

# Sarah Bee Bilingual Academy

## Parent Information Packet

*(Private Kindergarten with Before & After Care)*

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## 1. Programs and Services Offered

Sarah Bee Bilingual Academy is a private kindergarten in Florida dedicated to providing high-quality early education in a safe, nurturing, and bilingual environment.

We currently offer:

- **Kindergarten Program** – Full-day academic program aligned with Florida Early Learning and Kindergarten Readiness Standards, with a bilingual (English–Spanish) curriculum.
  - **Before Care** – Supervised care for students before the school day begins, offering quiet activities and breakfast time.
  - **After Care** – Extended care with homework support, enrichment activities, outdoor play, and creative projects.
  - **Enrichment & Activities** – Music, art, physical education, and cultural celebrations throughout the year.
  - **On-Site Cooked Meals** – Nutritious, freshly prepared meals cooked daily in our school kitchen, following health and nutrition guidelines.
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## 2. Teacher and Staff Qualifications

At Sarah Bee Bilingual Academy, we value professional excellence and the dedication of our educators.

- **Lead Kindergarten Teachers**

Florida private schools must ensure their teachers meet minimum qualifications, which are set by the state. You must satisfy at least one of the following:

- **Bachelor's Degree:** Hold a bachelor's degree.
- **Teaching Experience:** Possess three years of experience teaching in K-12 public or private schools. Note that early childhood experience does not count towards this requirement.

- **Special Skills:** Exhibit special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualify you to teach specific subjects.
  - **Assistant Teachers and Teacher Aides** meet Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) training standards.
  - **Substitute Teachers** are carefully selected and must meet required background checks, training, and qualifications to ensure classroom safety and quality instruction.
  - All staff complete:
    - Level II background screenings (per Florida law)
    - CPR & First Aid certification
    - Ongoing professional development and training in child development and classroom safety
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### **3. Statement on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**

As a **private school in Florida**, we are committed to supporting all children in their educational journey. However, under federal law, it is important for parents to understand the following:

*A parentally-placed private school student with a disability does not have an individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that the student would receive if enrolled in a public school under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).*

Parents of children with disabilities are encouraged to consult with their local public school district regarding available services and supports.