General
The Kindergarten program was established for families who seek a high quality and innovative full day, ten
month program that exemplifies the CSDC approach to education. The Kindergarten program also provides
an important site for teacher training and research.

Admission Preferences
The CSDC Kindergarten is open to all children who meet the age-requirements for entry into public school
kindergarten.

The order of preference for admission to the CSDC Kindergarten is as follows:
1. Eligible children currently enrolled in CSDC Preschool 2 (Preschool 2 children must remain
enrolled through the summer prior to Kindergarten to be eligible for preferential enrollment);
2. Eligible children currently enrolled in the CSDC Nursery School Program 3.
3. With teacher’s recommendation and Director’s written approval prior to the March 1st lottery, any
child returning to the kindergarten classroom for a second year;
4. Children of benefits eligible UNH/USNH employees and post-doctoral associates, undergraduate
students (enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits hours per semester) and graduate students
(enrolled in a full-time equivalent program or active dissertation work) not currently attending
CSDC,
5. New families from the neighboring communities.

Application
All families interested in having children attend CSDC Kindergarten must first complete a Kindergarten
Application Form for each child (please see priority deadlines below). All new applications for admission
(not currently attending CSDC) must include a $15 non-refundable check made out to UNH.

Current full & part time CSDC families should apply prior to the CSDC winter break to ensure priority
admission. A lottery will be used for if there are not sufficient openings for current CSDC families.
New families seeking admission who have a completed application form on file at the CSDC office by the
close of business on March 1st (or the next business day) will be entered in a lottery for the creation of a
waiting list for the kindergarten program for the coming academic year for any available spaces. Applications
for the coming school year submitted after March 1 will be added to the waiting list created by the lottery in
the order they are received.

In order to build an inclusive and diverse program for teacher training and research, the Director may
consider gender, special needs, family diversity and income, and ethnicity in making admissions decisions
during the waiting list. The Director may also consider the staffing needs of the center in making
admissions decisions. The economic mix of families served at any time must ensure sufficient income to
meet the operational budget.

Admissions Offers and Acceptance
Current full-time CSDC families are typically sent admission offers in January, while spaces for the
community become available after March 1st. Families are contacted as soon as an opening occurs. A center
tour and classroom visit (30 minutes) is required for all families new to CSDC (no prior child
has attended) as part of completing admission. Unless otherwise noted in the admission offer, the
family will have 48 hours following the tour/visit (or initial call if no tour required) to accept the offer by
paying the required registration fee. If a family declines an opening when it is offered, their child may remain
on the waiting list but will be moved to the bottom. If a family declines a subsequent time, the child is
removed from the waiting list.

Sibling Preference to CSDC
In cases where a family is offered and accepts a space for their child in the Kindergarten classroom and that
child has a sibling eligible for the same classroom (e.g. a twin), the next available space will be offered to that
sibling. Once a child has been admitted from a family, eligible siblings will receive preference for available
slots in other programs (subject to the UNH family preference for full-day programs), as long as the children
from the same family will be concurrently attending CSDC programs. There is no alumnae preference in the
CSDC Kindergarten program.