwriting practice and comprehension activities. Our "kid writing" curriculum helps children practice writing skills and the development of grammar conventions.

Math: Daily math games, puzzles and small group math practice with hands-on activities help students practice counting and numeration skills.

Science: Units on plant and insect life and when possible, we love to get outdoors to enjoy some nature activities. Science activities and lessons teach children about the natural world we live in.

Creative Arts: Music time with singing and musical instruments, dramatic play, dance classes, drawing, painting and arts & crafts. Children get to explore their creative and motor abilities through body movement and skills such as cutting and gluing.

Movement: We have lots of space for active play activities! Children can practice running, jumping, ball bouncing and bowling in our large movement area to develop strong and active bodies.

Health: Our units on germs, healthy foods and more teach students the basics on caring for their own and communal health.

Social/Emotional: Children work in small groups to allow for social interaction with peers and learn how to work together to solve problems. Sharing time during morning circle allows children to individually express thoughts and ideas to peers and teachers.

End-of-Year Celebration

Every year we plan a fun celebration and graduation where the Pathways students show you their latest moves with a class dance and song. In addition, Summit Dance Co (SDC) has a separate end of the year recital show at a theatre.

Admissions Process and Payments

Summit Pathways is appropriate for students who are nearly three years old (must be potty-trained) through students in Kindergarten. We accept applications for children who miss the school cut-off but who turn three by December 2022 and are emotionally ready for instruction. Our Pre-Kindergarten program for older fours and fives offers appropriate challenges as well as many opportunities for this age group to develop confidence, maturity and leadership skills before entering Kindergarten.

In order to begin the admissions process, please submit a completed application form online and provide the appropriate registration fee through our online registration portal found on our website: www.summitdanceco.com. Fees will not be charged until we have officially accepted a student into the program. Space is limited as we prefer small classroom experiences with a low child-to-teacher ratio.

Tuition

Pathways tuition ranges from \$375. to \$1100 per month depending on your enrollment choices. Summit Dance Co. classes are billed at [SDC tuition rates](#) There is no additional registration fee for Pathways students taking SDC classes. Your Pathways tuition remains the same each month. There is no credit given for vacations or illness. The Pathways tuition is divided into ten equal payments with your initial deposit acting as the 10th payment.

- **2-Days:** \$375.00/month (plus any optional SDC class tuition) Preschool
- **3-Days:** \$525.00/month (plus any optional SDC class tuition) Preschool
- **4-Days:** \$700.00/month (plus any optional SDC class tuition) Pre K and Kindergarten
- **5-Days:** \$850.00/month (plus any optional SDC class tuition) Pre K and Kindergarten
- Please contact us if you are looking for a **one day** option to supplement other Preschool programs. This can be an option when space is available.

Deposits and Fees

Upon acceptance to Summit Pathways, you will owe a non-refundable registration & supply fee of \$100 per child AND a non-refundable deposit of one month's Pathways tuition (applied to June 2023 tuition payment). In the case of mandated pandemic closures, payments will be refunded for multi-week closures.

Payment Schedule

- **Payment #1:** Annual registration & supply fee of \$100 per child AND last month's (June 2023) non-refundable tuition due upon acceptance.
- **Payment #2:** First month's tuition due on August 1, 2022.
- **Payment #3-8:** October 2022 forward: Monthly tuition payments for Pathways (and SDC classes if applicable) due on the first of each month.

Additional Policies and Notes

Toilet-Training Policy

Children should be able to use the toilet independently. We will however supervise and aid their independence with instruction. In the event that they are not reliably using the toilet, or washing their hands, they will be required to participate in pull-ups and to go home prior to lunch or immediately following a non-toilet bowel movement (we will call you!). If a child shows no readiness to use the toilet, it is an indicator that they are not quite ready for a structured preschool setting.

We know accidents will happen so we ask that you provide a change of comfy clothes, undies and socks to have at school. Staff in the case of an accident will help and reassure your child then quickly change them and get them back to class. Their clothes will be discreetly returned in a plastic bag for washing at home.

Absence Policy

Your monthly fee remains the same according to the path you have chosen. If your child is absent due to illness, vacation, etc. full tuition is still due. You are paying for a position in the school which will remain vacant during your child's absence and held for your child's return.

If you are late for pickup or arrive earlier than scheduled, your child will automatically join the SDC class in session or be provided care. You will have to wait for the class to appropriately end before removing the child. An automatic \$20 drop-in rate will be applied.

Vaccine and Illness Policies

All students must be current with required vaccines. Please provide vaccination record verification upon enrollment. More information can be found here:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-425-ChildcareImmReqforParents2022-2023.pdf>

For the health of your child and the other children in the program, please keep your child home when showing any signs of illness. If a child becomes ill with any of cold/flu like symptoms while in attendance, the parent will be called to come and get the child immediately. The child will be placed on a rest mat near staff but away from the other children until the parent arrives.

Current COVID-19 Policy (as of January 2022- to be updated)

- If exposure and fully vaccinated, they can continue attending and watch for symptoms.
- If exposure and unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, they can return with a negative test on Day 5 or after, and no symptoms, OR they can return 10 days after exposure with no test.
- If a positive test, they can return after 7 days since first symptoms or 7 days since test (if asymptomatic), must be fever-free for more than 24 hours, and symptoms gone or almost resolved.
- If symptoms and they don't take a test they can return 7 days after the first day of symptoms, with no fever for 24 hours and symptoms gone or greatly improved.
- If symptoms and a negative test on Day 5 or later, they can return with no fever for 24 hours and symptoms gone or greatly improved.

