



Welcome to Central Preschool & Kindergarten EXTENDED CARE

We provide EXTENDED CARE (EC), a before and after-class childcare option, because many of our parents need flexibility in the time(s) they bring their children to and from school.

GOAL

Our goal is to provide a safe, secure and positive environment for children who need care before and/or after their scheduled class time(s).

EXTENDED CARE PHONE—(605) 370-1224

(Please use this after 4pm if you need to contact Extended Care)

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

- ❖ EXTENDED CARE is open from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ *EXTENDED CARE is only open on days when Central Preschool & Kindergarten classes are in session.*

SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAYED OPENINGS

In the event of a school cancellation, there is no EXTENDED CARE. If the Sioux Falls Public Schools announce:

- ❖ 1 hour late start=Extended Care still open at 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ 2 hour late start=Extended Care will open at 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ Occasionally, if weather conditions deteriorate during the day, EXTENDED CARE will close early. Parents will be contacted as soon as a decision is made, and a caregiver will remain present until all children have been picked up by a parent or other authorized adult. Email and text alerts will also be sent.

ADMISSION POLICIES

- ❖ Any **toilet independent** child enrolled at Central Preschool & Kindergarten is eligible to be enrolled in EXTENDED CARE if openings are available.
- ❖ All online enrollment forms for admission to preschool classes must be completed and on file and Extended Care registration fee must be paid before a child will be allowed to use EXTENDED CARE.
- ❖ **If a family's extended care account or tuition account is in arrears, their EXTENDED CARE schedule will not be honored.** In the event a child has not been picked up and the family account is past due, parents and or emergency contacts will be contacted to make arrangements for the child to be picked up.
- ❖ All children must be brought to and picked up from Extended Care by an authorized adult. Each authorized adult will need to be fingerprinted or create their own two four digit codes to sign in/out.
- ❖ Children must wear tennis shoes or soft-soled shoes and sturdy play clothes.

SCHEDULING

- ❖ Monthly schedules are due in the office on Tuesday for the scheduling of the following week. Extended Care is non-refundable. Extended care charges are incurred for time scheduled whether or not the child is present. *(Please note schedules may be due on an alternate day if there are days off scheduled for that month. Schedules received after that alternate date will not be accepted due to our large numbers).
- ❖ Schedules can be filled out on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis. If the schedule will not change from week to week we highly encourage a master schedule. Please stop by the office and we can explain more in detail if you are interested.
- ❖ Payments must be made on a weekly or monthly basis by either cash/check/card or auto withdrawal set up in the CPK office.
- ❖ Since last minute changes are not in the best interest of the program a verbal or emailed confirmation must be made in the event of an unforeseen change to your child's schedule. Verbal (605) 336-2303, or email confirmation must come from: erin.ellingson@centralsf.org
- ❖ In the event that a child is not scheduled, email or verbal confirmation has not been given and EXTENDED CARE is full, parents will be contacted to make arrangements for their child to be picked up. The time that the child is in EXTENDED CARE before being picked up will be billed at the drop-in rate.
- ❖ If school is canceled, Extended Care will also be canceled. You will be credited back the hours that were scheduled for that day.

EXTENDED CARE will be billed and scheduled on the even hour and half hour mark – quarter hours are not accepted.

FEES

- ✓ \$5.50/hour

DROP IN FEE (No Schedule)

- ✓ \$15.00 + \$5.50 hour—This is for a drop in

EARLY DROP OFF/LATE PICKUP

****It is very important that children are not dropped off before their scheduled time and/or picked up after their scheduled time.** Charges will be applied accordingly.

NON SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT FEE

****For the safety of the children, if your child is not signed in/out of extended care you will be charged \$10.00 each time.**

AFTER 5:30 Pick up

- ✓ \$20.00 for every 5 minutes after 5:30 NO Exceptions (ex: if 5:33 you will be charged \$20 if 5:37 you will be charged \$40). This is per child.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - please communicate any changes in the CPK office

In the effort to make your Child's EXTENDED CARE experience a pleasant experience please note special instructions on your submitted schedule such as: needs to nap, likes to sleep with his/her own blanket, needs reminders to use the potty or anything else you feel is pertinent.

