



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is an emergent curriculum?

An emergent curriculum is based on individual children's needs and interests. To implement an emergent curriculum, our educators observe and document reactions and behaviors of each individual child on an ongoing basis.

These observations are used to create a curriculum that fits each child's unique learning style and development as well as benefits the group as a whole.

### What if my child has specific dietary requirements?

YW Kids offers a standard and vegan menu to meet the diverse dietary needs of the children attending. If your child requires a specific diet, please notify us at time of registration. If your child requires a specific milk substitute, we ask that parents provide that option for their child. Almond and Cashew milks are not permitted at YW Kids.

### Does YW Kids accept government subsidy?

Yes, YW Kids accepts childcare subsidy. Families using government subsidy are required to pay their parent portion by the first of each month. Families are responsible for the subsidy applications and renewals and to keep the centre informed of any changes.

For more government subsidy resources visit [ywcalgary.ca/childcare](http://ywcalgary.ca/childcare)





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### How does YW Kids stay connected with families?

YW Kids is committed to providing clear, consistent communication with all families. We also ask that parents maintain ongoing open communication with the educators by verbally checking in at arrival and pick-up each day and/or by filling out their child's daily log. In addition, the centre provides weekly email updates and monthly newsletters for all families.

### What does a typical day look like?

Each room has a slightly different schedule and is flexible to meet the needs of the children as a group. Daily routines such as eating, toileting and rest time are consistent each day. For a detailed look at the room schedule for your child's prospective room, please contact us.

### What type of transition schedule is recommended?

To best support families and children as they transition to YW Kids, each family is required to come in together for a one-hour morning visit to see how their child adjusts. Additionally, the family can work with the educator to identify what additional transition support may be beneficial for each child.

### Does YW Kids offer a preschool program?

At this time, YW Kids does not offer a formal half-day preschool program. However, the emergent curriculum in our full-day childcare program offers opportunities similar to a preschool program stretched out over the day.