Medication Policy

Prescription or non-prescription labeled medications will be given only with written parental permission. Parents will be required to fill out a Medication/Treatment Authorization form before any prescription or non-prescription medication will be administered to the child. All medications must be properly labeled, with written instructions on how and when to administer, as well as symptoms to recognize and doctor information. Medications will be left secured at the front desk with Summit Dance Co. staff. Please do not leave medications of any kind in your child's bag or pocket.

Behavior Management and Discipline Procedures

One of the goals of the program is to provide children with the opportunity to express their feelings in appropriate ways and to solve social problems constructively. Children are given guidance in how to accept and express their feelings by verbalization. Our goal is to prevent unacceptable behavior from occurring by setting limits, guiding actions and redirecting children before a major conflict occurs. Our intent is to curb the behavior without breaking spirit and to develop respect for one another.

We will follow these guidelines:

1. Identify the behavior that is causing conflict.
2. Recognize the child's emotion and select an alternative outlet. Help the child work through their feelings.
3. Give time for redirection.
4. If unable to let go, then private time on a mat with a book and supervision - parents will get a note of any mat time. Please expect a few... we all have days when mat time is needed!
5. If behavior continues, a warning to call parent while waiting on a chair. If behavior continues, a call will be made.
6. Parent and teacher discuss further action, or teacher requests pickup and return another day.

Withdrawal and Termination Policy

It is assumed that enrollment is for a complete school year, September 2022 – June 2023. If you should need to withdraw your child before the end of the school year, we request that

you notify us as soon as you know the last date your child will be attending. Your 10th month deposit will not be refunded, as it is only applicable for June 2023. .

Conditions that will cause your child's participation in the program to be terminated:

1. Behavioral problems that cannot be resolved within a designated time frame. We reserve the right to terminate participation immediately if we consider the behavior to be severe or to represent a safety issue.
2. All Summit families are required to be on autopay with a debit or credit card on file. If non-sufficient funds occur, you will be notified and are requested to update your account information. If not paid in full by the 15th of the month a \$30 late fee is applied. If a pattern of non-payment occurs, termination is an option.
3. Consistent late pickup of your child after chosen pickup time.
4. Unresolved disagreements between parent(s) and Pathways staff over policies.
5. The child is not toilet trained and it is determined by the teachers that the situation is indicative of a lack of school readiness.

Child Abuse Reporting

We are required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

Medical Emergency Procedures

If a life threatening emergency occurs while your child is in our care, our procedures are as follows:

1. In life threatening or emergency situations, 911 will be called immediately
2. First Aid/CPR will be administered, as appropriate by certified staff
3. Parent will be notified
4. Child will be transported to designated hospital if emergency responders deem appropriate
5. Emergency will be documented and filed in child's file and given to parent

Minor Incidents/Injuries- First Aid will be administered as appropriate by certified staff and documented for the parent.

Disaster Response Plan

We have followed the Federal Emergency Management Agency preparedness guidelines. In the event of a disaster, we have stored the six basic supplies as recommended: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing, bedding and tents for shelter. Our plan for contacting parents is the same as stated in our emergency plan. We will conduct emergency drills regularly as well.

Weather and Emergency Safety Policy

In the event of a storm involving snow, ice, flooding, high winds or power failure, our closure decision will be based on the [Lake Washington School District's](#) late start or closure decision. In the event of CDC or King County Health recommendations mandating school closures, we will abide by the recommendation for LWSD, but may also adopt our own policies.

In the event that a school day must be cancelled or shortened, no make-up days or credit will be given for days since it is out of our control. However, if more than 2 days are cancelled or shortened, then make-up days will be announced for optional participation.

Nondiscrimination

Summit Pathways provides an ongoing anti-bias curriculum which helps children become aware of the uniqueness of every individual. There will be no discrimination against children, families or employees because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, age, presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or due to the need of a service animal. There will be reasonable accommodations made for limitations of children or employees with disabilities.

Parental Involvement

We encourage a partnership with all parents in the program. Please volunteer to share with the children!. The one who will be the most proud of you will be your own child! We have an open door policy once state mandates change, but for now our lobby is closed.

Once we are post-pandemic we will return to our welcoming environment:

1. Parents are welcome to visit by checking-in at the front desk. Please call ahead when longer visits are expected so we can plan an introduction to the children.
2. Parent/teacher conferences are held once a year to foster communication, identify strengths and areas of growth. We also use this time to set goals.
3. The family's right to privacy and confidentiality will be respected regarding the information they share.
4. Parents will be provided information about the program in a periodically published newsletter.
5. Parents' personal evaluations of the program are considered very valuable and will be welcomed. We want you to trust us and know we are passionate about the Summit Pathways curriculum and program. We have your child's best interest at heart.
6. Parents are encouraged to share their stories and special talents with the children in the program. The possibilities are endless: sharing about traditions, vacations, occupations, heritage and family, cooking, reading a book, singing, etc.

Field Trips and Outreach Programs (*postponed during pandemic*)

There may be occasional group outings planned for you and your child to visit various local destinations such as farms, children's theaters, bakeries, parks, fire stations, etc. Even though these trips are typically scheduled during normal school hours, they are non-school functions. You will be solely responsible for your child's transportation and supervision if you choose to participate. Participation in these group visits is optional.

Cultural and Religious Outreach

We encourage families to share their celebrations, traditions and customs with the class. The curriculum will include the use of *The Virtue Guide*. Its purpose is to bring character training into children's lives on the premise that the world needs people who are willing to take personal responsibility and to reach out to others in kindness and love.

Calendar

Pathways Preschool and Kindergarten Meet and Greet: Tuesday, August 30, 2022, Time TBD
Pathways Preschool begins: Tuesday, September 6th, 2022

Pathways follows the Lake Washington School District calendar and closures.

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