



World Bank Group Children’s Center (WBCC)

Managed by [Global Corporate Solutions](#) & Operated by [KinderCare Education at Work LLC](#)

Admissions The WBCC is open to World Bank Group (WBG) employees only and must be on WBG payroll. Majority of the children are admitted in the new school year starting in the Fall. WBCC uses September 30, as the birthdate cut off. We look at a child’s age as of September 30, to determine which age group the child will be assigned to. The waitlist for children born **no later than September 30, 2023 is now open**. For infants born between October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, the waitlist will open on April 1, 2024 at 9:00am Washington, DC time (refer to FAQ#1 and 2). Infants born between October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 are only admitted in September 2024. There is a waitlist application fee of \$100.00 per child. Refer to our Infants Waitlist Process [here](#).

WBCC is a **year-round school**. Our school year is from September to August. Admission offers are sent in April for infants, in May for toddlers, and from June onwards for children 24-months and older. By the start of each new school year, the WBCC is fully enrolled. Admissions in the middle of the school year are unpredictable and limited as vacancies will only occur if an enrolled family dis-enrolls. Admission offers sent to staff are based on one’s position on the waitlist. The wait can take as long as **24-30 months** depending on the timing of when the waitlist application is submitted. Due to the small class size for children below 30-months old, the waiting time for this age group is longer.

Information & Tour Sessions are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00am till 12:00noon. The information [session](#) promptly starts from the I Building Children’s Center for about 30-45 minutes followed by a tour of all three (3) locations. Send an e-mail to childcare@worldbank.org if you wish to attend. Though attendance is not mandatory, we highly recommend that you attend one of our sessions.

Program Highlights The WBCC is a [NAEYC](#) accredited center. Our educational philosophy is inspired by the work of educators at [Reggio Emilia](#) in Italy. It is a play based program that follows the children’s interest. The curriculum is child-centered and negotiated with the children, teachers and parents. Teachers observe children closely through notes and digital images, reflect on this through documentation, and plan new experiences based on previous work. The children are encouraged to be independent thinkers and to express themselves, either verbally through their daily classroom discussions, or through the use of the many rich classroom materials that are available to each child. The Center also offers **optional** classes in outdoor soccer, indoor gym & piano lessons.

Center Locations I Building – 1850 I St NW, between 18th & 19th St NW, Washington, DC 20006
International Square – 1825 & 1875 I St NW, bet. 18th & 19th St NW, Washington, DC 20006
C Building – 1225 Connecticut Ave NW, corner N St, Washington, DC 20036

Hours of Operation 8:00am to 6:00pm from Sep 2023, Monday – Friday (closed on WBG observed holidays, [closures](#) and WBCC Teachers’ Training Days). Refer to KinderCare App for updates.

Meals Two snacks and lunch served daily for children in Toddler classrooms and older

Ages Served 8 weeks to 5 years old; and during summer (mid-June to mid-August), up to 8 years old.

Contact Information E-Mail: childcare@worldbank.org Tel: 202-473-3177, 473-3790, 473-7010 or 473-6061

Websites World Bank Group’s Intranet: <http://childcare>
External: <http://www.kindercare.com/worldbank>

Teacher to Child Ratios Ratio meets widely recognized national standards of quality as defined by the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**

Age Group (age as of September 30)	Teacher: Child Ratio	# of Children per Class
Infant/Toddler: zero ¹ to 23 months	1:4	8
Twos: 24 months to 36 months	1:4	12
Young Pre-Preschool: 30 to 36 months	1:8	16
Pre-School: 36 to 48 months	1:8	16
Pre-Kindergarten: 48 to 60 months	1:10	20

Tuition Rates²: Centers provide **full-time & part-time care*** and tuition is due each 1st day of the month

Infant	\$2,640 per month	A 20% discount will be applied to our tuition fees for SY2023-2024. Refer to WB Announcement on Aug 9, 2023
Toddler/Twos	\$2,570 per month	
Young Pre-School	\$2,050 per month	
Pre-S / Pre-K	\$1,950 per month	

*Visit WBG [childcare website on intranet for info on part-time enrollment](#)

¹ Child must be at least 8-weeks old before the child can start attending the WBCC.

