

The Twos Program at BASIS INDEPENDENT McLEAN

The Twos Program at BASIS Independent McLean provides children between the ages of 2 and 3 with a supportive environment that nurtures growing minds. Our program lays the necessary building blocks for physical, social, emotional, and language development, while inspiring every child to develop an early love of learning. Our program is led by two teachers who are thoughtful, caring, creative, and experts in early childhood development. These teachers support every child's natural curiosity through hands-on and child-led exploration. Purposeful play, combined with plenty of opportunities for inquiry, positions our youngest learners for success as they grow and learn.

Major developmental milestones in our Twos Program include growth in language, executive functioning, self-help, and social skills.

"Through being a part of the Twos Program, children learn about themselves and their world, and how to develop positive, constructive relationships with others in it. Opportunities to play, collaborate, and investigate together enhances children's development and learning."

› Ms. Korik, Director of Student Affairs, Age 2–Grade 3

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe a caring community of learners is built on consistent daily routines and strong relationships.

DAILY ROUTINES

Daily routines allow our teachers to build positive, trusting relationships with every child. Time spent diapering, toileting, feeding, dressing, and helping children fall asleep are all opportunities for development and learning. We use routine times to nurture children's curiosity, help them feel secure, and create a language-rich environment full of warm, loving, and meaningful interactions.

STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

A child's relationships and interactions with teachers are critical determinants of development and learning. Our teachers make it a priority to know each child, as well as their families. Starting with an initial home visit, teachers establish positive, personal relationships with families to better understand a child's individual needs, interests, and abilities, along with each family's goals, values, and expectations. Throughout the year, teachers carefully monitor each child's learning and development to make plans to help them progress.



OUR PROGRAM

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Our teachers engage in many one-on-one interactions with students to support oral language development and lay the foundation for later literacy learning. Strategies and experiences that develop phonemic awareness are used often, such as songs, games, poems, and stories.

STEM DISCOVERY

Whether it is counting, building forts, stacking blocks, exploring simple machines, playing at the water table, or lining up by height in the classroom—science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning takes place each day. As students investigate and discover, they develop problem-solving skills, learn how to identify cause and effect, and begin to build the habit of asking “why?”

THE ARTS

Through art, music, dance, and dramatic play, students experience the joy of being creative artists while learning essential motor skills and improving hand-eye coordination. Teachers create a number of open-ended activities that foster flexibility of the mind and emphasize the process over the product.

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH

We promote students’ social and emotional health through establishing trusting relationships built on warmth, affection, and respect. Teachers read stories centered around social-emotional themes, give encouragement, model appropriate behaviors, and teach social cues. Each child learns how to be a friend, take turns, play with others, share, and understand and control their emotions.

QUICK FACTS

Program	Liberal Arts & Sciences
Year Founded	Fall 2016
Location	8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102
Grades Served	Age 2–Grade 12
Teacher to Student Ratio	2:14
School Hours for Twos Program	7:00 AM–6:00 PM

2019 ADMISSIONS

How to Apply	apply.basisindependentmclean.com/apply
Application Fee	\$50
Admissions Deadlines	<p>EARLY ADMISSIONS Deadline to Submit Application: November 15, 2018</p> <p>REGULAR ADMISSIONS Deadline to Submit Application: January 25, 2019</p> <p>ROLLING ADMISSIONS Applications received after February 1, 2019 will be reviewed on a rolling and space-available basis.</p>
Admission Requirements	Application & Family Meeting

SERVICES

Optional Services	Lunch Program
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2019 TUITION

Tuition	TBD
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