



co·op·er·a·tive

Pronunciation: kŌ-ŏ-p(ə)-r(ə)-t(ə)-t(ə)v
Function: *adjective*

1. a. Marked by cooperation ~ *cooperative efforts*
b. Marked by a willingness and ability to work with others ~ *cooperative neighbors*
2. Of, relating to, or organized as a cooperative ~ *a cooperative store*
3. Relating to or comprising a program of combined liberal arts and technical studies at different schools

The co-operative method integral to Northaven's preschool allows parents to take turns assisting in the classroom. This practice has rich benefits not found in other area preschools.

By "co-oping" once or twice a month, parents experience:

- First-hand knowledge of the learning environment, teacher, and curriculum
- Enriching relationships with their child's classmates and the opportunity to observe how their personalities mesh during play
- Fresh strategies for managing challenging situations

With one co-oping parent in the classroom every school day, children experience:

- An average adult:child ratio of 1:5
- A feeling that they are cared for by many adults – their teacher and their friends' parents
- A sense of community and the power of volunteering

Northaven Co-operative Preschool is thus able to:

- Offer affordable tuition rates, since parent volunteers offset salary expenses
- Rely on a diverse group of committed parent volunteers with a wide variety of individual talents



PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

We encourage you to tour our new classrooms and playground!
To schedule an appointment, please call (214) 691-7666.



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THE CO-OPERATIVE PRESCHOOL Experience



A quality preschool that nurtures the development of the whole child and provides parents the opportunity to participate directly in the education of their young children.

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ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

- A **security system** with code-based access to keep children safe
- **New school building** since January 2006, with well-planned, large classrooms to accommodate active learners in many learning centers
- **Home visits from teachers** before the new school year begins to ease the transition from home to school
- An enormous **variety of toys, puzzles, games, and props** for dramatic play in each classroom, including an easel and sensory table with rotating themes
- A **one-acre playground** renovated in September 2006, with age-appropriate and code-compliant features including a modular playground structure, swings, a wood fort, parallel bars, geo domes, play houses, and sand pits
- An **indoor gym** for large-muscle play on rainy days
- Washing-up sinks and **bathrooms in each classroom**
- **Field trips** to the theater, symphony, zoo, and "real-life" places such as the fire station and post office
- Strict guidelines for **nutritious snacks** served at school
- A policy that **toilet training is not a requirement**

BY THE NUMBERS

- The Co-op was founded in **1969**
- Preschool Director and Fours & Fives Teacher Kathy Delsanter has been at Northaven since 1973 and in that time has taught approximately **445** students
- The average tenure of the teachers at Northaven is **15** years
- Northaven Co-operative Preschool has maintained accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) since the program began in 1986; of the 16,619 licensed child-care centers in Texas, only **3.1%** are NAEYC accredited

REGISTRATION

Registration is ongoing based on availability and begins in February for the following school year; enrollment applications are available at the school office or at www.northavencoop.com. There is a \$500 deposit due with the enrollment application.

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AGE GUIDELINES

Young Twos should be almost 2 years old by September 1
 Twos & Threes should be 2 1/2 years old by September 1
 Young Threes should be 3 years old by September 1
 Threes & Fours should be 3 1/2 years old by September 1
 Young Fours should be 4 years old by September 1
 Fours & Fives should be 4 1/2 years old by September 1

The class schedule is designed so that the number of school days is roughly equivalent to age; for example, two year olds attend for two days, four year olds for four.

Class times are 9:15-noon for Young Twos through Twos & Threes and 9:00-12:15 for Young Threes through Fours & Fives.

2006-2007 TUITION SCHEDULE

Young Twos, two days a week: \$1940/year
 Twos & Threes, two days a week: \$1940/year
 Twos & Threes, three days a week: \$2300/year
 Young Threes, three days a week: \$2300/year
 Threes & Fours, three days a week: \$2300/year
 Young Fours, four days a week: \$2690/year
 Fours & Fives, four days a week: \$2690/year

Extended Day is available on a drop-in basis (\$12) for children older than three on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 2:15. There are also additional art classes on Fridays and some afternoons.

WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE NORTHAVEN CO-OPERATIVE PRESCHOOL?

Here's why some of our families did:

"The cooperative nature of the school has instilled in our daughter a strong sense of community and interconnectedness from an early age. We feel that this is critical in a world that increasingly seems to value the needs of the individual above all other things."

"The Co-op is such a great jumping-off point for kids—it eases them into the classroom under the watchful eyes and loving support of their parents and gives parents the unique opportunity to see their children fall in love with learning."

"I enrolled all three of my children in the Co-op because I adore the relaxed, self-motivating environment and the phenomenal range of enriching and authentic experiences. I feel very positive about the social and academic steps my children have made, along with important lessons learned for their heads and hearts."

"We chose Northaven Co-op because of the outstanding recommendations from other parents. We visited the site on several occasions and were highly impressed with the teaching philosophy and process. I definitely wanted to be at a school where not only could I participate significantly, but where other parents felt the same way!"

"The quality and expertise of the teachers is extraordinary. It is a remarkable thing to share the classroom with a child-development expert and to learn effective parenting techniques. I am a better parent because of the Co-op."

