

After School / Before School (Expanded Learning Opportunities Program)

On regular school days after school care goes from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. A special kindergarten afterschool program runs from 2:00 to 3:00. On Mondays, after school care starts at 2:00 for all grades. On half days after school care goes from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. for all grades. Before school care goes from 7:45 to 8:10.

Rates are \$4.00 per hour or free for families that meet income requirements (Universal Benefits Applications are available in the office and in your online enrollment packet). After school snack is available for \$1.00 or \$.65 for families that qualify for a reduced rate. The Equinox Center for Education (ECE) bills parents for extended day care fees and any associated fees. Accounts must be current for students to use the program. Some people need the ECE's tax ID number for childcare costs. The tax ID number is 23-7116546.

Late Fees: After school daycare ends at 5:30 p.m. Children who are left past that time create serious problems for the program. The after school program is not intended for those who need care after 5:30 p.m., and we urge parents to arrange a back-up person to pick your child up if you are likely to be delayed on a regular basis. If you are unable to meet the 5:30 p.m. deadline, please find other after school care. Late charges are \$1 per minute from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. and \$2.00 per minute after 5:45, regardless of income status. The after school program will be closed to students of parents who are unable to pick up children by 5:30 p.m. on a regular basis or those with delinquent account balances.

After School Behavior Expectations: After school requires acceptable behavior for participation in the program. After school students will treat each other, and the after school staff, with respect and courtesy. Students must be able to demonstrate reasonable self-control in a setting that gives them more freedom, and consequently, more responsibility than what is expected during the regular school day. Parent support is required to keep a positive after school atmosphere. After school staff will inform parents and teachers when children are having trouble in after school. Unacceptable behavior on a regular basis may disqualify a student from after school care.

Behavior expectations during after school, check in, and snack time:

1. Children will sit quietly in their own space and keep their hands to themselves during check in.
2. Children will take care of each other in snack line by waiting for snack without pushing, poking, punching, shouting, or teasing.
3. During snack time, children will sit at the picnic tables or on the benches and porch. Children will remain seated until snack is over. No playing during snack.
4. Children will follow normal indoor guidelines in the classrooms using appropriate voice and indoor behavior.
5. Children will respond, without argument, to requests to change their behavior.
6. Children will use designated materials with care and put things away when they are finished.
7. Children will be considerate of each other and avoid excessively aggressive or antagonistic play, both physical and verbal.
8. Children will cooperate with staff requests to change, or stop, a game when after school staff or teachers feel that an activity is getting out of hand or needs to change.