



# Family Packet

A Regulation-First Readiness  
Program

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**Bright Steps Academy**

Ages 2.5–9

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

*Helping Bright Minds and Capable  
Children Thrive in Group  
Environments*

[BrightStepsCa.com](http://BrightStepsCa.com)

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# Why Bright Steps Exists

Many bright, capable children struggle in traditional group environments. Busy classrooms, constant transitions, and large groups can overwhelm a child's nervous system before learning even begins.

When children feel overwhelmed, adults often assume the child is being difficult, distracted, or unmotivated. In reality, many of these children are simply not yet regulated enough to fully participate.

Bright Steps Academy was created to bridge this gap. Our program provides a calm, structured environment where children can strengthen the foundational skills that allow learning to happen:

- emotional regulation
- flexibility with change
- attention and task endurance
- communication and participation
- confidence in group settings

Rather than pushing academic expectations too early, Bright Steps focuses on building the developmental foundations that make learning possible. Through movement, structured routines, and small-group experiences, children gradually develop the confidence and regulation needed to thrive in larger learning environments.

Bright Steps is not designed to replace school or therapy. It is designed to help children become ready to succeed in both. When children feel safe, understood, and capable, their natural curiosity and intelligence begin to shine. That is the purpose of Bright Steps Academy.



## Admission & Intake Process

Before beginning the program, each child participates in a short observational intake session designed to help educators understand how they learn, regulate, and interact within a small-group environment.

This session typically lasts about 30 minutes and takes place through simple play-based activities. Children are invited to explore games, movement tasks, and small challenges while educators quietly observe engagement, communication style, regulation patterns, transitions, and flexibility.

The goal of this session is not testing or evaluation. Instead, it provides a snapshot of how each child approaches new experiences so the environment can be prepared to support their success.

### Developmental Readiness Profile

Notes from the intake observation are used to create a Developmental Readiness Profile. This profile helps educators understand patterns related to:

- emotional regulation
- flexibility with change
- task endurance and attention
- sensory preferences
- social engagement

The profile is observational and developmental, not diagnostic.



# Tuition and Fees

## Fees & Payment Policies

### Program Registration Options

Core Program (Tues-Friday)

(AM) 9:00 - 12:00 - \$1,200

(PM) 1:00 - 4:00 - \$1,200

Tuesday to Thursday

(AM) 9:00 - 12:00 \$925

(PM) 1:00 - 4:00 - \$925

Tuesday or Thursday

(AM) 9:00 - 12:00 \$90.00 a session

(PM) 1:00 - 4:00 - \$90.00 a session

December and August

AM & PM - \$900.00 (Full-Time)

### Registration Fee

A one-time \$125 registration fee is required upon enrollment. This includes the child's observational intake session and the preparation of their individualized Developmental Readiness Profile used to support early curriculum planning.

### Payment Schedule

Program fees are paid on a monthly basis through preauthorized payment. Payments are processed at the beginning of each month to secure your child's placement for that month.

Because program spaces are limited and staffing is scheduled based on enrollment, fees remain consistent regardless of absences due to illness, vacation, or statutory holidays.

### Fee Adjustments

Program fees are reviewed periodically to reflect program development, operational costs, and staffing requirements. Families will always receive advance notice of any future fee adjustments.

# Next Steps

## Step 1 Join Our Waitlist

Begin by adding your child to our waitlist at [BrightStepsCa.com](https://BrightStepsCa.com). There is no payment required to join, no commitment, and no obligation. We use the waitlist to keep families informed about program updates, tour availability, and enrollment timelines as we approach our September 2026 opening.

## Step 2 Book a Tour

Once you are on the waitlist, we will reach out to schedule a brief tour. Tours run Tuesday through Friday, with occasional Saturday options. They last approximately 30 minutes. Bring your child if you would like — they are welcome to explore our space while we talk.

## Step 3 Reserve Your Child's Spot

If, after the tour, you decide Bright Steps is the right fit, a \$100 fully refundable hold deposit secures your child's place in our founding cohort. The deposit is applied directly to your first month of tuition upon enrollment.

Visit [BrightStepsCa.com](https://BrightStepsCa.com)

*Children thrive when the environment is built around them, not the other way around.*

