

Fee Policy

Okeechobee County School District will accept checks, money orders, cashier checks, or cash. Please make checks payable to Okeechobee County Schools.

Students Per Family	Fee Per Week	SEM ONLY
One Child	\$25.00	\$20.00
Two Children	\$45.00	\$36.00
Three Children	\$67.00	\$53.60
Four Children	\$90.00	\$72.00

- The minimum weekly charge for one student is \$25 regardless of the number of days in attendance for that week.
- A discount of 10% is given to families with two or more children.
- A late pick-up fee of \$4.00 is charged for each 15-minute period after 5:45 p.m.
- If payment is not received by Friday of each week, a \$10 late fee will be assessed.
- **A \$25.00 penalty is charged for returned checks and all future payments must be made in cash and one week in advance.**



Enrollment

Enrollment will be conducted during the pre-school open house at each childcare school site. Any enrollment after open house may be done through the director of the program or the school office of the childcare site. Make sure the enrollment form is filled out completely listing all emergency phone numbers and contacts. Having all documentation and signatures in place will prevent delayed registration and services may begin the first day of school.

Medication



Every effort should be made to avoid having to dispense medication during After School Elementary Childcare program hours. In the event a physician should require administering medication during program hours, the following procedures must be followed:

Prescription medication will be administered according to the School Board policy.

- Students who need to take prescription medication must have the appropriate authorization form signed by the parent before the medication can be brought to the program.
- The medication and authorization form will be maintained by the Program Leader.
- The medication must be brought to school by the parent in the original container.
- If a student needs to take prescription medication during program hours, it will be administered by the program leader.
- Non-prescription medicines such as pain relievers, cold tablets, cough syrups, etc. should be given at home.

Information on ways to administer most prescription medication outside of school hours is available from your doctor or pharmacist and should be requested.

Tax Information

Just as a reminder, parents must retain receipts for income tax purposes. **The Okeechobee County School Board WILL NOT issue additional copies of receipts during tax season.** You will need the following information for your tax preparer:

Federal I.D. # 596000767

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Okeechobee, Florida 34974

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After School Elementary Childcare

Grades K - 5

2019-2020

Parent Handbook



Welcome

We would like to welcome you and your family to the After School Elementary Childcare program. This program has been established to help meet the needs of students and parents for quality, reasonably priced after school supervision for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The primary goal of the program is to provide a safe, healthy, and well supervised environment for children. Children will engage in activities that will benefit them physically, academically, and socially.

We appreciate you allowing us to work with your most precious asset - Your Child!

General Guidelines

- The program will be staffed on a 20:1 ratio of children to staff members.
- Program hours will be 2:50 p.m. until 5:45 p.m.
- The program will only operate on days school is in session.
- The program is open to children in regular attendance at an Okeechobee public school in kindergarten through 5th grade.
- North Elementary and Central Elementary schools will serve as program sites.
- Shuttle buses will be available to transport After School Elementary Childcare program students from Seminole Elementary to North Elementary and from Everglades Elementary and South Elementary to Central Elementary.
- Students must attend the childcare site assigned for their school.
- Parents must provide after-program transportation.
- Children will benefit from homework assistance, enrichment activities, and supervised recreational activities.

Arrival

After school, children who attend the program will be escorted to the cafeteria by appropriate school staff. After school childcare children must remain in designated program areas supervised by program personnel.



Departure



Children will only be released to the individuals listed on the Enrollment Form. No child will be allowed to leave the program without being signed out with acknowledgment from a program staff member. Approved individuals picking up children from childcare must sign/initial beside the child's name under the appropriate date to allow for safety monitoring. All individuals picking up children **must present picture identification** until recognized by staff.

Discipline

Discipline will be administered through positive reinforcement, the use of "Time Out", and parent notification. We do not use corporal punishment. If the program staff has behavioral concerns with your child, you will be notified. If the problem continues, a conference will be arranged between parents and director of the program. Repeated or chronic behavior problems may result in termination of services. The safety of your child while in our care is very important to us.

Injuries



In case of a slight injury during the program, a staff member will administer first aid. Parents will be notified of a serious injury immediately and necessary steps will be taken to obtain medical aid. Program staff will fill out an accident report form. Please make sure you sign the accident report form when you pick up your child.

Insurance

All children enrolled in the program will be required to have health insurance, school insurance, or some other form of accident insurance. Proof of insurance will need to be provided before a child will be accepted. A copy of the insurance card or policy will be kept on file at the program site. If you are applying for school insurance, please make sure to keep a copy of the application or a copy of the cancelled check for proof. If any information changes throughout the year it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the program staff so corrections can be made.

School insurance can be purchased for a nominal fee by enrolling at www.schoolinsuranceagency.com.



Sickness

Children who are ill may not attend the program. The following criteria will help you determine what is meant by ill:

- Fever over 100.5 degrees
- Excessive cough and/or nasal discharge
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Unidentified rash
- Pink eye or eye discharge

The following guidelines will help determine when a child can return after an illness:

- The child's temperature has been below 100.5 degrees for 24 hours without medication.
- The child has been on antibiotics or other medication(s) for 24 hours.
- It has been 24 hours since the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea and thick nasal discharge and/or coughing have abated.
- The rash has subsided or has been confirmed as non-contagious by a physician's note.
- Pink eye or eye discharge is completely gone.

If your child becomes ill while at the program, you will be called to take your child home. The director or a designated representative will determine if a child should remain in the program. A child who appears contagious will be isolated from the rest of the group and placed under the supervision of a caregiver until the parent arrives.