

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the school hours?

Nursery: 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

PreK, K: 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Grades 1-5: 8:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Grades 6-8: 8:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., M,W,F: 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., T,Th

Early Friday Dismissal

Beginning on the Friday following the change to Standard Time, through the Friday after the change to Daylight Savings Time, dismissal will be at 2:00 p.m. to allow sufficient time for Shabbat preparations. Regular 3:15 p.m. dismissal resumes on the Friday following the change to Daylight Savings Time.

Are there Extended Day Programs?

Yes, We recognize that many parents work full time or do not live close by. *SSDS Kids' Care* offers extended care for our students. The Extended Day program provides a supportive environment with a variety of organized activities as well as restful, independent time for quiet activities and homework. Before School: Monday through Friday, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m., for Gr. 1-8; 7:00 – 9:15 a.m. for Pre-K and K; 7:00 – 10:15 a.m. for Nursery. After School: Monday through Thursday, 3:15 – 6:00 p.m. Friday, for one hour after classes end; *Kids' Care* schedule follows the school calendar.

How old does my child need to be to enter Kindergarten?

Children need to be 5 years old by December 31st in order to enroll in the Kindergarten class.

If my child comes to SSDS in an older grade, does he/she need to know Hebrew?

No. The *Mechina* program is an introductory Hebrew program that enables students with limited or no Hebrew background to study Hebrew at their level.

Now that I have the Application, what do I do next?

If you have not visited the school, schedule a tour/interview by calling, 732-431-5525. In addition, we offer individual tours as well as Open Houses several times during the academic year.

Will my child visit the school?

Yes, all children come for a visit as part of the application process. Children applying into Kindergarten will be scheduled for a small playgroup session in January or February. Older

children (applying into grades 2 and up) will come for a one or two day visit to a SSDS classroom at their current grade level. Screenings and visits are scheduled once the application and application fee are received.

Does SSDS have transportation?

Yes. Transportation is available from Monmouth, Ocean, and Middlesex Counties. For information about bus transportation, please contact the school.