



Mt. View Co-Operative Preschool

Parent Education Credits

As parents you have enrolled your child in the Cooperative Preschool Program and you have also enrolled yourself in the Bates Parent Education Program. The goal of co-op/parent education programs is to foster and support parenting and family management skills and to provide an enriching and developmentally appropriate learning experience for your child.

As a working parent in the classroom you will be assisting the teacher with facilitating and supervising learning activities with the children. During this time you will observe and support child development experiences and implement positive child guidance techniques. Working in the classroom serves as the laboratory component of the Parent Education Program. By attending various Parent Education opportunities and earning the required number of credits, you will be fulfilling the lecture component of the Parent Education Program.

You pay Bates Tuition Fees to enroll (one person per family) in the Bates Parent Education Program which is affiliated with the Cooperative Preschool Program. As a Bates student you earn college credits and have access to the Bates Home & Family Life Resource Center, the STARS and CDA training series.

Earning Parent Education Credits

Parent Education Credits are required as part of the Co-op Preschool affiliation with Bates Technical College. Each school year parents must earn eight (8) Parent Education credits (equivalent to one credit per month the family is enrolled), four (4) of which should be obtained before January 31. Parent Education credits may be earned beginning the night of Parent Orientation until the last day of school. Your credits will be tracked and posted periodically so you know how many you have earned.

Ways to earn credits

- Attend Parent Orientation (mandatory); maximum of 2 credits per family
- Attend Parent Training (mandatory); maximum of 2 credits per family
- Attend Parent Education meetings; earn 1 credit per function
- Attend a board workshop sponsored by Bates Technical College; 1 credit per year
- Attend the majority of the Mt. View board meetings as a board officer; earn 1 credit per year
- Successfully complete your committee or board position for the year; 1 credit per year
- Attend a Mt. View board meeting as a visitor

- Attend a Parent Education meeting at another Cooperative Preschool; 1 credit each meeting
- Attend a daytime Parent Share; 1 credit per meeting
- Share an educational experience with the class (i.e. teach a special art or music project, share your job: nurse firefighter police officer, etc.) 1 credit per session
- Attend a Parent/Teacher conference; 1 credit per year
- Attend the Bates Resource Center; 1 credit per year
- Attend a Parent Education Event sponsored by a community agency; earn maximum 1 credit for a series of classes
- Attend Mt. View Co-op Family events; earn 1 credit per event (All Mt. View events that earn parent ed. credits are "boxed" on your monthly calendar)
- Attend the Trike-a-Thon

Earning the required parent ed. Credits is your responsibility and part of fulfilling your co-op registration agreement. If at any time you have difficulty earning your parent education credits please contact your parent education chair, your president or your Bates instructor for help.

Thank you for your participation.