² Tuition fees are effective from September 1, 2023. New rates are announced each year in mid-August. Effective Nov 1, 2015, tuition includes surcharge due to a menu change requested by parents for WBCC to provide organically sourced items for milk, cheese, yogurt and selected fruits (refer to [menu](#) on updated selection of fruits)

Frequently Asked Questions

1) **Why does the WBCC's infants' waitlist only open in April and not earlier?**

To provide equal opportunity to families whose children fall in the same birthdate range, we open the [infants waitlist](#) every April each year. Everyone who is expecting a child from the WBCC's new infant birthdate range (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024), will then have an equal chance of placing themselves on the infant waitlist when we open the waitlist on the 1st business day of April (April 1, 2024). The WBCC has a low student turnover. The only time we can accommodate these new infants (born Oct 2023 – Sep 2024) is when our current infants (born Oct 1, 2022 to Sep 30, 2023) move up to the toddlers classroom in the new school year, thus vacating the infant classrooms. The WBCC does not accept applications for children born after our cutoff date of September 30, 2023 until we open the new waitlist in April. This way, we do not to give false hopes to families about getting admitted in the current school year. It is logistically impossible to admit these 'new' infants, until September 2024.

2) **How is my waitlist position determined and how long do I have to wait before my child is admitted?**

Each waitlist application is grouped by a one-year birth date range. The waitlist position for infant applications received on April 1, 2024 between the hours of 9:00am to 9:00pm will be determined through a public lottery to be held on April 9, 2024. All infant applications received after the window hours will be based on the registration date/time and priority status. Families with children already enrolled at the Center are granted sibling priority.

The wait can be as short as a few weeks to 24-30 months. Your waiting time is dependent on your waitlist position as admission offers are made based on a first-come-first served basis. On average, the WBCC receives over 100 applications for infant admissions each year. The WBCC only admits ~24 infants and 8 toddlers each new schoolyear. Due to the small group size allowed for infants and toddlers (maximum of 8 students per classroom), the wait to get into the WBCC for these age groups is much longer than other age groups. The demand for infant and toddler spaces at the WBCC far exceeds the spaces available. Staff needs to consider other child care arrangements (eg, nanny share, family daycare, etc) as well as sign up on the waitlist at other centers. To accommodate this excess demand, WBG has contracted with KinderCare to give Bank staff a 10% tuition discount if staff enrolls at any of their centers (visit www.KinderCare.com for locations). Note: Majority of admissions take place in September when vacancies open up. If you miss the new school year intake (i.e., offers are sent in April), the only chance for admissions during the school year is when a currently enrolled student dis-enrolls.

3) **What happens when a vacancy occurs at the WBCC?**

Offers of space to staff are based on three specific factors:

i) **Birth date range** - age appropriateness of the child compared to the vacancy we have. If the vacancy is for the Twos classroom, the child must meet the minimum age of 24 months. If the vacancy is for an Infant, we will only offer the vacancy to families whose child is within a 6-8 month age difference from existing students in the class.

ii) **Earliest date required** - only those with dates that match the vacancy are considered, i.e., if there is a vacancy today, for June 2023 and your application indicated a date that is later than when the vacancy is, for eg, you only wanted care from September 2023, then the WBCC will **not** make you an offer. Offers will only be made to those with a start date requirement that is no later than the vacancy dates.

iii) **Whether you are on the regular list or priority list** - offers of space are made in alternate turns. The WBCC keeps track of which list was offered the vacant space the last time; i.e., if the last vacancy was filled from the priority list, then the next offer made will be to a parent on the regular waitlist.

4) **I have received an admission offer. How soon do I need to decide and start?**

WBCC sends an admission offer via e-mail to all the e-mail addresses that was provided on the waitlist application form. **Once an offer is made, your waitlist application is automatically removed from the waitlist queue.** Staff are given at least three (3) calendar days to make their decision. Staff will also have to pay the 1st month's tuition fee by the deadline to reserve the spot.

The WBCC will only be able to hold an open space for a child for 30 days or up to the date indicated on the offer letter, whichever is later, without tuition payments. Once a staff accepts the admission offer, the staff will need to pay full tuition beginning from the start date indicated on the offer regardless of attendance as a space is already reserved for your child. This situation typically arises when a staff is still on parental leave and would like to reserve a space for a newborn child, but will only start attending a month or two later.

For further information, please visit our website (<http://childcare>) available on the Bank's intranet and refer to the [WBCC's Waitlist Policies and Enrollment Guidelines](#) as well as our Frequently Asked Questions section on the [WBCC Program](#) and our [Waitlist Process](#).