

5843 CHILDCARE PROGRAM

The Board of Education recognizes the needs of children who lack adult supervision outside the school day and directs the Superintendent to establish and implement a Childcare Program for the care of such children in grades Kindergarten through six.

The Board will provide suitable district facilities, staff, and supplies for the conduct of a Childcare Program prior to the beginning of the school day and at the close of each school day.

The program will be under the direct supervision of the Child Care Coordinator, (see Job Description E-11), who may be assisted by aides. Participating children will be offered constructive activities and proper supervision. No instruction will be offered; the Childcare Program is not an extension of the school day and is not intended to serve the purpose of enrichment or remedial education.

The Childcare Program is open to pupils enrolled in this school district provided both of the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are employed, or the pupil's single parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is employed, during the hours during which the program is offered. Only duly registered children will be permitted to participate in the program. The Childcare Program is not intended for the temporary or intermittent custodial care of children. A parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may register his/her child for the Childcare Program at the school office by presenting a signed affidavit that because of the parent's or legal guardian's employment there is no responsible adult regularly at the child's home to care for the child. The affidavit will include the name, address, and telephone number of each parent or legal guardian's employer. The Board reserves the right to verify a parent or legal guardian's affidavit.

In order to defray the costs of the Childcare Program, such as additional salaries, supplies, facility operation, and additional insurance coverage, a fee annually approved by the Board will be charged for each child's participation in the Childcare Program.

The Board will not transport pupils to or from school to enable their participation in the Childcare Program. Transportation must be furnished by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or a responsible person appointed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The Board may remove from the program a pupil whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) persistently disregards his/her responsibility to pick the child up promptly.

Pupils who participate in the Childcare Program are subject to the rules and regulations of this district and may be disciplined for infractions of those rules. A pupil's chronic misbehavior may result in the pupil's removal from the program.

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