Toilet Independent

In order to keep in ratio with teacher to child we ask that your child is toilet independent. It is difficult to be in the bathroom helping and stay in ratio. Children must be able to 100% independently care for their toilet needs.

DISCHARGE POLICIES

Central Preschool & Kindergarten reserves the right to ask any parents to withdraw a child who is not ready to function within a less formal setting, or if parents do not comply with policies of the school.

Any schedules turned in with no payment or unpaid tuition accounts will not be honored. This is strictly enforced due to the large number of children we care for and needing to keep the teacher/child ratio accurate. If either account is unpaid, you will be asked to make other arrangements for child care.

LUNCHES AND SNACKS

Children must bring their own nutritious lunch. The lunch must be ready-to-eat. ***All fruits must be sliced and/or peeled at home.*** Milk, water and disposable eating utensils are provided by the school.

Please do not send:

- instant microwave mac n cheese
- food in glass containers
- silverware from home
- gum
- hard candy
- pop
- toys

Please label your child's lunch CLEARLY, and place it in the refrigerator. (We will put a tag on each lunch box, so please leave that tag on until the end of the school year). An afternoon snack will be provided at approximately 2:00 p.m.

****Please tape a note on your child's lunch box if your child has a food allergy.****

TOYS

No outside toys (toys from home) are allowed in Extended Care.

CLOTHING

Children should wear or bring tennis shoes or soft-soled shoes and sturdy clothes appropriate for play; we discourage open-toed sandals.

EXTRA CLOTHES

If your child is prone to "accidents", please provide at least 2 extra pairs of clothes (shoes) in a zip lock bag labeled with your child's name.

DISCIPLINE

When a child misbehaves, caregivers will redirect the child's behavior and remind the child of what behavior is expected. If a child continues to behave inappropriately, he/she will have the choice of changing their behavior, or taking a break. If the child chooses to take a break, he/she will be allowed to re-enter the group when he/she shows they are ready to correct their behavior. Every effort is made to reassure the child that they are loved even though their behavior was not appropriate or acceptable.

ILLNESS/MEDICATION

A child with any of the following symptoms should be kept home from school, and should not be sent to EXTENDED CARE: runny nose (yellow/green discharge), red or runny eyes, coughing or sneezing due to cold or flu, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, vomiting or swelling of the neck, impetigo, head lice or pink eye. Children who come to school with these symptoms or develop them during their class time, will be separated from others and sent home. Our 24 hour symptom free policy includes: vomiting, diarrhea, & fever. CPK defines a fever as anything 100.4 or higher. CPK will call, email and text you if your child becomes ill. In the event you do not respond in a timely manner we will activate your emergency contact list.

Children with a communicable illness, such as Chicken Pox or Influenza should be kept home as well. If your child has been in EXTENDED CARE during the incubation period of a communicable illness, please inform the school so that other families can be notified of exposure. Contagious diseases will be reported to the Department of Health.

No medications will be administered to a child without a signed written consent form. Please stop by the office to fill this form out. Medications must be clearly labeled with the child's name and be left in the original container. Physician's instructions must accompany any prescription medications. Medications should not be left in your child's school bag, but should be given directly to the office. CPK staff will not administer eye drops. Homemade remedies will not be administered by any of the CPK staff.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

To ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all children in our care, children are expected to be well enough to actively participate in daily routines, including indoor and outdoor activities.

A child may be sent home even if they do not have a fever or have not vomited if they are unable to comfortably participate in regular activities due to illness, fatigue, discomfort, or other symptoms. The decision to send a child home will be made at the discretion of the program director based on the child's ability to safely and successfully participate in the day's activities.

Our program is staffed to meet the needs of the classroom as a whole and is not able to provide one-on-one care or supervision for a child who requires individualized attention due to illness or an inability to participate. If a child is unable to engage in the daily routine, parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to pick up their child.

Children may return to the program when they are well enough to fully participate in the daily schedule and no longer require individualized care beyond what can reasonably be provided in a group setting.