



The Corcoran School

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Our Philosophy and Mission

Dear Parent,

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our teachers and administration, to thank you for considering The Corcoran School and entrusting us with the care and education of your child. We understand your desire to provide only the best for your child. That is exactly what we committed ourselves to creating when we started The Corcoran School. That vision is reflected in our mission statement:

Our mission is to provide a safe, healthy, happy, and educationally and socially rich environment to each enrolled child.

Specifically, while most other providers consider “What services must I offer to compete in this market?”, we approach things differently by asking - “What would I want for my own child?”

“I want my child to be safe, secure and happy”

“I want my child to succeed academically”

“I want my child to be well-nourished”

“I want my child to laugh, to dance, to play”

“I want my child to grow emotionally”

“I want my child to be socially responsible with respect for and tolerance of his peers”

“I want my child to be shown love and attention”

“I want my child to develop a life-long love of learning”

We consider these desires in every aspect of our approach to care and education. Our schools are safe and secure, with stimulating surroundings full of light and color. We hand-pick only the most qualified, highly educated, and loving teachers. We spend considerable time in consultation with university professors and early education experts to develop curriculum that has been thoroughly researched with proven results. We employ an on-site chef to prepare fresh home style food for the children's enjoyment and for the development of healthy eating habits. We ensure that everything from toys to transportation provides the utmost in safety. We invest time and funds to build standards of operation that exceed state requirements and redefine quality. And we offer services that go above and beyond addressing the demanding lifestyles of our parents.

Our parents recognize The Corcoran School difference, our children benefit from our excellence, and the media has applauded our innovation. I am honored that you too, have chosen our great school.

Sincerely,
T.J. Corcoran
Founder, The Corcoran School



Our Curriculum

Our Exclusive Curriculum

The Corcoran School's exclusive curriculum is based in a philosophy that encapsulates the fundamental principles of Montessori, Reggio Emilia and NAEYC. Specifically, our philosophy is rooted in the development of social competence, child directed play, exploration and intrinsically directed learning. The Corcoran School offers your child a variety of stimulating programs through degreed and dedicated staff. We will challenge your child at all ages, and you will enjoy regular communication from teachers, as well as progress reports on your child's development. Our teachers plan daily activities in each classroom in our six learning categories: Science, Sensory, Art & Creative Development; Music & Movement Development; Computers, Math & Cognitive Development; Language & Literacy Development; Physical Skill Development; and Dramatic Play & Imagination Development. Teachers are specially-trained on guidelines set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and will provide, a safe, fun, and educationally and socially rich environment for your child.



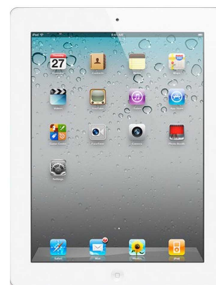
Technology Integration

The Corcoran School leverages technology to a level never before contemplated in an early education setting. Technology is used to provide safety and security to the children, to enrich the children's learning experience, to provide robust services to parents, to enable teachers to be more effective and to aid administration in monitoring classrooms and teachers in making real-time staffing decisions.



Here are a few of the many ways we leverage technology:

- * iMac Lab, with educational software including ABCmouse Early Learning Academy.
- * Personalized PIN building access for parents and teachers which immediately notify teachers that the child has entered the building, and is on the way to the classroom.
- * iPads for teachers and children, with age appropriate applications, real-time child assessments, and access to management information systems.
- * Smart boards for interactive classroom instruction.
- * Parent controlled robotic cameras for real-time classroom viewing.
- * Parent self-service web portals
- * Proprietary management information software which will allow the director to make real-time staffing decisions based on child attendance.



Enrichment Programs

Although The Corcoran School offers many of the same services as a traditional “daycare” center, we consider ourselves a “school” and operate as such. Our focus is on the enrichment and early education of the children under our care. Therefore, our philosophy is to offer as many enrichment programs as we can, whether it be provided by our own teachers, or provided onsite by 3rd parties that come to our school during the week.

Some of the many enrichment programs we will offer include:

- * Foreign Language Instruction – Spanish (our teachers)
- * Individualized music instruction (i.e. piano) (onsite 3rd party instruction)
- * Dance (onsite 3rd party instruction)
- * Tumbling (our teachers)
- * Karate Lessons (onsite 3rd party instruction)
- * Sign Language instruction beginning in infancy (our teachers)
- * Technology use and instruction (our teachers)
- * Art Instruction (clay, drawing, painting, arts & crafts) (our teachers)

Parent Services

Unlike most other childcare facilities, The Corcoran School takes the approach that we should meet the demanding needs and schedules of parents. We therefore don't adhere to rigid 7:30am to 5:30pm schedules and we try to offer as many services to make the lives of busy parents a little easier.

In this regard, here are a few of the services we will offer:

- * Open 6:30am to 7:30pm, Monday through Friday.
- * Bi-monthly parent-night-out hours, open until midnight every other Friday.
- * Robust self-service parent portal.
- * Parent controlled robotic web cameras for classroom viewing throughout the day.
- * Onsite enrichment programs for children.
- * Parent teacher conferences.
- * Take home meals for parents.
- * Much more.

Bio - T.J. Corcoran, MEd, MBA, JD

Education

- * MEd - Master of Education– Early Education
- * JD – Juris Doctor – Licensed Attorney State of Ohio, North Dakota Bar Application approved, Oath being administered 3/15/13.
- * MBA - Master of Business Administration – Hospital & Health Services Administration, Real Estate, Operations & Logistics Management
- * BBA – Bachelor of Business Administration – Finance, Real Estate

Professional Summary

- * For nearly 13 years TJ owned, operated, managed and served as President of two nationally recognized and accredited schools in southwest Ohio. TJ is also an elected official in his home town of Goshen, Ohio, a township approaching 20,000 residents, where he is a former trustee and currently serves on the Board of Education. In 2012, TJ co-founded The Corcoran School located in Williston, ND. The Corcoran School is a state-of-the-art early education center serving children aged 6 weeks through kindergarten and is unlike anything previously available in this part of the country.
- * Prior to T.J.'s educational industry endeavors, he was an executive at Accenture where his career focused on large-scale systems integration projects in the healthcare, financial services and telecommunications industries. In 2006, T.J. joined forces with a former Accenture colleague and launched TykeTEK, a high-tech startup specializing in innovative hardware and software solutions for the early education industry. Many of the proprietary products developed by TykeTEK are being integrated into The Corcoran School. These include robotic parent-controlled web cameras, hand-held management information systems leveraged by teachers, students and administrators, parent self-service portals and more.

